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 3591 SGA
Project Name: Ronald Hall Landslide High Priority AML Reclamation Project
Project Description: Stabilize a landslide and install 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)
[ ] Recreation or Refuge Lands
[ ] Wilderness Areas
[ ] Ecologically Significant or Critical Areas
[ ] Prime Farmlands
[ ] Wild or Scenic Rivers
[ ] Wetlands
[ ] Floodplains
[ ] Sole or Principal Drinking Water Aquifers

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: 5/23/2012

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:  
Date: 5/25/12

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