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 3628 SGA  
Project Name: Edward Daniels Slide HP AML Reclamation Project  
Project Description: Remove slide material and construct a retaining wall and drainage controls.

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)  
  No [x] Yes [ ]
  - Recreation or Refuge Lands  
  No [x] Yes [ ]
  - Wilderness Areas  
  No [x] Yes [ ]
  - Ecologically Significant or Critical Areas  
  No [x] Yes [ ]
  - Prime Farmlands  
  No [x] Yes [ ]
  - Wild or Scenic Rivers  
  No [x] Yes [ ]
  - Wetlands  
  No [x] Yes [ ]
  - Floodplains  
  No [x] Yes [ ]
  - Sole or Principal Drinking Water Aquifers  
  No [x] Yes [ ]

- 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  [ ] Historic and Cultural
[ ] Land Use (includes prime farmland)  [ ] Recreation
[ ] Soils  [ ] Air Quality
[ ] Vegetation (includes wetlands)  [ ] Noise
[ ] Hydrology  [ ] Other (includes socio-economics)
[ ] Fish and Wildlife

IV. ATTACH CONSULTATION LETTERS AND A LOCATION MAP

V. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

Signature: Mark Meade  Date: 1/27/12

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: Joseph L. Blackburn  Date: 1/31/12

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