Compliance Bulletin

Coal Bed Methane Policy Revision to Division of Mining and Reclamation Permitting Handbook

The Coal Bed Methane policy in the Division of Mining and Reclamation’s Permitting Handbook has been revised effective March 23, 2020.

The purpose of this revision is to address methane flaring operations from underground coal mines permitted pursuant to the West Virginia Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act (SCMRA).

The revised policy can be found in the Permit Application section on page fifty of the Handbook.

This policy applies only to West Virginia SCMRA permits. Permits issued by other WVDEP Divisions/Offices may be required prior to commencing methane flaring operations.