

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING ON
APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM WATER QUALITY
STANDARDS
FOR REMINING ACTIVITY**

In accordance with applicable state and federal requirements, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 3, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Coopers Rock Conference Room at the WVDEP Headquarters located at 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on an application for a variance from water quality standards for dissolved aluminum for several tributaries of Thacker Creek and Thacker Creek of the Tug Fork River in Magnolia District of Mingo County, West Virginia. The variance has been requested by Central Appalachia Mining, LLC to carry out remining activities near the town of Edgerton.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed remining variance is invited to be present or represented at the hearing. In addition to oral comments provided at the hearing, the agency will accept written comments at any time up to the conclusion of the public hearing. No comments will be accepted after that time. Written comments may be submitted to the following address:

Kevin Coyne
Water Quality Standards Program
WV Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304

Comments may also be e-mailed to dep.comments@wv.gov

Copies of all written information pertinent to the proposed variance, including the variance application and the WVDEP's information sheet summarizing the proposed variance may be reviewed by contacting the WVDEP office at 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Telephone: 304-926-0499 extension 1110; Fax: 304-926-0496. E-mail: Kevin.R.Coyne@wv.gov Information is also available on our website at www.dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/wqs