

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 13, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary, Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter I sent to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) Director Joseph Pizarchik so you are aware of my request to OSM and its continued lack of response to the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet regarding the proposed Stream Protection Rule (SPR).

As noted in the letter, I respectfully request OSM fully comply with the Omnibus Appropriations Report language by providing Kentucky with all documents, including all drafts relative to the draft and final environmental impact statements, called for in the report language. I ask that OSM send these materials on or before May 27, 2016. The Cabinet will need to receive these documents and have the necessary time to review them before requesting a meeting with OSM prior to SPR finalization. In addition to sending the required documents, I ask that OSM indicate when it plans to reopen the public comment period for the proposed SPR and its associated draft and final environmental impact statements and regulatory impact analyses after having provided meaningful consultation with Kentucky's Energy and Environment Cabinet. I also request any information OSM sends to Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Charles Snively also be sent to my office.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide on this matter, and I look forward to OSM engaging with Kentucky and other states in a meaningful manner on the proposed SPR.

Sincerely,



Senator Rand Paul

Enclosure: Letter to Director Pizarchik