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RECLAMATION ADVISORY MEMORANDUM NO. 42

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: Small Operator Assistance Program

Kentucky's process for transitioning interim permits into the permanent program specifies deadline of July 19, 1982, for receipt of transition applications, and January 18, 1983, for receipt of complete permanent program applications. These deadlines apply to those operations where it is the intention of the operator to continue mining after January 18, 1983, on an area currently under an interim permit.

We have been providing SOAP assistance to small operators who have requested it for interim permits. Because of the above stated deadlines, it has now become impossible for SOAP to continue assistance to small operators for transitioning interim permits, since we are now unable to meet the two deadlines. We cannot process applications by July 19, and we cannot complete the contracting procedure and the monitoring of sites prior to January 18, 1983.

It is, therefore, necessary to announce that small operator assistance will not be granted for interim permits after July 1, 1982. Applications received from qualified applicants before that date will be honored, and we will do our best to provide the assistance necessary to meet these deadlines.

We are sorry that this action is necessary, however, it is now impossible to meet the deadlines with SOAP assistance.