

determine the extent to which the information requested on the attached form is available by counties.

2. In those instances where the needed information has been transmitted to the Chairman of the Working Committee either of the following may be done:

a. Arrange with the liaison representative to obtain the information for use in the State and transmission to this office, or

b. Request this office to obtain the information from the Working Committee for transmission to you.

3. In States where the information is incomplete by counties,

a. Discuss with the Governor's liaison representative our interest in these data and the effort we will make to obtain them.

b. Use the attached form to provide the information requested for each of the counties in which it is known that surface mining has been done. The State Conservationist is requested to provide a list of counties in which surface mining has not occurred.

The acreages disturbed by mining since its beginning for each of the minerals should be estimated. The estimates should represent the combined, and best informed, judgments of work unit staff and any other local information sources. This country report should be as reliable as possible without a field survey.

All areas disturbed by surface mining for these minerals, irrespective of present use or conditions of vegetative cover should be recorded. For example, building sites, cultivated fields, pastures, and wooded areas, formerly surface mined, should be included.

One copy of each county report should be sent to D. M. Whitt by September 1, 1966.

This Advisory may be discarded after the indicated action has been taken.

D. A. WILLIAMS.

EXHIBIT 2

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE,
Denver, Colo., June 14, 1966.

Advisory Intera Colo-43

To: Work unit conservationists designated as county representatives.

From: F. A. Mark, State conservationist SCS, Denver, Colo.

Re Study of surface and strip mining.

NOTE: DEADLINE DATE—AUGUST 1, 1966

We have been requested to assist in determining the extent of strip and surface mining activities in the United States. This information will be helpful in assisting soil conservation districts develop their short- and long-term conservation programs and to supplement information being obtained to update the conservation needs inventory.

Use the attached form to provide the information requested. Two copies of the form are provided for each county and both should be returned to this office. If there is no activity in the county write "None" on the form and return the copies.

The acreages disturbed by mining since its beginning for each mineral involved should be estimated. The estimates should represent the combined, and best informed, judgments of work unit staffs and any other local information sources. Reports should be as reliable as possible without any field checking.

All areas disturbed by surface mining irrespective of present use or conditions of vegetative cover should be recorded. For example, building sites, cultivated fields, pastures, and wooded areas that have been disturbed should be included.

Minerals known to have been surface mined in Colorado include: coal, clays, gold, peat, feldspar, mica, perlite, pumice, sand and gravel, stone, uranium, and vermiculite—and possibly others.

F. A. MARK.