



February 3, 2004

ALL SURFACE COAL MINE OPERATORS:

In accordance with 30 CFR 71.201(c), please submit to this office by February 29, 2004, the dates and shifts you plan to sample the designated work positions (DWPs) for the bi-monthly cycles beginning with the February-March bi-monthly sampling cycle and continuing through January 31, 2005. Please include the Mine Name, Mine I.D. and the DWP number and description. Any changes in your sampling schedule must be submitted to this office 14 days in advance of the pre-scheduled sampling dates. Failure to do so may constitute a violation of 30 CFR 71.201(c). Should unexpected circumstances require you to make changes within 14 days of scheduled sampling, please notify us immediately at the above address. This notice refers to all surface mines with DWPs.

Sincerely,

//Kevin G. Stricklin
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District Manager