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To: Coal Mine Industry Representatives
Coal Mining Consultants

From: Lanny E. Erdos, Chief 
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RE: Additional format requirements for submittal of coal mining application maps

The Division initiated development of a geographic information system (GIS) for coal mining operations in 1999. Mine Info GIS data depicting locations of active and abandoned surface and UG coal mines is relevant to many uses. This project has advanced to include approximately 250 active "D" coal mining permit maps that have been geo-referenced to capture permit boundaries, affected area boundaries, test hole locations, and associated attributes in the GIS.

The Division is moving forward with implementation of the Electronic Permitting System for coal mining applications. As an added measure, we are requesting that, effective August 1, 2013, coal mining application/hydrology maps be submitted as geo-referenced ESRI standard Shape files (including dbf, shp and shx) that include application/permit boundaries when an application is submitted. Shape files delineating affectment on surface mines are requested annually to coincide with filing an annual report, and underground mining extents are requested to be submitted quarterly.

Effective August 1, 2013, geo-referenced Shape files that utilize latitude/longitude can be uploaded to the Division's secure ftp address at <https://ftps.ohiodnr.com/>. Application/hydrology maps that are uploaded to this location require a notification to the application manager via e-mail when the upload is complete. Annual affectment and underground extents Shape files can be uploaded to the same location with a notification to the regulatory inspector via e-mail when the upload is complete.

Effective July 1, 2013, all applications for a coal mining permit, including adjacent area applications, revisions and incidental boundary revisions will be required to be submitted through the Electronic Permitting System. In order to make this an effective transition, application/hydrology maps need to be submitted as pdf files in the EPS and original hard copies are to be submitted at specific timeframes during application review, in addition to the Shape files referenced above for GIS.

Questions regarding this request or uploading these files to the ftp site may be directed to Ginger Bennett at ginger.bennett@dnr.state.oh.us or Scott Stiteler at scott.stiteler@dnr.state.oh.us.