

**DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY
DIVISION OF MINED LAND RECLAMATION**

GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM¹ No. 4-84

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Subject: Permit Renewals (issued 5/23/84, updated 10/1/01 & 04/21/08)

§4VAC25-130-774.15 provides that a valid permit carries with it the right of successive renewal, within the approved boundaries of the existing permit, upon the expiration of the permit term.

1. Permittee will receive 180 days in advance notice of permit's pending expiration date.
2. Permittee should notify the DMLR if it does not intend to conduct mining after the permit's expiration date.
3. Permittee intending to continue operations beyond the expiration date shall submit renewal application at least 120 days prior to permit's expiration date.
4. The DMLR field inspector must review and upload the renewal application prior to its submittal to the Big Stone Gap office and provide a publication number.

¹ This Memorandum is to be considered a guideline issued under the authority of § 45.1-230.A1 of the Code of Virginia which reads:

"In addition to the adoption of regulations under this chapter, the Director may at his discretion issue or distribute to the public interpretative, advisory or procedural bulletins or guidelines pertaining to permit applications or to matters reasonably related thereto without following any of the procedures set forth in the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.). The materials shall be clearly designated as to their nature, shall be solely for purposes of public information and education, and shall not have the force of regulations under this chapter or under any other provision of this Code."