

Compliance Bulletin

Electronic Submittal of SMCRA Endangered Species Monitoring Reports

The Division of Mining and Reclamation is pleased to announce the ESMR electronic submittal type in the Electronic Submission System (eSS). The ESMR can be found in the Mining and Reclamation (OMR) DEP Office preference.

The following information only applies to Permittees that have species-specific Protection and Enhancement Plans (PEP's), that include monitoring and reporting requirements, associated with their permitted projects.

Companies shall submit their threatened and endangered species monitoring reports in accordance with West Virginia Surface Mining Reclamation Rule 38-2-3.16 (a) and (b), and monitoring requirements associated with the approved species-specific PEP placed within the permit application.

Submissions should include, at a minimum:

1. a written report discussing survey methods and findings or results, discussion of observed changes if applicable
2. representative site photo
3. representative species photos if applicable
4. copies of field data sheets; including field notes.
5. applicable calculations, measurements etc.



There are no limits to the number of attachments that can be included with each report.

Attachments included with the report can be PDF, or Excel format.

Monitoring plans are to be submitted annually **no later than January 31st** each year following the previous survey season.

The "Reference ID" in eSS will be the permit number, project name and survey year. For example, "SXXXXYY Random Project 2020."

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