



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 9, 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 July 24, 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**

A contract has been awarded for final earthwork at a permanent program permit located in Mine #1. This work will involve 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 will complete the work remaining on a nine acre area of this former mine and ready the entire permit for a presentation to the commission for a release request in the near future.

In the Mine #4 area, landowner contacts have been made with respect to the final touch up work remaining on their properties of this former mine site. The work largely involves the repair and stabilization of gullies as well as some final pond repairs. This work is expected to be completed prior to the end of the year; however, wet weather has continued to hamper this effort well into this past summer. Ground conditions must be dry in order for this work to be properly and effectively completed with minimal collateral damage to the adjoining lands.

### **Missouri Mining, Inc. – Mines #4C and #6 – 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 #4C and Mine #6. If approved by the commission this will remove 158 acres from the list of coal bond forfeiture lands.