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JenAlyse,

Nice to hear from you. I reviewed the 7a report and one question.

Section 5 reads do you report for a underground mine or surface mine?

The next choices are Yes or No. I suppose we all would choose yes. What other mine would exist? I could be misreading this section. The yes or no didn't seem to fit the first question regarding choose a mine type.

Other than that, it seems fine.

If you recall, we process the abandoned waste coal piles and clean up the neighboring environment in western Pa. this is a little unique but I think I can get the form to work for us as long as it accepts our parameters which will not be like the traditional coal operators.

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Shawn,

Thank you for the comments. The EIA-7A also collects data from standalone facilities such as preparation plants. In answering the question you mentioned from Section 5, preparation plants would choose No and thus would get to skip the sections relation to surface and underground production.

Your method of submitting for your unique situation should be similar in the new form. As we get closer to collecting on the new form, we can always revisit your specific needs.

Thank you,

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