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

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**I. GENERAL EXCEPTIONS**

Does the project type specifically require an EA in 516 DM 6, Appendix 8, as specified in Item I of the attached instructions?  
No [x] Yes [ ]

**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) | [ ] Recreational or Refuge Lands |
| [ ] Wilderness Areas | [ ] Wetlands |
| [ ] Ecologically Significant or Critical Areas | [ ] Wild or Scenic Rivers |
| [ ] Prime Farmlands | [ ] 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 [ ]
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.

- 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)

No [x] Yes [ ]

IV. ATTACH CONSULTATION LETTERS AND A LOCATION MAP

V. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

Signature: [Signature]
Date: 3-2-12
Name and Title: Mark Meade, Acting Director
Division of Abandoned Mine Lands

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: [Signature]
Date: 3/15/2012
Name and Title: Joseph L. Blackburn, Field Office Director