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TOPIC: ORGANIZATION OF TITLE IV AND TITLE V REGULATORY AGENCIES

INQUIRY: The regulation of Illinois's Title IV (Abandoned Mined Lands or "AML") program is housed in an agency that is separate from that which houses the Title V (surface mining and reclamation) program. How do other IMCC member states organize their AML and SMCRA agencies?

SEARCH RESULTS: A telephone survey of nine IMCC member states was conducted. All of the states contacted house Title IV and V regulatory programs within the same "natural resources department". Some states regulate the programs in "sister divisions" within the same "department"; other states house both programs as "sections" within the same "division". [Note: As used here, the largest organizational unit is the "natural resources department", followed by the "division" and then the "section".] The precise number of organizational "levels" from the largest unit to the one that regulates surface mining and AML programs differs from state to state. A summary of the state organizational levels (largest unit to specific regulatory agency) follows.

INDIANA

1. Department of Natural Resources
2. Bureau of Reclamation
 - a. Title IV Section (AML)
 - b. Title V Section (surface mining regulatory program)

KENTUCKY

1. Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet
2. Department for Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement



- a. Division of Abandoned Lands
- b. Division of Permits
- c. Division of Field Services

MARYLAND

1. Department of Natural Resources
2. Water Resources Administration
3. Bureau of Mines (one of four divisions)
 - a. AML Section
 - b. Permits Section
 - c. Inspection and Enforcement Section
 - d. Planning, Analysis and Laboratory Section

MISSOURI

1. Department of Natural Resources
2. Division of Environmental Quality (one of five divisions)
3. Land Reclamation Program
 - a. AML Section
 - b. Mining and Reclamation Section

OHIO

1. Department of Natural Resources
2. Division of Reclamation (one of about 12 divisions)
 - a. Title IV (AML) Section
 - b. Title V (surface mining regulatory) Section

OKLAHOMA

1. Department of Pollution Control and Ecology
2. Mining Division
 - a. Title IV (AML)
 - b. Title V (surface mining regulatory)



PENNSYLVANIA

1. Department of Environmental Resources
2. Mineral Resources Management
 - a. Bureau of Abandoned Mine Lands (Title IV)
 - b. Bureau of Mining and Reclamation (Title V)

VIRGINIA

1. Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
2. Division of Mined Land Reclamation (one of six divisions)
 - a. AML Section
 - b. Regulatory program Section

WEST VIRGINIA

1. Department of Commerce, Labor and Environmental Resources
2. Division of Environmental Protection
 - a. Office of Abandoned Mine Lands
 - b. Office of Mining and Reclamation