



# Reclamation Advisory Memorandum

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Subject: Elimination of the Submittal of Two Corrected  
Copies to the Division of Mine Permits

## RAM # 139

### Introduction

As the Division of Mine Permits (DMP) continues to improve its services and streamline its processes, including re-emphasis on electronic permitting, the agency will further this initiative by eliminating the current "two copy check" from the final stages of permitting effective July 7, 2008. By moving the electronic scanning process for paper applications from post-issuance to post-technical acceptance (TAC), an electronic copy of the "Original" (red copy) approved permit document will be immediately available for DMRE inspection staff in the regional offices, thereby removing the need for any further paper submittals from the industry and the requirement for "two-copy checks" at TAC.

### Effect of this RAM on the Permitting Process

Though the "two-copy check" at (TAC) will be eliminated, applicants will continue to submit black copies of the application (and subsequent corrections) for public viewing while the red copy has been sent back for deficiency response(s). These documents will still need to be provided to the inspector at DMRE regional offices by applicants not involved in electronic permitting. This new initiative will ONLY affect copies of permit applications after TAC, just prior to issuance. Paper applications will not be electronically scanned until that time.

For permit applicants who continue to submit paper applications, this means that once the application has been deemed technically acceptable, the submittal of two additional copies for use by the Regional Office and the inspector will no longer be required. The electronically scanned original will serve as the basis for all copies.

### Significant Benefits of this RAM

- Removes the burdensome task of "two copy checks" requirement from the technical review group.
- No longer necessary to mail the "two copies" to the Regional Office which will greatly reduce the mailing costs of DMP.

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- The elimination of the requirement for “two copies” saves the industry multiple thousands of dollars annually by not requiring the preparation and submittal of the two copies and unnecessary travel to Frankfort.
- Eliminates approximately 1500 review cycles annually, which should further reduce agency costs (handling, processing, etc) and streamline the issuance process.

If you have questions about the issues discussed in this RAM , please contact the Director of Mine Permits, # 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 or call (502) 564-2320.