**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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**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  [ ] 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: Date: 1-24-12

Name and Title: Mark Meade, Acting 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: 1/25/2012

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