

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF POLLUTION
CONTROL & ECOLOGY

LOCATION - SUBJECT Authorization for
Director to apply for Federal Grant -
Surface Mining Control & Reclamation Act

MINUTE ORDER NO. 78- 14

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The Director shall have authority to execute, on behalf of this Department, an application for a federal grant to administer an initial regulatory program as provided for in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

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Mr. Jarrell Southall, Director
Arkansas Department of Pollution
Control and Ecology
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Dear Jarrell:

As you know many of our members have mining operations in Arkansas, and are, therefore, vitally interested in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. We believe that Arkansas industry's good working relationship with both the Environmental Protection Agency and your Department will continue through the implementation of this Act. We would like to recommend that the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology, through the procedures set about in the Act, seek the authority to become the enforcement agency of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

We believe that enforcement of environmental rules and regulations is best handled by local agencies who have a better grasp of the particular situations in their area. In this case, we firmly believe the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology is the agency best suited for enforcing the Act in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Clyde A. Broyles
President

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