



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 30, 2008

TO: The Land Reclamation Commission

FROM: Mike Larsen, Chief; Projects and Inspection Unit (*Original signed by Mike Larsen*)

SUBJECT: Bond Forfeiture Status Update

Since the last update provided to the commission on September 25, 2008, the following work has been completed by the program's bond forfeiture staff:

### **Universal Coal and Energy Co., Inc. – Mines #1 and #4 – Howard County**

Contract work has been completed for final earthwork at a permanent program permit located in Mine #1 and on several acres of "old state law" permit lands also in Mine #1. This work involved the clean-up of some remaining coal processing waste from the old preparation plant area located adjacent to the work site and also the final repairs on a sediment pond. This completes work remaining on a nine acre permanent program permit area of this former mine and will ready the permit for a presentation to the commission for a release request at the next meeting to be held in January of 2009. The work also remedied several problem areas in the "old law" portion of Mine #1.

In the Mine #4 area, the staff have been working closely with the landowners to identify and fix problems related to erosion, revegetation and pond repairs. Contract work for the year has been completed. One additional contract for final rock placement, pond spillway repair and minor revegetation work will be necessary before all required work will be completed. At this time it is expected that one of the two remaining permanent program permits at Mine #4 will be ready to present to the commission in January, 2009 for their release consideration. The other permanent program permit should be ready for a release presentation either during the March or May meeting of 2009.

There are also two remaining interim law permits at this mine site where maintenance work for erosion control, minor revegetation work and pond repairs remains to be completed. This work should be completed during the early portion of 2009. If completed during the first portion of 2009, these two permits will also be presented to the commission for a release consideration during either the March or May meetings of 2009.

**Missouri Mining, Inc. – Mines #5 and #11 – Putnam County**

Staff have been working with the landowners of two former coal mine sites located in Putnam County in north central Missouri. The staff have corresponded with the landowners in order to prepare the former mine sites for a release presentation before the commission in a separate agenda item later in this meeting. These former mine sites were operated by Missouri Mining, Inc. during the late 1970's and early 1980's and are known as Mines #5 and Mine #11. If approved by the commission this will remove 151 acres from the list of coal bond forfeiture lands.

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