DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
ACTIVE AND ABANDONED MINE OPERATIONS
BUREAU OF ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION

MILL CREEK
ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION
CONTRACT NO. OSM 40(2240)101.1

FACT SHEET

Location: The access road is located along the east side of SR0315 across from the entrance to the Mohegan Sun Casino, approximately 0.2 mile north of the intersection of SR0315 and SR2020 (Jumper Road) in Plains Township, Luzerne County.

Official Start Date: December 14, 2012

Contract Completion Date: May 3, 2013

Contractor: Brdaric Excavating, Inc.

Property Owners: Downs Racing LP
Snapper Point 2 LP
Midlantic Machinery Inc. (Lessee)

Project Cost: $448,858.00

Project Area: 6.4 acres

Purpose: The scope of this project eliminated a public health and safety hazard by excavating, backfilling and grading an abandoned strip pit and reconstructing a stream channel in Plains Township, Luzerne County.

Description: The project involved the backfilling and grading of a vertical opening in a strip pit with a depth of 20 feet and repaired a portion of Mill Creek that was damaged during a past storm event. Base flow along with slightly larger flows from the stream entered the nearby strip pit and mine opening. During larger storm events, the pit filled with water and exited back into the downstream channel. The site is located within the Susquehanna River watershed.

Funding: The project was funded by the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Trust Fund, which is subsidized by the active mining industry via fees paid on each ton of coal mined.

Project Management: Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Wilkes-Barre District Office
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Location Map
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Before Construction – Mill Creek Flowing into Pit

Before Construction – Pit with Submerged Vertical Opening into the Underground Mine
Before Construction – Dry Streambed; Looking Downstream of Mine Opening

Before Construction – Dry Streambed Downstream of Project Area
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After Construction – Reconstructed Stream Channel and Vertical Opening backfilled

After Construction – Stream Flow Returned to Reconstructed Channel