

**Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Reclamation Plan Amendment**  
**Available for Public Comment**

Since July 30, 1982, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has administered the Title IV AML Reclamation Program in Pennsylvania. The purpose of this Reclamation Plan Amendment No. 3 is to modify Pennsylvania's Plan to allow DEP to administer a State Emergency Program under Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The coordination of emergency reclamation work between the State and the U.S. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) will be handled by DEP as outlined in the OSMRE Emergency Response Protocol for the Pittsburgh Field Division in the Appalachian Region. Coordination with other agencies for environmental clearance will be on a project specific basis as outlined in the "OSMRE Handbook on Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act" and other state procedures.

The reclamation plan amendment can be found by visiting the DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation's website at

<http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Mining/AbandonedMineReclamation/Pages/default.aspx>

Interested persons may submit written comments on this Reclamation Plan Amendment by November 14, 2016. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted. All comments, including comments submitted by electronic mail must include the originator's name and address. Commentators are encouraged to submit comments using the Department of Environmental Protection's online eComment for Policies at [www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/eComment](http://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/eComment). Written comments may be submitted by email to [ecomment@pa.gov](mailto:ecomment@pa.gov) or by mail addressed to Policy Office, Department of Environmental Protection, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 2063, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063. Use "Abandoned Mine Reclamation Plan Amendment No. 3" as the subject line.

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