

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Mined-Land Conservation and Reclamation (KDHE)

Article 15.—Inspections and Enforcement

47-15-8. Citizen's requests for state inspections.

(a) Any person may request a state inspection under K.A.R. 47-15-7(b) by furnishing the secretary or secretary's designee with a signed, written statement or an oral report followed by a signed, written statement. The statement shall include the following:

(1) the reasons that the person believes a violation, condition, or practice referred to in K.A.R. 47-15-7(b) exists; and

(2) a phone number and address at which the person can be contacted.

(b) Upon request by the person, the identity of any person supplying information to the secretary or secretary's designee relating to a possible violation or imminent danger or harm shall remain confidential, unless that person accompanies the inspector on the inspection.

(c) If a state inspection is conducted as a result of information provided to the secretary or secretary's designee as described in subsection (a) of this regulation, the person requesting the inspection shall be notified as far in advance as practicable as to when the inspection will occur. The person may accompany the secretary or secretary's designee. During the inspection, the person shall have a right of entry to, upon, and through the coal exploration or surface coal mining and reclamation operation about which that person supplied information. However, the person shall be in the presence of and under the control, direction, and supervision of the secretary or secretary's designee while on the mine property. This right of entry shall not include a right to enter buildings without consent of the person in control of the building or without a search warrant.

(d) Within 10 days after the state inspection or, if there is no inspection, within 15 days after receipt of the person's written statement, the secretary or secretary's designee shall send the person the following:

(1)(A) If an inspection was conducted, a description of the enforcement action taken. This description may consist of copies of the state inspection report and of all notices of violation and cessation orders issued as a result of the inspection or an explanation as to why no enforcement action was taken; or

(B) if no state inspection was conducted, an explanation of the reason why an inspection was not considered to be necessary; and

(2) an explanation of the person's right, if any, to informal review of the action or inaction of the secretary or secretary's designee under K.A.R. 47-15-1a(a)(6).

(e) Copies of all materials in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this regulation shall be given by the secretary or secretary's designee to the person alleged to be in violation within the time limits specified in those paragraphs. However, the name of the person requesting the inspection shall be removed unless disclosure of the person's identity is permitted under subsection (b) of this regulation.

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