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

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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.