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 3964 SGA
Project Name: LaShawnda Hancock Subsidence AML Reclamation Project
Project Description: Fill in a subsidence hole near the Hancock residence and KY 2171.

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)   [ ] Wild or Scenic Rivers
[ ] Recreation or Refuge Lands   [ ] Wetlands
[ ] Wilderness Areas   [ ] Floodplains
[ ] Ecologically Significant or Critical Areas   [ ] Sole or Principal Drinking Water Aquifers
[ ] Prime Farmlands

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  
[ ] 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: [Signature]  
Date: 6-6-12

Name and Title: Robert F. Scott, 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: 6-29-12

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