

Reclamation Advisory Memorandum

RAM # 151

Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

Department for Natural Resources

From: Steve Hohmann, Commissioner

Date: January 18, 2012

Subject: Processing of Pre-Blast Surveys

Introduction

The purpose of RAM# 151 is to provide notice of a simple and efficient way of effectively processing Pre-Blast Surveys and their storage and submittal. Pre-Blast Surveys document the condition of homes before blasting commences at a mine site and are a requirement of 405 KAR 16/18:120 Section 2. These surveys are pertinent to all surface mines and to surface areas of underground mines with regard to homes within one-half mile of the permit area. Electronic submittals of data and/or documents are now being implemented for all Pre-Blast Survey information.

Pre-Blast Surveys - electronic storage and submittal

Electronic submittals of report have been in use by the DMRE since 1999 and continue to provide ways of improving efficiency in regard to existing processes. Pursuant to 405 KAR 16:120 Section 2 (4) and 18:120 Section 2 (4): "a written report of the survey shall be promptly prepared and signed by the person who conducted the survey." Further, "Copies of the report shall be promptly provided to the person requesting the survey and to the cabinet." DMRE will now accept these written reports of the Pre-Blast Surveys electronically. A completed affidavit (attached) attesting that the survey process is completed is to be submitted along with the Pre-Blast Survey information. Persons desiring to submit paper copies of Pre-Blast Surveys are instructed to submit the completed affidavit to DMRE and retain the paper copies of the Pre-Blast Surveys at the mine site. DMRE will provide an "affidavit" for use to comply with this requirement and the affidavit will be on posted on DMRE's Electronic Forms Web page for easy access, thus insuring state-wide consistency throughout the process.

If you have any questions about the issues discussed in this RAM, please contact the Explosives & Blasting Branch of the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement at (502) 564-2340.

Attachment: Affidavit for Blasting Surveys

The Energy and Environment Cabinet does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability and provides, on request, reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs, and activities. To request this publication in an alternative format, contact: Office of the Commissioner, Department for Natural Resources, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321. Phone: (502) 564-6940 Fax (502) 564-5698

PERMIT NO.: _____

AFFIDAVIT

Comes the Affiant, after being first duly sworn, and states as follows:

1. My name is _____. I am employed by _____ as _____. The Permittee was issued Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Permit No. _____ by the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources.

2. Pursuant to 405 KAR 16:120, Section 2 or 405 KAR 18:120, Section 2, at least thirty (30) days prior to initiating blasting, the Permittee notified, in writing, all residents or owners of dwellings or other structures located within one-half (1/2) mile of the permit area, how to request a pre-blasting survey, in accordance with 405 KAR 16:120, Section 2(2) or 405 KAR 18:120, Section 2(2). A list of all persons notified, the date notified, whether a pre-blasting survey was requested and the date the survey was completed is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein as if fully set out herein.

3. Affiant states that all pre-blasting surveys will be maintained by the Permittee at the mine site and will be made available to the Department's Inspectors at any time, upon oral request by any personnel of the Department.

Further the Affiant sayeth naught, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: _____.