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 4196 SGA
Project Name: Patricia Williams Small Purchase AML Reclamation Project
Project Description: Close three portals and control drainage at the Williams site.

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

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:  
Date: 3/26/2012  
Name and Title: Joseph L. Blackburn, Field Office Director