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Subject: Furnishing Permittees with Copies of Inspection Reports  
and Ten-Day Notices

Approval:

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1. PURPOSE. This directive establishes the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSMRE) policy for providing permittees with copies of Federal inspection reports and Ten-Day Notices (TDN).

2. DEFINITIONS.

a. Federal Inspection Report. A Federal inspection report is the Minesite Evaluation Inspection Report (IE-163) including any supplemental narrative prepared by the Reclamation Specialist after conducting an inspection under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

b. Ten-Day Notice. A Ten-Day Notice is OSMRE's formal written notification to the State regulatory authority in a primacy State of an observed or alleged violation of a permit condition or program requirement at a surface coal mining operation.

3. POLICY/PROCEDURES. Field Office Directors shall establish a system to ensure and document that permittees are provided with a copy of the Federal inspection report within 15 days of any Federal inspection and where a TDN is issued, provided with a copy of the TDN at the same time it is sent to the regulatory authority.

4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. None.

5. REFERENCES. a. Section 517(e) of the Act.  
b. 30 CFR 843.12(a)(2).

6. EFFECTS ON OTHER DOCUMENTS. Replaces Directive, "Furnishing Operators/Permittees with Copies of Inspection Reports," INE-3, February 22, 1983.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE. Upon Issuance.

8. CONTACT. Chief, Branch of Inspection (FTS) 343-5384.