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POLICY STATEMENT

Procedures for Insuring Confidentiality of Information: Surface Coal Mining Applications

All information contained in applications for permits, revisions, renewals, transfers, assignments or sales of permit rights on file with the Office of Conservation shall be available, at reasonable times, for public inspection and copying unless the applicant requests, in writing, that certain qualified information be kept confidential. Upon such written request the Commissioner will hold the information confidential at the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge.

Qualified information is that information listed at LSMR 3111.C.1 - C.3. If an applicant desires to have certain information kept confidential, it must be clearly identified and submitted separately from the remainder of the application. The application must include statements that the applicant has requested that certain information be kept confidential.

Any person whose interests are or may be adversely affected who seeks disclosure of confidential information shall request, in writing, to the Office of Conservation, P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804, a review of the decision of the Office of Conservation concerning the confidentiality of information contained in the application.

The Commissioner will conduct a review of the decision under Section 3301. Administrative Review.