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TO: All Coal Applicants, Permittees & Consultants
DMRM Staff
Office of Surface Mining & Reclamation Enforcement
Ohio Coal Association

RE: **Procedure Directive Performance Security 2007-02, Performance Security Calculation, Adjustments and Releases**

Enclosed please find Procedure Directive Performance Security 2007-02, Performance Security Calculation, Adjustments and Releases. The procedure directive outlines procedures used in calculating performance security for new and existing permits, and an outline of how adjustments to, and releases from, the calculated performance security will be handled pending rule promulgation as a result of House Bill 443. The effective date is October 1, 2007.

The workgroup assigned to author this procedure directive devoted an extensive amount of time and effort in producing a detailed document outlining priority issues within the performance security calculation procedure. I would like to thank the MRM, OSM staff and industry representatives for their diligence to the development of this procedure directive.

I understand the process involved with implementing the new procedures required by House Bill 443 is a long one and appreciate your continued support as we work through these changes.

Should you have questions on the enclosed procedure directive, please feel free to contact Sue Grant at (740) 439-9079.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott R. Kell".

Scott R. Kell,
Acting Chief

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