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RECLAMATION ADVISORY MEMORANDUM NO. 34

TO: Coal Operators and Company Engineers
Coal Operator Associations
Consulting Engineers
BSMRE Division Directors and Regional Administrators

FROM: Elmore C. Grim, Commissioner *E.C.G.*
Bureau of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

DATE: May 12, 1982

SUBJECT: BSMRE Plan for Handling Receipt of Interim Permits

Please reference Reclamation Advisory Memorandum No. 32, dated April 15, 1982. As you are aware, the deadline for accepting interim program preliminary applications has passed and the Bureau is currently working on those preliminary applications that have been submitted. The purpose of this memorandum is to remind you of the deadline for receipt of complete interim program permit applications and to clarify how the Bureau will handle the permits received by that deadline.

I have attached for your attention and review a time line which carries some very important dates and information relative to your submittal of complete interim program permit applications. I hope that you will take the opportunity to read and understand this information, since the Bureau is in a position of having no choice but to enforce the deadline set for receipt of these applications.

So that there is no misunderstanding, the following represent critical points that you should remember:

1. In order to be assured that your permit can be administratively reviewed and accepted in the regional offices before the deadline and in order for this Bureau to deal with the expected backlog, it is imperative that we receive your interim permit application at least five (5) days before the deadline.

2. On the morning of June 1, central office representatives will be at all our regional offices for the purpose of officially stamping in administratively complete interim permit applications and bringing them back to Frankfort as of 4:30 p.m., June 1. Once that stamp and representative from the central office leaves for Frankfort, the regional office will be unable to accept under any circumstances any complete interim application or any additional permit information or corrections necessary to make the applications complete.
3. Operators who wait and file their interim permit applications on June 1, 1982, will have their interim program permit processed only if the regional office is able to review their permit administratively and determine that it is complete before the central office representative leaves the regional office at 4:30 p.m.

In summary, it is extremely important that you have your interim permit submitted to the regional offices no later than Wednesday, May 26, if you expect any assurance that it will be processed and sent to Frankfort.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact your regional office.

Attachment

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BSMRE PLAN FOR HANDLING RECEIPT

OF INTERIM PERMITS

ON 6/1/82 CUTOFF

4/30/82

5/18/82

5/26/82

6/1/82

Past deadline for receiving preliminary permit applications under the interim program.

Primacy

Advisory Date for filing administratively complete interim permits to regional offices. BSMRE will not and cannot assure acceptance on those permits filed after this date due to the expected backlog.

Absolute deadline for interim permits. An official stamp will be carried to regional offices for use on all administratively complete permits. A Frankfort representative will be authorized to use this stamp and will at 4:30 p.m., stop using the official stamp and physically bring back to Frankfort all permits that were accepted.