

March 31, 2006

COAL AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN 2006-01

SUBJECT: METALLIC AND INDUSTRIAL MINERALS (PERMITS AND LEASES)

This bulletin is to advise you that effective May 1, 2006, the Department will be implementing a new process for metallic and industrial mineral lands that are being returned to the Department's land bank. This process will affect the date that returned lands become available for new applications.

Any lands that have been returned to the land bank will now be displayed on the Metallic and Industrial Minerals Interactive Map posted on the Department of Energy website (www.energy.gov.ab.ca), and will be shown with a Reserved from Disposition Restriction. This reserved from disposition restriction will be placed on any metallic and industrial mineral permit or lease lands that are returning to the land bank by way of surrender, cancellation or amendment. The lands will be indicated on the map in red and posted for a period of 30 days. The lands will not be available for application until the restriction is automatically removed from the map at the expiry of the 30-day period.

Questions about this process should be directed to:

Anna Maslowski
Acting Director
Coal and Mineral Development
(780) 415-0349

Hazel Henson
Senior Minerals Administrator
Coal and Mineral Development
(780) 427-9075

Sincerely,

Brian Hudson
Business Unit Leader
Coal and Mineral Development Unit
Mineral Development and Strategic Resources