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**Subject: METALLIC AND INDUSTRIAL MINERALS  
PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS**

Effective immediately, the Department of Energy is changing the procedures for accepting applications for Metallic and Industrial Mineral Permits. This will be on a trial basis, pending comments from permit and lease holders.

All applications received before 3:00 p.m. on any day will now be given equal status rather than handled on a first-come, first-served basis. After 3:00 p.m. the applications will be reviewed for any overlaps in lands requested and if there are none, then the applications will be accepted and the permitting process commenced. If there are overlaps, then the applicants affected will be contacted and advised that another person or company has applied on the same lands. To ensure the Department can promptly contact applicants in the event of an overlap, applicants are required to provide a telephone number (or an alternate contact and telephone number) with each application. The identity of the other applicant will not be provided.

The applicants will be advised that the permit(s) will be issued on the basis of the highest non-refundable bonus bid, and they have two working days to submit a bonus amount to the Department. A separate bonus bid must be made for each overlapping application and a cheque for the total amount must accompany the offer. Unsuccessful bidders will have their application fee and bonus returned.

Any applications received after 3:00 p.m. will be handled on the following business day.

The Department would welcome any comments that you have on this procedure change or any other tenure matter. For further information, or to provide comments, please contact Brian Hudson at (403) 427-9077 or Fax (403) 422-0382.

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