

# Applicant/Violator System Office System Advisory Memorandum



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**Subject: SYSTEM ADVISORY MEMORANDA**

On May 21, 1993, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) established a formal communication system to transmit to all users of the Applicant/Violator System (AVS) information concerning system changes, enhancements, operational procedures, and policy matters.

As of the date of this transmittal, OSM issues revised and re-numbered all previously-issued System Advisory Memoranda (SAM). OSM has also narrowed the focus of these communiques to reflect current policies regarding AVS operation and related regulation. In some cases the previously-issued SAM's have been re-titled for clarity and/or updated with related subject matter. All have been re-numbered. Relevant information from previously-issued memoranda has been incorporated into the revisions.

The content of SAM's is now restricted to discussion of policy issues and to broad, general descriptions of system operations procedures. Therefore, the revised and re-issued SAM's include very limited description of how to perform AVS functions. Instead, users are referred to and encouraged to rely upon the AVS Users Guide for operational and technical guidance. By narrowing the focus of the SAM's, OSM intends to make a greater distinction between AVS-related policies and the guidance provided to perform system operating functions.

SAM's will continue to be accompanied by a numerical inventory for reference. As before, the inventory will be periodically updated as additional SAM's are issued.

Accompanying this transmittal are re-issued SAM's and a revised numerical inventory. Please replace all previously-issued SAM's and indexes with these documents. All previously-issued memoranda are accounted for by way of this transmittal.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the System Advisory Memoranda communication system, please contact the Chief, Applicant/Violator System Office, at 1-800-643-9748.

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