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**Subject:** Skyline Mine, Equipment Abandonment, which was assigned Task ID # 2950  
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On March 18, 2007, the Division received a proposed amendment, C0070005, Skyline Mine, Equipment Abandonment, which was assigned Task ID # 2950. The 60-day deny-or-issue Due Date is May 19.

The Division completed the Initial Review on March 21, and the Permittee was notified by e-mail that the Division was proceeding with the Technical Analysis. Dana Dean and Wayne Western are the technical reviewers for this Task.

Also on March 21, the Division received e-mail from Gregg Galecki requesting expedited review of the amendment. This was followed by a letter, received March 27, repeating the request to expedite the review.

Mary Ann Wright, Jim Smith, Dana Dean, Wayne Western, and Daron Haddock met on April 1 to determine if the Permittee's request for expedited review met the criteria of the Division's draft policy on Emergency and Expedited review of Permit Amendments.

The following findings are made:

- 1) Expedited review will not compromise or interfere with work being done for other Permittees;
- 2) Based on the success of the Initial Review, there will not be conflicts with the Coal Mining Rules being met; and
- 3) The Permittee needs an expedited review and response ASAP in order to minimize safety risks to miners in the pre-planning for extracting the longwall panel. This requires adequate lead time and safety measures to be put in place if this request is denied at too late of a date into the mining of the current panel. Also, the costs will increase along with safety issues for the workers in extracting the mining machinery at a later, rather than a sooner date.
- 4) The Division will therefore move the review of this amendment to leave a longwall panel up from May 19, 2008, to April 7, 2008.