**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 0929 SGA & KY 4211 SGA  
**Project Name:** Beverly Blanton Drainage Group AML Reclamation Project  
**Project Description:** Slope stabilization and drainage control installation

### I. GENERAL EXCEPTIONS

Does the project type specifically require an EA in 516 DM 6, Appendix B, as specified in Item I of the attached instructions?  

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<th>No [x]</th>
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### 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 [ ]
 Requires 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: Robert F. Scott, Director
Date: 7/5/2012
Name and Title: Robert F. Scott, Director
Division of Abandoned Mine Lands

VI. OSM DETERMINATION

[ ] 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: 8/6/2012
Name and Title: Joseph L. Blackburn, Field Office Director