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RE: Noncoal Mining Fees; Notice of Public Comment Period

Dear Thomas:

The proposed rulemaking amends existing permit application fees and establishes an annual administrative fee for the noncoal mining program.

In the northern tier Marcellus Shale region of the Commonwealth we are having an upswing of noncoal mining. It seems reasonable that the department is in need of amending fees, as well as, establishing an annual administrative fee that would adequately fund the Bureau. It is important that the Bureau have the funds for adequate staffing and other necessary requirements for proper environmental protection.

Please adopt these fees at a minimum according to the proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,

Emily Krafjack

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