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MEMORANDUM

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From: Jonathan Holbert, P.E., Southern Emergency Engineer
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Subject: Sunshine Circle Subsidence
Emergency Reclamation Project – Raleigh County

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AML received two complaints (2026-SOU-081-048 and 2026-SOU-0814-049) concerning structural cracks in two residences along Sunshine Circle in Beckley, WV. The residences set above and/or adjacent to shallow coal mining operations in the Sewell coal seam. The last known coal mining in the Sewell seam in this area was in 1969 by the C & H Coal Company. The structural cracks may be due to coal mining subsidence. If these cracks are due to subsidence, and reclamation measures are not addressed, additional, potentially devastating, cracks could occur.

AML recommends professional services be utilized for a subsurface exploration plan for the site to obtain geotechnical and geological information on the subgrade soil and rock conditions beneath and adjacent to the two residences along Sunshine Circle in Beckley, WV.

Alliance Consulting, Inc. has been selected to perform the subsurface exploration for this project. Professional services are not expected to exceed \$75,000.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 304-414-1182.