

EPCAMR



Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation 2012 Membership Application/ Renewal

TO: WATERSHED GROUPS, CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, INDUSTRY, & INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION & ABANDONED MINE DRAINAGE REMEDIATION EFFORTS IN EASTERN PA

This is the time of year when we write to ask for support of activities here with the Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation. EPCAMR is a regional nonprofit 501 (c) (3), public, charitable organization that was organized in 1995 to support and coordinate the efforts of local watershed organizations, community groups, municipal governments, and conservation districts.

For more than a decade, EPCAMR has come to represent the interests of community & environmental organizations, reclamation-related groups, and conservationists alike on abandoned mine reclamation issues. Through persistent outreach and strategic partnerships, EPCAMR has provided opportunities throughout the region for watershed coordination, oversight on AMD/AML construction projects, technical support, funding, scholarship and internship opportunities, environmental education efforts, GIS mapping for local governments and conservation districts, and grant writing assistance.

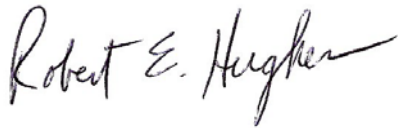
Pennsylvania holds a legacy of approximately two hundred thousand acres of abandoned mine land (AML) scarred by past mining practices, and over four thousand miles of rivers and streams polluted by abandoned mine drainage (AMD). In the face of these challenges, the success of partnerships with your organizations has been especially encouraging. We have been able to encourage the reclamation and reuse of thousands of acres of abandoned mine lands, creation of jobs from mine land redevelopment, the increase the local tax base, and restoration of miles of once-polluted streams to again hold viable fish populations. These accomplishments reinforce our collective will to reclaim AML through active partnerships today, for a cleaner, sustainable environment for our children tomorrow.

The EPCAMR Staff, including two full-time paid positions, are always available for your questions, concerns, requests for technical assistance, and thoughts on issues in AMD/AML-affected northeastern PA. These efforts do not have to be coal-related. Our exhaustive set of online tools and resources, whether technical, educational, or financial, is located at www.EPCAMR.org.

The support and partnerships of concerned individuals like you and the organizations that you represent make important work in the EPCAMR Region possible. These projects have helped change people's minds, their attitudes about their surroundings, their environmental consciences, and even the state legislation to encourage the reclamation and improvement of land and water affected by past mining practices. Many of the water quality problems we face in our region are extremely complex, and their impacts have been around for multiple decades. However, through our efforts, which encompass education, technical expertise, advocacy, local community projects, and daily coalition building, we can and will reclaim abandoned mine lands and remediate streams impacted by AMD to improve the quality of life in our region.

If you are seeing this for the first time, EPCAMR would like to invite you to join us in our regional efforts and become a member of our Coalition. For our loyal past members, we encourage you to renew your membership with EPCAMR to continue your support. Please fill out the following two page application for membership, print it and return to EPCAMR. Categories of membership and benefits are explained on the following application. If you have any questions please feel free to call the EPCAMR main line (570) 371-3522 or e-mail rhughes@epcamr.org.

Thanks for Your Consideration!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert E. Hughes,
EPCAMR Executive Director

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Category

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The list below represents the EPCAMR membership categories: (Please Check One Category)

- INDIVIDUAL (STUDENT) -** \$5.00
Open to all individuals; Student Members shall serve in an advisory (non-voting) capacity to the Board of Trustees of EPCAMR and may serve on one or more committees of the Coalition
- INDIVIDUAL (GENERAL) -** \$10.00 **LIFETIME INDIVIDUAL- \$100.00**
Open to all individuals; Individual Members shall serve in an advisory (non-voting) capacity to the Board of Trustees of EPCAMR and may serve on one or more committees of the Coalition.
- WATERSHED ASSOCIATIONS & NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS -** \$50.00
Open to all groups within the EPCAMR Region who would like to become involved with EPCAMR. Groups that join will be considered Affiliate Organizations and their chosen representatives shall serve in an advisory (non-voting) capacity to the Board of Trustees of EPCAMR and may serve on one or more committees of the Coalition.
- CONSERVATION DISTRICTS-** \$50.00
Open to all Conservation Districts within the 16-County EPCAMR Region; CDs that join are considered Sponsoring Organizations and, as such, may nominate up to **3** representatives to the Board of Trustees of EPCAMR who shall become voting members.**
- INDUSTRY / BUSINESS-** \$100.00 minimum
Open to all industries such as Coal Companies, Quarries, Power Companies, Co-Generation Plants and their associations (e.g. Pennsylvania Anthracite Council, Pennsylvania Coal Association, ARRIPA) or other mining and reclamation-related businesses (e.g. Consulting and Engineering Firms); Industry Groups that join are considered Sponsoring Organizations and, as such, may nominate **1** voting member** to the Board of Trustees of EPCAMR. Business Members may serve in an advisory (non-voting) capacity to the Board of Trustees of EPCAMR and may serve on one or more committees of the Coalition.

Membership, for all who are interested in joining, includes access to:

- Legislative updates and action notices, liaison services to government (state, federal or local) abandoned mine reclamation and clean water programs
- Technical grant writing assistance, regional coordination of projects
- Invitations and notices of upcoming EPCAMR meetings, workshops, trainings, environmental education programs, field tours and conferences
- Live feeds to EPCAMR News and Updates via EC Express Newsflash on our website, through RSS (really simple syndication) feed or the EPCAMR Facebook Fan Site.
- E-mail accounts ("yourname"@epcamr.org), organizational links, funding opportunities for projects and access to over 200 AMR related links in 20 categories through our website
- Access to preferred services* such as technical computer/networking and GIS/GPS Mapping assistance or administrative services such as grant pass-through and website hosting.
- Membership contributions to EPCAMR are also tax-deductible

* Preferred services may be assessed a fee to EPCAMR Members at the discretion of the Board and/or Executive Director.

**Voting members are expected to be able to commit to: attending all (4) Quarterly Meetings throughout the year, or coordinating with another representative from their organization to maintain fair representation on the Board. In an effort to reduce paper waste, a section of our website is dedicated to information about upcoming Board Meetings and related documentation called "[Organizational Information](#)" (found under the Content section of the website).

Quarterly meetings are *tentatively* scheduled for:

February 16, May 17, August 16 (Annual Meeting), and November 15, 2012

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Representatives

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Please provide EPCAMR with your organization's (or individual) contact information to complete the membership form below.

Name of Organization / Business (If Individual, leave this line blank):

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

e-mail:

Fax:

Website:

Representative 1:

Title:

(If Conservation District within EPCAMR 16 County Region, fill in this section below)

Representative 2:

Title:

Representative 3:

Title:

Please return this membership application form (last 2 pages of this document) with dues (in the form of a check, payable to "EPCAMR") to:

Robert Hughes, Executive Director

*EPCAMR
101 South Main Street
Ashley, PA 18706*