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RECLAMATION ADVISORY MEMORANDUM 40

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: June 25, 1982

SUBJECT: Processing of Interim Permits

As a result of the volume of permit applications that were submitted prior to June 1, the Division of Permits will be adopting some special procedures for processing interim applications during the next four weeks. This memorandum is of importance to all operators and engineering firms that have submitted interim permit applications.

INTERIM PERMIT ISSUANCE DATE

The final date for issuing original interim permit applications and amendments will be Monday, July 19, 1982. July 19 is the first business day after the 60 day period which followed the May 18th designation of primacy.

Revisions to interim permits will be allowed after July 19, 1982 except that no additional coal mining area may be added to the existing interim permit. Two acre or less permit applications may also be approved after July 19, 1982. Successor requests will be processed following the procedure described in RAM 39. With these exceptions, all other applications that are received or issued after July 19, 1982 will require that a permanent program application be completed before a new permit will be issued.

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APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED WITHOUT BOND

We are finding that interim applications submitted without bond require an additional week to ten days before they are processed. To avoid this delay for the remaining interim permits, bond should be posted at the regional office no later than July 9, in order to assure that processing can occur by July 19.

If bonds are submitted after July 9, they must be sent directly to the Administrative Review Section, Division of Permits, Frankfort, Kentucky. No permit will be issued until bond is posted. If the bond is not posted and approved by July 19, applicants subject to that deadline will not receive an interim permit.

TECHNICALLY WITHDRAWN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Due to the large backlog of permit applications, it is imperative that engineers and operators resubmit applications with corrections as quickly as possible so they can be processed by July 19. The Division of Permits is expecting in the neighborhood of 700-800 technically withdrawn permit applications to come into our office over the next three weeks. Applications will be processed as they are received.

In the event that it is necessary to withdraw late resubmittals due to some omission in the original corrections, you will be notified promptly by the Department and advised to come to Frankfort and pick up the application to expedite resolution of the problems. Those applications that are technically withdrawn after June 28, must be corrected and resubmitted by July 12 in order to assure they can be processed and issued by July 19.