

Reclamation Advisory Memorandum

RAM # 170

Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Department for Natural Resources

From: Gordon Slone, Commissioner

Date: August 31, 2022

Subject: Newspaper Advertisement

This RAM supersedes RAM 106 and 125 and accounts for updated newspapers based upon circulation and provides an updated list of Regional Offices in accordance with RAM 166. In addition, this RAM removes the requirement to advertise shadow areas in permitting applications related to underground mining and/or auger or highwall mining, pursuant to statutory changes related to Shadow Area under to KRS 350.060(12). This RAM does not relieve the requirements to provide notice to all owners and occupants beneath the property structure pursuant to 405 KAR 18:210, Section 2 nor does this RAM preclude any requirements under 405 KAR 8:010, Section 8.

General

Applicants must advertise the filing of applications for permits, amendments, major revisions, operator change revisions, transfers, renewals, reclamation deferrals due to coal marketing problems, bond releases and exemptions for coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals. These advertisements must be placed in the newspaper of largest bona fide circulation, as defined in KRS 424.110 - 120, for each county in which the proposed operation is located. A current list of these newspapers for the coal counties is included in this RAM. ***This list was extracted from a complete list provided by the Kentucky Press Association, 101 Consumer Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601, (502) 223-8821.*** Questions about the appropriate newspaper for each county should be directed to that organization. This list supersedes the list in RAM 106.

If an applicant has already begun advertising in a newspaper that has been replaced on the current list, they should complete that advertising in the newspaper in which the advertising began.

Blasting schedules for surface mines also must be advertised. These ads must appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the blasting site, which need not be the newspaper of largest circulation in the county.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the content of the advertisement corresponds with the approved facsimile as shown in the permit application. The applicant should verify the content of the advertisement after the first date of publication. Any errors or omissions identified in the first advertisement should be brought to the attention of the

appropriate representative of the newspaper in order to remedy any discrepancies between the facsimile and the actual advertisement.

Any unapproved variations from the advertising schedule, recommended format, or content of the advertisement should be brought to the attention of the Managers of the Permit Review and Compliance Branch and the Ownership and Control Branch, Division of Mine Permits for all types of advertisements except bond releases and blasting schedules. **Problems involving advertisements for bond releases and blasting schedules should be brought to the attention of the Manager of the respective regional office for the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement.**

Failure of the applicant to maintain the advertising schedule, follow the approved format, or ensure the accuracy of content of the advertisement, may significantly delay the approved processing and issuance of a permit by requiring the applicant to re-advertise.

The publisher should insure that the notice is clearly legible and that the heading “**Notice of Intention To Mine**” is a minimum of ten (10) point, bold face, all capitals type. This heading must appear for all advertisements related to permit applications.

In each of the advertisements shown below, the applicant has the option to omit the second paragraph containing a narrative description of the location of the operations, and in its place provide a map. If a map is used, the map must be of sufficient size, scope, and scale to accurately locate the proposed site for area residents. The map must clearly show any towns, rivers, streams, or other bodies of water, local landmarks and any other information, including routes, streets, or roads, as well as accurate distance measurements. The map must clearly show the exact location and boundaries of the proposed permit area. The map must also include a north arrow and a map scale.

In each of the advertisements shown below, items shown in oblique boldface and enclosed in parentheses, e.g. **(applicant name and mailing address)**, indicate information that the applicant must insert into the advertisement. Items shown in oblique and enclosed in brackets, e.g. *[and underlie an additional (no.) acres]*, indicate information that the applicant must insert into the advertisement only if it is relevant to the application being advertised. In the foregoing example, the bracketed item would be inserted only if the advertisement pertained to underground or auger mining. Of course, in the actual published advertisement, this information need not appear in oblique or boldface print or within parentheses or brackets.

In advertisements for applications for amendments and major revisions, the location information in paragraph (2) and the surface owner information in paragraph (3) should pertain to new areas proposed to be added by the amendment or major revision or pertain to those areas within the existing permit area that will actually be affected by the proposed change. This information is not required for the entire permit area or increment unless the amendment or major revision affects the entire permit area or increment.

In the formats below, each paragraph of the advertisement is numbered. These numbers are for discussion purposes only and need not appear in the actual published advertisements.

The name and street address (not a P.O. Box) of the appropriate Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement (DMRE) regional office must be used in the advertisement to identify the location where a copy of the application is available for public inspection. A current list of DMRE's four (4) regional offices is included in this RAM, with their street addresses, telephone numbers, and the counties for which they are responsible. We advise applicants to contact the appropriate regional office if there is ever a question about the correct address.

Schedule of Advertisements

Permit transfer applications, blasting schedules, coal marketing reclamation deferments and applications for an exemption for coal extraction incident to the extraction of other materials, require only a single advertisement.

The advertisement for all original permits, amendments, major revisions, renewals and bond releases must be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks. Publication of the advertisement must not begin until after the submittal of the application to the appropriate Regional Office of the Division of Mine Reclamation & Enforcement or the Division of Mine Permits in Frankfort. The final advertisement of the series must be published after the applicant has received a written notice of application completeness from the Completeness Review Section of the Division of Permits. Notice of the completeness determination will be forwarded to the applicant within ten (10) working days of the submission of a complete application.

If the application is determined to be administratively incomplete and is returned to the applicant for corrections, the applicant must ensure that the publication schedule is maintained. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all four (4) weekly advertisements are run in consecutive weeks and that at least the final advertisement is published after the determination of administrative completeness. It may be necessary to publish more than four (4) advertisements if the schedule is begun before the receipt of the notice of completeness and the application is determined incomplete during the review process.

The applicant may wish to begin advertising after the application has been determined complete by the Completeness Review Section. This would reduce the possibility that additional advertisements would be required due to incomplete applications or incorrect advertisements.

Proof of Publication

After all four (4) advertisements have been published within the proper schedule, the applicant must submit proof of publication under separate cover to Manager, Permit Review Branch, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The proof of publication must be delivered to the Division within fifteen (15) days of the publication of the final advertisement. For bond release applications, proof of publication must be submitted within thirty (30) days after the final advertisement. Proof of publication may be in either of the two

following forms:

1. Submit the full page (with newspaper's name and date) on which each advertisement was run. All four advertisements must be submitted and the advertisements themselves should be circled in red.

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2. Submit an affidavit signed by the newspaper's editor or publisher certifying the dates, place, and content of all four (4) advertisements. If this option is used, a clipping of the final advertisement must be submitted.

Format of Advertisements

The regulations require all advertisements to be "of a form specified by the Department" Copies of the proper formats for the various types of advertisements are included in this memorandum. Formats are provided for:

- Original Applications for Surface Mining
- Original Applications for Underground Mining
- Original Applications for Coal Processing Facilities
- Applications Proposing Mining Within 100 feet of a Public Road's right-of-way
- Applications Proposing Experimental Practices
- Applications for Major Revisions
- Applications for Amendments
- Applications for Renewals
- Final Advertisements
- Applications for Transfers
- Applications for Operator Change Revisions
- Applications for Coal Marketing Reclamation Deferments
- Blasting Schedules
- Applications for Bond Release
- Applications for Exemptions for coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other materials

Minor modifications to these formats may be necessary where multiple types of operations (e.g., surface, underground, refuse storage and preparation plant) are proposed under one permit. In these cases, the format must be modified to include the relevant information for the types of operations proposed.

An applicant should be sure to read all sections of this memorandum which are relevant to the proposed type of operation.

Original Applications for Surface Mining

For original applications for surface mining, the following format must be used for all but the final advertisement in the series. Be sure to consult any other sections of this memorandum which are relevant to the mining plan.

Notice of Intention to Mine (all caps)

Pursuant to Application Number ***(no.)***

- (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that ***(applicant name and mailing address)*** has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting ***(no.)*** acres located ***(no.)*** miles ***(direction)*** of ***(community name)*** in ***(name)*** County.
- (2) The proposed operation is approximately ***(no.)*** miles ***(direction)*** from ***(road)*** junction with ***(road)*** and located ***(no.)*** miles ***(direction)*** of ***(nearest stream or landmark)***.
- (3) The proposed operation is located on the ***(name)*** U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by ***(owners' names)***.
- (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement ***(name)*** Regional Office, ***(address)***. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601.

Original Applications for Underground Mining

For original applications for underground mining, the following format must be used for all but the final advertisement in the series. Be sure to consult any other sections of his memorandum that are relevant to the mining plan.

Notice of Intention to Mine (all caps)

Pursuant to Application Number ***(no.)***

- (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that ***(applicant name and mailing address)*** has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation located ***(no.)*** miles ***(direction)*** of ***(community name)*** in ***(name)*** County. The proposed operation will disturb ***(no.)*** surface acres within the permit boundary.
- (2) The proposed operation is approximately ***(no.)*** miles ***(direction)*** from ***(road)*** junction with ***(road)*** and located ***(no.)*** miles ***(direction)*** of ***(nearest stream or landmark)***.
- (3) The proposed operation is located on the ***(name)*** U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by ***(owners' names)***.

- (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement (***name***) Regional Office, (***address***). Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601.

Original Applications for Coal Processing Facilities

If a coal processing facility is being permitted as part of a surface or underground operation site and only one application is being submitted, the third paragraph of the appropriate Notice of Intention to Mine should have this sentence attached:

“The operation will include a (***loading facility, crusher, washer, refuse disposal, etc.***) coal processing facility.”

If the proposed facility is being permitted separately from any surface or underground operations, the following advertisement is appropriate. Again, be sure to consult any other sections of this memorandum which apply to the proposed operation.

Notice of Intention to Mine (all caps)

Pursuant to Application Number (***no.***)

- (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that (***applicant name and mailing address***) has applied for a permit for a (***loading facility, crusher, washer, refuse disposal, etc.***) coal processing facility affecting (***no.***) acres located (***no.***) miles (***direction***) of (***community name***) in (***name***) County.
- (2) The proposed operation is approximately (***no.***) miles (***direction***) from (***road***) junction with (***road***) and located (***no.***) miles (***direction***) of (***nearest stream or landmark***).
- (3) The proposed operation is located on the (***name***) U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by (***owners' names***).
- (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement (***name***) Regional Office, (***address***). Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601.

Applications Proposing Mining Within 100 Feet of a Public Road's Right-Of-Way

Any application which proposes to permit an area within one hundred (100) feet of the right-of-way of a public road must include the following sentence at the end of the third paragraph:

“The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road (***road no.***) The operation (***will or will not***) involve relocation (***and/or closure***) of the public road.”

Note: It is not necessary to include this language in the advertisement if public notice and an opportunity for a public hearing has been provided pursuant to 405 KAR 24:040 Section 2(6).

Applications Proposing Experimental Practices

Any application which proposes an experimental practice under 405 KAR 7:060 must advertise that an experimental practice is requested and identify the regulatory requirement from which a variance is requested. The advertisement should contain the following sentence at the end of the third paragraph:

“This application contains a request for a variance for experimental practice from the requirement to ***(state requirement of regulation you are seeking a variance from)*** as required under regulation no. ***(provide specific regulation number you are seeking a variance from)***.”

Applications For Major Revisions

Major revisions require an advertisement schedule exactly the same as that required for an original application. The following format must be used for all but the final advertisement in the series.

Notice of Intention to Mine (all caps)

Pursuant to Application Number ***(no.)*** Major Revision

- (1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that ***(Permittee name and mailing address)*** has applied for a major revision to an existing ***(surface or underground)*** coal mining and reclamation operation located ***(no.)*** miles ***(direction)*** of ***(community name)*** in ***(name)*** County. The major revision [*will add (no.) acres of surface disturbance*] making a total area of ***(no.)*** acres within the revised permit boundary.
- (2) The proposed major revision is approximately ***(no.)*** miles ***(direction)*** from ***(road)*** junction with ***(road)*** and located ***(no.)*** miles ***(direction)*** of ***(nearest stream or landmark)***.
- (3) The proposed major revision is located on the ***(name)*** U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by ***(owners' names)***. [The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by ***(surface owners' names)***].
- (4) The major revision proposes ***(brief description of purpose of revision)***.
- (5) The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement ***(name)*** Regional Office, ***(address)***. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601.

If the proposed major revision will both add and delete acreage, the second sentence of paragraph (1) should be modified to read:

“The major revision [*will add (no.) acres and delete (no.) acres*] making a total of *(no.)* acres within the revised permit boundary.”

The total acres in the last part of the foregoing sentence should reflect the net acreage within the entire permit boundary after issuance of the major revision.

If the proposed major revision will not add any acreage, the second sentence of paragraph (1) should be modified to read:

“The major revision will not add any acreage to the permit area.”

Note: Please remember that additions to the permit area by revisions are limited to incidental boundary revisions.

Minor revisions do not require any advertisements. Subject to KRS 350.070 and 405 KAR 8:050, Section 20, the Department determines whether a proposed revision is major or minor.

Applications For Amendments

Amendments require a full schedule of advertisements just as an original application. The following format must be used for all but the final advertisement in the series.

Notice of Intention to Mine (all caps)

Pursuant to Application Number *(no.)* Amendment

- (1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that *(Permittee name and mailing address)* has applied for an Amendment to an existing *(surface or underground)* coal mining and reclamation operation located *(no.)* miles *(direction)* of *(community name)* in *(name)* County. The amendment [*will add (no.) acres of surface disturbance*] making a total area of *(no.)* acres within the revised permit boundary.
- (2) The proposed amendment area is approximately *(no.)* miles *(direction)* from *(road)* junction with *(road)* and located *(no.)* miles *(direction)* of *(nearest stream or landmark)*.
- (3) The proposed amendment is located on the *(name)* U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. [The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by *(surface owners' names)*.] [The operation will use the *(contour, mountaintop removal, auger, area, or combination)* method of surface mining.]
- (4) The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement *(name)* Regional Office, *(address)*. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601.

If the amendment proposes to both add and delete acreage, the second sentence of paragraph (1) should be modified to read:

“The amendment [will add **(no.)** acres and delete **(no.)** acres] [and] [**(no.)** acres and delete **(no.)** acres] making a total of **(no.)** acres within the amended permit boundary.”

The total acres in the last part of the foregoing sentence should reflect the net acreage within the entire permit boundary after issuance of the amendment.

Applications For Renewals

Applications for permit renewals must be advertised with a full schedule of advertisements exactly the same as that required for an original application. The advertisement should follow the exact same format except that “renewal” should be inserted in the title and the first paragraph as shown below:

Notice of Intention to Mine (all caps)

Pursuant to Application Number **(no.)** Renewal

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that **(permittee, name and mailing address)** has applied for renewal of a permit for **(type of operation)**.

Final Advertisements

The final advertisement in the series for originals, amendments, major revisions, and renewals (see Bond Release below) is the same as the advertisements discussed above, with the following final paragraph added to the advertisement:

“This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today’s date.”

Application For Transfers

Applications for permit transfers need only be advertised once. The advertisement cannot be published until after the transfer application has been submitted to the Department.

Notice of Intention to Mine (all caps)

Pursuant to Application Number **(new application no.)**, Transfer

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010 notice is hereby given that **(existing permittee name and address)** intends to transfer permit number **(old permit number)** to **(new permittee name and address)**. The new permit number will be **(new permit number)**. The operation disturbs **(no.)** surface acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

- (2) The operation is located *(no.)* miles *(direction)* of *(Community name)* in *(name)* County. The operation is approximately *(no.)* miles *(direction)* from *(road)* junction with *(road)* and located *(no.)* miles *(direction)* of *(nearest stream or landmark)*. The operation is located on the *(name)* U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map.
- (3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement *(name)* Regional Office, *(address)*. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

Applications For Operator Change Revisions

Applications for operator change revisions need only be advertised once.

Notice of Intention to Mine (all caps)

Pursuant to Application Number *(no.)*, Operator Change

- (1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that *(permittee name and address)* intends to revise permit number *(no.)* to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is [*the permittee*] [*approved operator's name and business address, if not the permittee*]. The new operator will be [*the permittee*] [*proposed operator's name*].
- (2) The operation is located *(no.)* miles *(direction)* of *(community name)* in *(name)* County. The operation is approximately *(no.)* miles *(direction)* from *(road)* junction with *(road)* and located *(no.)* miles *(direction)* of *(nearest stream or landmark)*. The operation is located on the *(name)* U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map.
- (3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement *(name)* Regional Office, *(address)*. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

Applications For Coal Marketing Reclamation Deferments

An application for an original coal marketing reclamation deferment need only be advertised one (1) time. Subsequent renewals of a deferment do not require advertisement. The advertisement must be published within ten (10) days after the application has been filed at the appropriate regional office, and proof of publication must be submitted within fifteen (15) days after the application has been filed. The application cannot be deemed complete until after the proof of publication has been submitted. Please note that these time frames are different from those for permit applications. The format for this advertisement is as follows:

**Notice of Application
For Reclamation Deferment
Due to Coal Marketing Problems (all caps)**

- (1) In accordance with 405 KAR 16:020, notice is hereby given that (*permittee name and mailing address*) has applied for a coal marketing reclamation deferment for its surface coal mining and reclamation operation, permit number (*no.*). Deferment of reclamation is being requested for approximately (*no.*) acres. The operation for which the reclamation deferment is requested is located (*no.*) miles (*direction*) of (*community name*) in (*name*) County. The surface area is owned by (*owners' names*).
- (2) The operation is approximately (*no.*) miles (*direction*) from (*road*) junction with (*road*) and located (*no.*) miles (*direction*) of (*nearest stream or landmark*). The operation is located on the (*name*) U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map.
- (3) The deferment is sought due to a coal marketing problem and is being requested for an initial period of (*no.*) months. The deferment may be renewed or additional periods up to a maximum of 30 months.
- (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's (*name*) Regional Office, (*address*). Written comments or objections must be filed within 10 days of this notice with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601.

Note: The initial time period in paragraph 3 may not exceed six (6) months.

Blasting Schedules (Surface Mines Only)

A permittee must publish a blasting schedule at least ten (10) calendar days and not more than thirty (30) calendar days before beginning a blasting program, if blasts using more than five (5) pounds of explosives will be detonated. The blasting schedule must appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the blasting site. Requirements for blasting schedules are fully described in 405 KAR 16:120, Section 3. The schedule must include, at a minimum:

- (1) The name, mailing address, permit number, and telephone number of the permittee;
- (2) Identification of the specific areas where blasting will take place;
- (3) Dates and time periods for blasting;
- (4) Methods to control access to the blasting area; and
- (5) Types and patterns of audible warnings and all-clear signals.

The permittee must republish the schedule at least every twelve (12) months, and whenever the schedule is changed.

Applications For Bond Release

An applicant for bond release for any reclamation phase on a permit or increment must publish an advertisement in the newspaper of largest bona fide circulation for each county in which the

permit or increment is located. Prior to advertising, the permittee must contact the Department's Regional Office to obtain the scheduled hearing date and time, and the closing date for public comments and hearing requests and must include these dates in the advertisements. The advertisement must run once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks. Proof of publication (by either method provided above) must be submitted to the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office within thirty (30) calendar days after the final advertisement. A format for Notice of Bond Release follows:

Notice of Bond Release (all caps)

- (1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that (**permittee name and mailing address**) has applied for Phase (**I, II, or III**) bond release on [**increment number (no.) of**] permit number (**no.**) which was last issued on (**date**). The application covers an area of approximately (**no.**) acres located (**no.**) miles (**direction**) of (**community name**) in (**name**) County.
- (2) The permit area is approximately (**no.**) miles (**direction**) from (**road**) junction with (**road**) and located (**no.**) miles (**direction**) of (**nearest stream or landmark**).
- (3) The bond now in effect for the (**permit or Increment**) is (**bond type and dollar amount**). Approximately (**%**) of the original bond amount of (**dollar amount**) is included in the application for release.
- (4) Reclamation work performed includes: (**describe reclamation and date completed**).
- (5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601 by (**closing date**).
- (6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for (**hearing date and time**) at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's (**name**) Regional Office, (**address**). The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by (**closing date**).

For the final advertisement in the series, the following sentence should be inserted as the first sentence of paragraph (5):

"This is the final advertisement of the application."

Application For Exemption For Coal Extraction Incidental To The Extraction Of Other Minerals (a.k.a. 16-2/3 exemption)

An application for a 16-2/3 exemption need only be advertised once.

**Notice of Application
For Exemption For Coal Extraction
Incidental To The Extraction Of Other Minerals (all caps)**

- (1) In accordance with KRS 424, notice is hereby given that (***applicant name and mailing address***) has filed an application for exemption for coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals. The exemption will cover approximately (***no.***) acres. The operation is located (***no.***) miles (***direction***) of (***community name***) in (***name***) County and (***no.***) miles (***direction***) from (***road***) junction with (***road***) and located (***no.***) miles (***direction***) of (***nearest stream or landmark***). The proposed operation is located on the (***name***) U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The area of the exemption is owned by (***owners' names***).

- (2) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement (***name***) Regional Office, (***address***). Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601, and be received within 30 days of this notice.

Division of Mine Reclamation Regional Branches

Madisonville Regional Office

State Office Building, Third Floor

625 Hospital Drive

Madisonville, KY 42431-1683

Phone 270-824-7536

Fax 270-824-7578

Manager, Gregory Logsdon

Counties: Butler, Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Edmonson, Grayson, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Logan, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Union, Warren, Webster

Middlesboro Regional Office

1804 East Cumberland Avenue

Middlesboro, KY 40965-1229

Phone 606-248-6166

Fax 606-248-3837

Manager, Lonis Morgan

Counties: Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, and Whitley

Hazard Regional Office

556 Village Lane

P.O. Box 851

Hazard, KY 41702

Manager, Randall Ousley

Counties: Breathitt, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Knott, Lee, Letcher, Magoffin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, and Wolfe

Pikeville Regional Office

121 Mays Branch Road

Pikeville, KY 41501-9331

Phone 606-433-7726

Fax 606-433-7515

Manager, Gina McGinnis

Counties: Boyd, Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Martin, and Pike

Newspapers of Largest Circulation by County* (Bell – Hancock counties)

County	Town	Newspaper
Bell	Middlesboro	Daily News
Boyd	Ashland	Daily Independent
Breathitt	Jackson	Jackson Times
Butler	Morgantown	Butler County Banner
Caldwell	Princeton	Princeton Times Leader
Carter	Grayson	Journal Enquirer Carter County Times <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>
Christian	Hopkinsville	Kentucky New Era
Clay	Manchester	Manchester Enterprise
Clinton	Albany	Clinton County News
Crittenden	Marion	Crittenden Press
Daviess	Owensboro	Messenger Inquirer
Edmonson	Brownsville	Edmonson News
Elliott	Sandy Hook	Elliott County News
Estill	Irvine	Citizen Voice and Times Estill County Tribune <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>
Floyd	Prestonsburg	Floyd County Times
Grayson	Leitchfield	Grayson County News Gazette Grayson County News <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>
Greenup	Greenup	Greenup News Greenup Gazette <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>
Hancock	Hawesville	Hancock Clarion

Newspapers of Largest Circulation by County* (Harlan – McCreary counties)

County	Town	Newspaper
Harlan	Harlan	Tri-City News Cumberland Tri-City News <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>
Henderson	Henderson	Gleaner
Hopkins	Madisonville	Madisonville Messenger
Jackson	McKee	Jackson County Sun
Johnson	Paintsville	Paintsville Herald
Knott	Hindman	Troublesome Creek Times
Knox	Barbourville	Mountain Advocate
Laurel	London	Sentinel Echo
Lawrence	Louisa	Big Sandy News
Lee	Beattyville	Three Forks Tradition Beattyville Enterprise <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>
Leslie	Hyden	Leslie County News
Letcher	Whitesburg	Mountain Eagle
Lewis	Vanceburg	Lewis County Herald
Logan	Russellville	News Democrat
Lyon	Eddyville	Herald-Ledger
Madison	Richmond	Richmond Register
Magoffin	Salyersville	Salyersville Independent
Martin	Inez	Mountain Citizen
Mason	Maysville	Ledger Independent
McCreary	Whitley City	McCreary County Record McCreary County Journal <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>

Newspapers of Largest Circulation by County* (McLean – Wolfe counties)

County	Town	Newspaper
McLean	Calhoun	McLean County News
Menifee	Frenchburg	Menifee County News
Morgan	West Liberty	Licking Valley Courier
Muhlenberg	Central City	Leader News
Ohio	Hartford	Ohio County Times News
Owsley	Booneville	Booneville Sentinel
Perry	Hazard	Herald Voice Hazard Herald <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>
Pike	Pikeville	Appalachian News Express
Powell	Stanton	Clay City Times Mt. Sterling Advocate <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>
Pulaski	Somerset	Commonwealth Journal
Rockcastle	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon Signal
Rowan	Morehead	Morehead News Rowan County News <i>Eff: 11-12-25</i>
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