UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Office Of Surface Mining Reclamation And Enforcement  
ABANDONED MINE LANDS  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION

State: Kentucky  
PA: KY 3427 SGA, KY 3962 SGA, KY 4165 SGA, & KY 4166 SGA  
Project Name: Allan Hollen Group AML Reclamation Project  
Project Description: Close portals, install drainage controls, and reclaim unstable slopes

I. GENERAL EXCEPTIONS

Does the project type specifically require an EA in §16 DM 6, Appendix 8, as specified in Item 1 of the attached instructions?  
Yes [x]  
No [x]

II. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR EXCEPTIONS

Will the project have any of the following:

A significant adverse effect on public health or safety?  
No [x]  
Yes [ ]

An adverse effect on any of the following unique geographic characteristics? If 'yes,' check the ones that apply:

- Parks (state, local or National)  
- Recreation or Refuge Lands  
- Wilderness Areas  
- Ecologically Significant or Critical Areas  
- Prime Farmlands  
- Wild or Scenic Rivers  
- Wetlands  
- Floodplains  
- Sole or Principal Drinking Water Aquifers

Highly controversial environmental effects?  
No [x]  
Yes [ ]

Highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks?  
No [x]  
Yes [ ]

A precedent for future action or a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?  
No [x]  
Yes [ ]

Directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?  
No [x]  
Yes [ ]

Adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?  
No [x]  
Yes [ ]

Adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?  
No [x]  
Yes [ ]
Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Wetlands Protection) or The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?  No [x] Yes [ ]

Threaten to violate a Federal, State, Tribal or local law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?  No [x] Yes [ ]

III. RESOURCE IMPACT EXCEPTIONS
Are there any unresolved issues or adverse effects requiring specialized mitigation for any of the following resources? If yes, check the ones that apply.

No [x] Yes [ ]
- Topography
- Land Use (includes prime farmland)
- Soils
- Vegetation (includes wetlands)
- Hydrology
- Fish and Wildlife
- Historic and Cultural
- Recreation
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Other (includes socio-economics)

IV. ATTACH CONSULTATION LETTERS AND A LOCATION MAP

V. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

Signature: Steve Hohmann, Director, Division of Abandoned Mine Lands
Date: 12-27-11

VI. OSM DETERMINATION

[X] This project conforms with the exclusion criteria in 516 DM 6, Appendix 8, and is excluded from further NEPA compliance.

[ ] This project does not conform with the exclusion criteria in 516 DM 6, Appendix 8, and requires an environmental assessment.

Signature: Joseph L. Blackburn, Field Office Director
Date: 11/17/12

Name and Title: Joseph L. Blackburn, Field Office Director