UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Office Of Surface Mining Reclamation And Enforcement  
ABANDONED MINE LANDS  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION

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<td>Project Description: Stabilize the hillside and install drainage controls at the Ralph &amp; Mildred Slone residences.</td>
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## 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 [ ]

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 [ ]

OSM.81 (3/93)
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: Robert F. Scott, Director Division of Abandoned Mine Lands

Date: 8/29/2012

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

Date: 6/27/12

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