



Kentucky

Department for Surface Mining  
Reclamation and Enforcement

# Reclamation Advisory Memorandum

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Subject: Submission of Sediment Structure Compliance  
Demonstration Data and Other Technical Data

## RAM#63

The Department has deferred the submission of sediment pond compliance demonstration data to a tentative date of July 18, 1983. This deferment applies only to Priority I transition comprehensive applications which are identified by codes beginning with A, E, G or those ending in Y. Any changes in dates for the submission of technical data for other priorities will be announced at a later time.

The submission of all other data required to make Priority I applications technically complete has been deferred to May 16, 1983. This is the last date the Department will accept technical data (with the exception of sediment pond compliance demonstration data) required in Priority I applications. After receiving notification from the Department that the technical data has been reviewed, applicants will have up to 15 working days to correct deficiencies.

The Department has initiated the development of a Kentucky Manual for Sediment Control Compliance Demonstration. The recently activated Technical Advisory Committee, composed of representatives from mining, engineering, and environmental fields, will provide guidance to the Department in the preparation of the manual. The manual will contain procedures for controlling sediment and erosion (sediment ponds and other onsite sediment control measures) during mining operations. Submission of sediment control plans and designs developed in accordance with instructions provided in the manual will suffice as an applicant's demonstration to meet the requirements of 405 KAR 8:030E, Section 34; and 405 KAR 8:040E, Section 34.

The manual is scheduled for completion and distribution on June 17, 1983. In any event, applicants will not be required to submit sediment pond compliance demonstration data until 30 days after completion of the manual. Therefore, the July 18 submission date mentioned above is subject to change depending upon the final completion date of the manual.

Mine operators will be allowed to continue mining on areas covered by a valid interim program permit. An area not covered by a valid interim program permit cannot be mined until a permanent program permit for that area is issued.

If a permit is needed before compliance demonstrations can be developed in accordance with the manual described above, an alternate compliance demonstration method will have to be used. Such methods include DEPOSITS; TRM #1 "Existing Structures"; TRM #8 "Existing Structures - Supplement to TRM #1"; SEDIMOT II; "Sediment Pond Design Guidelines - Procedures for Hand Calculators" (to be released as TRM #10); and other bona fide analytical and narrative methods developed by the applicant.

Questions related to this matter should be directed toward the Division of Permits at (502) 564-2320.