Sampling of “During-Mining” Groundwater Monitoring Sites at Occupied Dwellings

This Division of Mining and Reclamation compliance bulletin is to provide guidance on the sampling frequency of “during-mining” groundwater monitoring sites, at occupied dwellings. This is being done to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to comply with the Centers for Disease Control’s recommendation of “social distancing.”

Sampling of these sites should be reduced to the minimum quarterly frequency as required by §38CSR2 14.7.b.

Sampling of these sites is to be delayed as late as possible in the 2nd quarter of 2020.

The Division of Mining and Reclamation will provide further guidance if the COVID-19 pandemic has not subsided and the State of Emergency has not been lifted by that time.