# ABANDONED MINE LANDS CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION

**State:** Kentucky  
**PA:** KY 3009 SGA  
**Project Name:** Drift Refuse Fire AML Reclamation Project  
**Project Description:** Extinguish a coal refuse fire and close three portals.

## 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:  
  No [x] Yes []
  - [ ] 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 []
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<td>Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management),</td>
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<td>imposed for the protection of the environment?</td>
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### 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.

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### IV. ATTACH CONSULTATION LETTERS AND A LOCATION MAP

### V. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

Signature: Robert F. Scott  
Name and Title: Robert F. Scott, Director  
Division of Abandoned Mine Lands  
Date: 6/12/12

### 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  
Name and Title: Joseph L. Blackburn, Field Office Director  
Date: 8/06/12