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**EMERGENCY PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION**

**Fawbush Subsidence Emergency Project (Site No. 14519)
Priority 1: .25 (S) Subsidence
Wise County, Virginia**

OSMRE DETERMINATION: Pursuant to 40 CFR Section 1506.11, OSMRE has determined the activities associated with this AML project did not constitute a significant impact to the environment, and therefore authorizes accelerated reclamation activities necessary to abate the immediate impacts to the public health and safety without prior completion of the environmental review requirements of 40 CFR Sections 1500-1508 (regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act - NEPA). This authorization is being provided in accordance with OSMRE directives (REG-1: NEPA Handbook; GMT-10: Federal Assistance Manual, chapters 5-11), and policy. This determination is based on a review of the completed and proposed actions and environmental conditions pertaining to this site. DMLR has completed consultation with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for this emergency.

DHR responded the project site is located within the proposed Norton Historic District, however the emergency project would have No Adverse Effect on historic properties. The FWS determined there the project would not result in adverse effects to federally listed species or designated critical habitat.

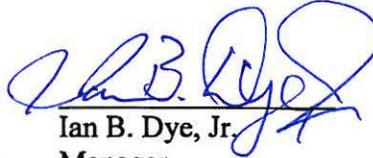
On April 30, 2015, OSMRE was notified by DMLR's Richard Davis that there was an extreme hazard caused by old mine workings in Norton, VA, Wise County, Virginia. DMLR submitted the formal emergency declaration request package to OSMRE's Knoxville Field Oversight Branch on May 4, 2015. DMLR's field investigation revealed a subsidence beneath the driveway of a private residence in Norton VA.

There was an immediate need to act. The excavation and back fill of the subsidence was completed the following day, with asphalt patch to follow on May 5, 2015. The emergency condition needed to be abated in a time frame not possible under normal State program procedures in order to protect the health and safety of the residents. Therefore, there was a need for immediate action and DMLR was authorized to proceed.



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