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RE: 199CSR1 - "Surface Mining Blasting Rule"

Dear Ms. Cooper:

I am requesting the above-referenced rule filed in your office on June 17, 1999, be withdrawn and the attached rule be refiled for Notice of Public Hearing/Comment Period. As you will note in the attached letter to the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee, although we have missed the August 6 filing deadline for agency-approved rules, we are asking to be placed on the Committee's agenda to discuss the importance of this proposed rule and urge their consideration of the rule in the 2000 Legislative Session.

Your cooperation in this regard is very much appreciated. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Carrie Chambers in my office at 759-0515.

Sincerely yours,

Michael C. Castle
 Commissioner

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Attachment

cc: Joe Altizer, General Counsel
 Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee
 Carrie Chambers, Director's Office