Authorization to Proceed (ATP)

KY Highway 582
Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Water Supply Project
based on Environmental Assessment (EA)
Knott County, Kentucky

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) has completed a review of the July 2, 2012, request for ATP with construction activity on the KY Highway 582 AML Water Supply Project, prepared by the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, Division of Abandoned Mine Lands (DAML). OSM found that the appropriate request documents were submitted and appear to support the need for the proposed construction activity. OSM confirmed that the required information for this project has been included in the AML Inventory System (AMLIS) for Problem Areas (PA) # KY-004209-SGA and approved the PAD on July 16, 2012.

OSM reviewed the EA prepared by DAML documenting the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review of this project. OSM determined that the EA adequately discusses the environmental issues and impacts associated with the construction of the project. Based on the analysis in the EA, I have determined that reclamation of this abandoned mine site would not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, I conclude that no environmental impact statement is necessary. As a result, I have signed the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the KY Highway 582 AML Water Supply Project. Please give special attention to the following recommendation(s).

- Please note that your ATP Project Description states that you will construct all creek crossings using subsurface methods to avoid impacting the creek during construction.

- Please follow all appropriate provisions included in the DAML Erosion and Sediment Control Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan guidance document throughout the construction activity at this site.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 5-11-20D.3 of the Federal Assistance Manual and my signature on this notification document, DAML is authorized to proceed with the construction activity for this project as described in the ATP request documents submitted by DAML for this project and further conditioned in this notification, and expend Federal funds in accordance with AML grant terms and conditions.

Joseph L. Blackburn, Field Office Director
OSM Lexington Field Office

7/17/12
Date