

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

February 10, 2011

The Honorable Joseph G. Pizarchik
Director
Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement
U. S. Department of Interior
1951 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Pizarchik,

As you are aware the House Committee on Natural Resources is conducting an investigation into the Office of Surface Mining's rewrite of the 2008 "Stream Buffer Zone Rule" now called the "Stream Protection Rule."¹

As part of the investigation it is requested that the following be delivered to me no later than March 18, 2011. Please provide copies of information on meetings and all correspondence including emails, letters, faxes, and phone logs between your office, and the following federal agencies and offices, states and non-governmental organizations:

1. Federal Agencies and Offices:

- Ms. Carol Browner, White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy
- Ms. Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Mr. Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator Office of Water - EPA
Mr. Bob Sussman, Deputy Administrator - EPA
Mr. Greg Peck, Chief of Staff, Office of Water - EPA
- Ms. Nancy Sutley, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
Mr. Michael Boot, Associate Director for Land and Water Ecosystems - CEQ
Mr. Amelia Salzman, Associate Director for Policy Outreach - CEQ
- Mr. Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior
Mr. David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary
Mr. Steve Black, Counselor to the Secretary
Ms. Hilary Tompkins, Solicitor of the Interior
Ms. Rhea Suh, Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget
Mr. Tom Strickland, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Ms. Wilma Lewis, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management

¹ <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-14727.pdf>

- Ms. Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science
- Mr. Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs
- Mr. Jonathan Jarvis, Director, National Park Service (NPS) and/or other NPS employees
- Mr. Rowan W. Gould, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and/or other FWS employees
- Ms. Marcia McNutt, Director, U.S. Geological Survey and/or other USGS employees
- Mr. Mike Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
- Mr. Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and/or other BLM employees
- Ms. Jo Ellen Darcy, Army, U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
- Ms. Meg Smith, Chief, Regulatory Program, Army Corps of Engineers

2. States:

- Alabama
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- New Mexico
- Utah
- Texas
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Wyoming

3. Non-governmental Organizations:

- Appalachian Citizens Law Center
- Appalachian Voices
- Earthworks
- Keeper of the Mountains
- Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
- National Parks Conservation Association.
- Northern Plains Resource Council
- Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
- Save Our Cumberland Mountains
- Sierra Club
- Southern Appalachian Mountain Stewards
- Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

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- Waterkeeper Alliance
- West Virginia Highlands Conservancy
- WildEarth Guardians

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Sincerely,


Doc Hastings
Chairman