

MEMORANDUM

TO: MINERAL MINE OPERATORS

FROM: CONRAD T. SPANGLER

SUBJECT: WASTE MATERIALS BROUGHT ONTO MINE SITES

DATE: JANUARY 25, 1993

Recently we have received several inquiries concerning waste and other materials being brought onto mine site for reuse, recycle, storage or disposal. These wastes range from clean soil or topsoil from a building site to regulated material such as contaminated soils, stumps and fly ash.

As you are aware, the operator of each permitted mine site must receive approval of the mine's Operations Plan, which details handling, storage, disposal and reclamation of any topsoil, overburden and waste. Therefore, bringing any outside materials onto the mine site without prior mining permit approval is a violation of the Operations Plan. Such violation will result in appropriate enforcement actions, which can include cessation of the activity and removal of the material from the mine site to a proper disposal area.

The permit information you must submit to the Division of Mineral Mining to apply to undertake these activities depend on the material being handled. If you plan to bring any outside material onto a mine site, you must describe the activity in the initial permit application, or for existing permits, in a request for amendment. Generally, the information required in the application or amendment request must include: (1) a physical and chemical description of the material; (2) a specific material handling plan, which details use, storage, placement, drainage control, closure and specific location affected; (3) a copy of the site specific permits, plans and correspondence from other state, federal, or local agencies having jurisdiction (e.g., Department of Waste Management, State Water Control Board, and county or city government).

Anyone considering an activity, which brings outside material onto a mine site, must contact the Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) and obtain approval in their permit prior to initiation of the activity. Inquires may be directed to your DMM Mine Inspector or to Mark Goff at 434-951-6313.

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