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Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations & Revenue
Jennifer Hays, Committee Staff Administrator
702 Capitol Ave
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: HB1 Abandoned Mine Lands Report

Dear Co-Chairs, Senator McDaniel and Representative Petrie:

The Department for Natural Resources has been instructed to submit the following report pursuant to language included in HB1, page 67, lines 20 through 25:

(8) Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation: *Included in the above Federal Funds appropriation is \$60,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$76,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to support the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program. The Department for Natural Resources shall submit a report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by December 1 of each fiscal year detailing the progress and cost of projects within the program.*

The federal award for the funding referenced in the language above was officially received by the Cabinet in mid-August. The Division of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) within the Department for Natural Resources has been working to hire additional staff necessary to carry out the functions of this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding. AML has also been finalizing a project priority list, as well as applicable contract language, that will be included in the first reclamation project solicitations that will be posted within the next 1-2 weeks.

If you or any members of the committee should have any questions regarding the information above, please contact Justin Adams, Abandoned Mine Lands Division Director at Justin.Adams@ky.gov or me.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Rebecca W. Goodman in blue ink.

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