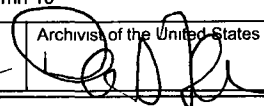
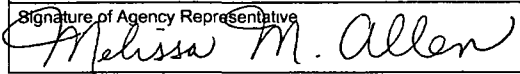


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1 From (Agency or establishment) <b>Department of the Interior</b>		Date Received <b>9-19-11</b>	
2 Major Subdivision <b>Office of Surface Mining</b>		<b>Notification to Agency</b> In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.	
3 Minor Subdivision <b>Information Resources Office</b>			
4 Name of Person with whom to confer <b>Melissa M. Allen</b>	5 Telephone (include area code) <b>202-208-3652</b>	Date <b>17 JAN 12</b>   Archivist of the United States 	
<b>6 Agency Certification</b> I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached <u>6</u> page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required <input type="checkbox"/> is attached <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested			
Signature of Agency Representative 		Title <b>OSM Records Officer</b> Date (mm/dd/yyyy) <b>09/15/2011</b>	
7 Item Number	8 Description of Item and Proposed Disposition	9 GRS or Superseded Job Citation	10 Action taken (NARA Use Only)
1	Anthracite Mine Maps	N1-471-93-1 (1a, 1b, 1c1/2) NC1-70-80-4 (213a, 213b)	

## **Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement (OSMRE)**

**Program Office:** Federal Reclamation Program Division (FRPD), Wilkes-Barre Team

### **Background:**

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) Wilkes-Barre Team investigates potential mine related problems/complaints throughout the anthracite coal fields of Northeastern Pennsylvania. For those that are determined to be of an emergency nature and where there is no continuing reclamation responsibility, the Wilkes-Barre team abates the problem in accordance with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) using fees paid by active coal mines. The team is charged with providing timely investigation, design, reclamation investigation, contractor bidding solicitation, inspection and implementation of projects to effectively eliminate the immediate threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Emergency abatement includes, but is not limited to, reclamation of the following types of projects:

- Subsidence (the shifting or settling of landforms to a lower level),
- Mine slope (mine opened by a slope or incline), drifts (working shallow ore veins with horizontal shafts) and adits (an almost horizontal entrance or shaft to a mine),
- Mine shafts (vertical or sloping excavations to seek ore or ventilate mines),
- Coal refuse bank fires (fire in a surface deposit of coal mine waste that is not used for impoundment),
- Underground mine fires,
- Mine drainage, and
- Carbon Dioxide mine gas

The Wilkes-Barre Team also maintains the Anthracite Mine Map Repository, which is the most complete collection of mine maps for northeastern Pennsylvania.

### **RECORDS**

1. **Original Anthracite Coal Mine Maps, Wilkes-Barre, 1865-1963.** Series contains about 180 cubic feet of 30-38 inch by 40-48 inch paper maps in rolls or tubes stored in and arranged by approximately 247 bins. The bins containing maps generally have rough inventories on each bin door. OSMRE obtained the maps from mining engineers, geologists, mining companies, consultants, and Federal and State government agencies and they have no restrictions. The maps primarily depict closed underground and surface anthracite mine sites in northeastern Pennsylvania that include mine and company names, main and secondary roads, railroads, waterways, lakes and ponds, property ownership and urban areas. The maps were microfilmed and a digital index created for retrieval. (New item and does not supersede NARA Job No N1-471-93-1/Item 1a.)

Disposition    **PERMANENT.** Arrange transfer to National Archives upon approval of this schedule.

2. **Engineering Drawings, Wilkes-Barre, 1936-1963.** Because the drawings are comingled with the paper maps, the volume and arrangement are unknown. Contains oversized engineering drawings of abandoned anthracite coal mines for northeastern Pennsylvania and drawings from reclamation.

projects developed or collected by the Bureau of Mines (BOM) and other Federal and non-Federal agencies that BOM retained and passed to its successor, OSMRE. The drawings were microfilmed with the paper maps from Item 1a. (Supersedes NARA Job No. NC1-70-80-4/Items 213a and b.)

Disposition **PERMANENT.** Arrange transfer to National Archives upon approval of this schedule.

3. **Anthracite Mine Map Folios and Key Map Finding Aids, Wilkes-Barre, c. 1970s-2010** Volume is about 90 linear feet. The folios are identified and arranged in an alpha-numeric sequence keyed to individual grid cells on the Key Maps that serve as finding aids. The Key Maps are colored topographical maps of the northeastern Pennsylvania anthracite coal mine fields that have grids identified by lettered panels and numbered grid cells. Each folio may have approximately 15 oversized laminated maps (copied from the original maps in Item 1) that are secured by a clamp-like hanger. The top map in the folio depicts a cross-section indicating the number of levels mapped. The record copy is the scanned image series (Item 5). (New Item.)

Disposition **TEMPORARY.** Cut off when associated project files are closed or no longer needed for reference, whichever is later. Destroy 25 years after cutoff. (NOTE: Records may be loaned or donated to new reclamation program owners or records custodians, non-Federal governmental owners on request according to the National Archives regulations. If new records custodians need to purge these records from their holdings, please contact the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Regional Facility before disposal/destruction.)

4. **Microfilmed Maps, Engineering Drawings and Map Folios, Wilkes-Barre**

- a. **Microfilmed Maps, Engineering Drawings and Map Folios, Wilkes-Barre.** Microfilmed rolls and aperture cards filmed according to National Archives standards. (New item and does not supersede NARA Job No. N1-471-93-1/Items b, c1 and c2.)

Disposition **PERMANENT.** Arrange transfer of microfilm negative master copy and positive reference copy to National Archives upon approval of this schedule.

- b. **Microfilm Maps, Engineering Drawings and Map Folios Computerized Index and Documentation, Wilkes-Barre** Digital Index created according to National Archives standards for microfilm image retrieval. Documentation includes code books, file layouts, instruction manuals and other related records and information relating to the operation of the Computerized Index. (New item and does not supersede NARA Job No. N1-471-93-1/Items 2 and 4.)

Disposition **PERMANENT.** Arrange transfer of digital index according to National Archives regulations upon approval of this schedule. (NOTE: NARA received the Computerized Index and Documentation.)

5. **Anthracite Mine Map Folios Scanned Images, Wilkes-Barre, 2011.** Series contains scanned images and metadata of the Anthracite Mine Map Folios and Key Maps from the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, OSMRE repository, created according to National Archives Standards at time of transfer. Includes any finding aids, scanning system documentation and any other information relating to the operation of the scanning system (New Item )

Disposition     **PERMANENT.** Arrange transfer of repository scanned images, metadata, finding aids, documentation and other related information to National Archives upon approval of this schedule

6. **Anthracite Abandoned Mine Land Citizen Complaint Files, Wilkes-Barre, 1983-2010** Volume is about 48 cubic feet. Arranged by location (WB for Wilkes-Barre), thereunder by fiscal year followed by sequential number. Contains case files opened for claims of damages from subsidence, mine gas, mine fires, or other abandoned mine-related conditions. Includes initial written complaint or report of oral complaint, acknowledgement letter, complaint investigation report, reply to citizen, reply to coal mine operator, records relating to the Field Director's review (if any), and related correspondence or other documents (New item and does not supersede NARA Job Nos NC1-433-80-4/301-11 and N1-89-1/200-07 )

Disposition     **TEMPORARY.** Cut off at end of calendar year in which the complaint is resolved or when no longer needed for reference, whichever is later. Destroy 5 years after cutoff (NOTE: Records may be loaned or donated to new reclamation program owners or records custodians, non-Federal governmental owners on request according to the National Archives regulations. If new records custodians need to purge these records from their holdings, please contact the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Regional Facility before disposal/destruction )

7. **Federal Reclamation Program (FRP) Emergency Abandoned Anthracite Coal Mine Project Files, Wilkes-Barre, 1983-2010** Volume is about 128 cubic feet. Abandoned anthracite mine related complaints determined to attain "emergency" status are removed from the Citizen Complaint Files (Item 6) to open an Emergency Project File. Project File topics predominantly deal with abandoned mine land subsidence and may include mine fires, mine floods, and landslides. The project files are arranged alphabetically by name of project, thereunder sequentially by Roman Numerals for areas visited more than once. Records may include briefing papers, funding account numbers, project evaluation and selection sheets and data, originals or duplicates of cooperative agreements, reports on situations of extreme danger, project design criteria, memoranda and correspondence concerning the project, land acquisition and lien documents, and program and final reports, if any (New item and does not supersede NARA Job No N1-471-89-1/200-06 )

Disposition     **TEMPORARY.** Cut off at end of calendar year in which project file is resolved or no longer needed for reference, whichever is later. Destroy at time of cutoff with associated Map Folios (NOTE: Records may be loaned or donated to new reclamation program owners or records custodians, non-Federal governmental owners on request according to the National Archives regulations. If new records custodians

need to purge these records from their holdings, please contact the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Regional Facility before disposal/destruction )

8. **Bureau of Mines Federal Program Reclamation Emergency Abandoned Anthracite Coal Mine Project Files, Wilkes-Barre, c.1965-1983** Volume is about 56 cubic feet Arranged alphabetically by name of location Records may include briefing papers, funding account numbers, project evaluation and selection sheets and data, original or duplicate of cooperative agreements, reports on situation of extreme danger, project design criteria, memoranda and correspondence concerning the project, land acquisition and lien documents, and program and final reports, if any (New Item )

Disposition **TEMPORARY.** Cut off when no longer needed for reference Destroy 25 years after cutoff (NOTE Records may be loaned or donated to new reclamation program owners or records custodians, non-Federal governmental owners on request according to the National Archives regulations If new records custodians need to purge these records from their holdings, please contact the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Regional Facility before disposal/destruction )

9. **Borehole Logs, Wilkes-Barre, c. 1965-2010** Unknown volume Includes a detailed account of the rock strata at a particular location, dates, driller, location, hole sizes, etc Contains information about the soil type, depth to top of bedrock, integrity of the rock interval, depth to one or more coal beds, thickness of the coal bed, and determination if there was solid (unmined) coal or whether there are extensive mine openings that are the cause of damage on the surface (New item )

Disposition **TEMPORARY.** Cut off at end of calendar year in which the related complaint or project file is resolved or no longer needed for reference, whichever is later Destroy at time of cutoff with associated complaint and project files (NOTE Records may be loaned or donated to new reclamation program owners or records custodians, non-Federal governmental owners on request according to the National Archives regulations If new records custodians need to purge these records from their holdings, please contact the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Regional Facility before disposal/destruction )

10. **Daily Reports, Wilkes-Barre, c.1983-2010** Unknown volume Contains daily reports of project-related findings (New Item )

Disposition **TEMPORARY.** Cut off when no longer needed for reference Destroy 5 years after cutoff (NOTE Records may be loaned or donated to new reclamation program owners or records custodians, non-Federal governmental owners on request according to the National Archives regulations )

11. **Aerial Photographs and Emergency Project-Related Maps, Wilkes-Barre, c. 1965 - 2010** Volume is about 244 cubic feet (stored in 16 5-drawer map cases) Contains unarranged flat, oversized aerial photographs of northeastern Pennsylvania, maps relating to emergency projects, US Geological Survey quadrangle maps, some with unique markings, published maps of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Geological Survey of Pennsylvania, and other oversized materials (New Item )

Disposition     **TEMPORARY.** Cut off at end of calendar year in which the related complaint or project file is resolved or no longer needed for reference, whichever is later Destroy at time of cutoff with associated complaint and project files (NOTE Records may be loaned or donated to new reclamation program owners or records custodians, non-Federal governmental owners on request according to the National Archives regulations If new records custodians need to purge these records from their holdings, please contact the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Regional Facility before disposal/destruction )

- 12. Emergency Project Related Photographs and Slides, Wilkes-Barre, c. 1965 – 2010** Volume is about 15 cubic feet Partially arranged and partially identified with captions Majority of still pictures are unidentified Contains black-and-white and color photographic prints and color slides relating to emergency reclamation projects and unidentified Bureau of Mines still pictures (New Item )

Disposition     **PERMANENT.** Arrange transfer to the National Archives upon approval of this schedule

- 13. Unidentified Motion Picture Films, Wilkes-Barre, c. 1950 – 1983** Volume and arrangement unknown Information content is unknown (New Item )

Disposition     **PERMANENT.** Arrange transfer to the National Archives upon approval of this schedule

- 14. Technical Library, Wilkes-Barre, c. 1965 – 2010** Volume estimate is about 160 cubic feet Records arrangement is unknown (New Item )

Disposition     **TEMPORARY.** Cut off and destroy when no longer needed for reference (NOTE Records may be loaned or donated to new reclamation program owners or records custodians, non-Federal governmental owners on request according to the National Archives regulations If new records custodians need to purge these records from their holdings, please contact the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Regional Facility before disposal/destruction )

**Additional Information:**

**Establishing Authority:**

- P L 95-87, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA)
- 30 CFR Parts 880, 881 and 882

**Restrictions:** None

**Superseded Records and Authorities:**

NARA Job No N1-471-93-1/Item 1a, Maps  
NARA Job No N1-471-93-1/Item 1b, 1c1 and 1c2, Microfilms  
NARA Job No NC1-70-80-4/Items 213a and 213b, Engineering Drawings

**Related Records and Authorities:**

NARA Job No N1-471-89-1/ Item 200-6, Reclamation Project Files  
NARA Job No NC1-433-80-1/Item 301-11, AML Citizen Complaint Case Files  
NARA Job No NC-174-158/Items 26, 27, 28, and 29

**Supplementary System Description:**

**E-System Point of Contact:**

**Program Office Contacts:**

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