

Reclamation Advisory Memorandum RAM # 105

Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

From: Carl H. Bradley, Commissioner

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Subject: Water Monitoring Wells – Certification of Drillers and Standards for Well Construction

Cabinet regulation 401 KAR 6:320 (Department for Environmental Protection, Division of Water), requires that no person shall commercially construct a monitoring well after July 1, 1991, without an approved certification. This regulation also contains procedures for obtaining certification.

Cabinet regulation 401 KAR 6:310, as amended on May 22, 1991, requires that no person shall commercially construct or modify a monitoring well after July 1, 1991, without having a valid certificate. This amendment also establishes standards for construction and abandonment of monitoring wells that will apply beginning July 1, 1991.

These regulations apply to drillers who are performing a service for compensation. The driller, not the owner or operator, must be certified.

Because coal mining operations construct, operate and ultimately abandon many water monitoring wells, it is important that you be aware of these requirements so your current operations and future planning can properly take them into account.

If you have questions about these requirements, please contact Kay Harker, Manager, Groundwater Branch, Division of Water (502)564-3410.