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Mine Subsidence Protection Program Performance Audit – Status Report

Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

Attached is the status report from the Department of Natural Resources (Department) on the implementation of recommendations contained in the Office of the State Auditor's (OSA) Mine Subsidence Protection Program Performance Audit.

OSA Review of Documentation

As part of the status report process, we requested and received supporting documentation for each recommendation that the Department reported as having been implemented or partially implemented. Specifically, we reviewed the following documentation:

- An April 29, 2026, letter of confirmation provided by the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to the Department.
- Documentation showing a comprehensive internal review comparing program practices to the program Plan of Operations and program rules.
- Project scope documentation showing work with Government Performance Solutions, Inc. to develop Standard Operating Procedures for the program.
- Potential scope of work documentation and correspondence between the Department and an actuarial firm to plan the procurement of an actuarial study related to the program.
- Internal documentation and emails showing the use of a tiered inspection approach and the Program Administrator taking on reporting duties instead of the inspection contractor to reduce inspection costs.
- Correspondence between the Department and potential vendors to research the potential for less technical inspection companies to take on basic enrollment inspections at a lower cost.

- Agendas and materials from relevant Mined Land Reclamation Board meetings documenting the Department's updates to the board related to the audit recommendations.

Based on our review, the supporting documentation substantiates the Department's reported implementation status.