



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
 DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY
 DIVISION OF MINED LAND RECLAMATION
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COAL EXPLORATION NOTICE

Company		Operator	
Address		Telephone	
On-site Representative		Telephone	
Address			
Proposed Operation Location		County	
Latitude		Longitude	
Nearest Community		Nearest Post Office	
USGS Quadrangle(s)		Nearest Public Road	
Estimated timetable to conduct and complete exploration and reclamation operations.			
Amount of Coal to be removed during coal exploration.		Less Than 250 tons	More Than 250 tons
Attach the following items with this notice.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Description of the method of exploration to be used and the practices that will be followed to protect the environment from adverse impacts from such operations (4VAC25-130-772.11(b)). 2. Description of the reclamation methods which will be used to reclaim the areas affected by exploration activities. 3. Topographic Map of the proposed exploration area, preferably at a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet, but no smaller than a scale of 1:24,000. 4. Representative photographs of the proposed coal exploration areas that will or may be substantially disturbed. 		
NOTES:			
<p>a) If more than 250 tons of coal is to be removed, an Exploration Permit under 4 VAC 25-130-772-12 of the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations must be obtained from the Division prior to conducting the exploration operations.</p> <p>b) Any person who conducts coal exploration activities under this Notice which substantially disturbs the natural land surface shall comply with Part 4 VAC 25-130-815 of the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations.</p> <p>c) The commercial use or sale of coal to be extracted during exploration operations must receive prior written approval of the Division when the sale or commercial use is for coal testing purposes only. The application for such approval under 4 VAC 25-130-772.14(b)(1) through (4) and the intended end user's, broker's or agent's statement required under 4 VAC 25-130-772.14(b)(2) must be provided and approved by the Division prior to land disturbing activities under the coal exploration notice.</p>			

CERTIFICATION:			
I certify that the information provided on this Notice and all attachments submitted herewith are true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
Name of Principal Executive Officer or Authorized Agent*		Signature	
* If the person signing this Notice is not listed as the owner or authorized representative of the Company, attach a copy of the Power of Attorney which grants signature authority.			Date

Notarization:
 Subscribed and affirmed/sworn to before me by, _____, this _____ day of _____, 20____, in the State of _____, in the City/County of _____ (Seal) _____, Notary Public

Notary Public Name (printed or typed) _____
 My Commission Expires _____, 20____
 Notary Public Signature¹ _____
 Registration No. _____

¹ Pursuant to §47.1-15(3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the notarial certificate wording must be contained on the same page as the signature being notarized.