

# News Release

## REI DRILLING PLAYS KEY ROLE IN PROJECT RECOGNIZED AS BEST MINE RECLAMATION PROJECT IN APPALACHIA IN 2007



Juan Romero and Oscar Coca of REI Drilling at the Project site

April 15, 2008; REI Drilling Inc. (“REI”) proved to be an invaluable asset in the Kalp and Malcroft AMD Abatement Projects. This project has been awarded the Department of Interior’s Office of Surface Mining 2007 Eastern Region Abandoned Mine Reclamation Award as well as the best mine reclamation project in Appalachia in 2006 by the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Program (“NAAML”). The project was initiated and directed by The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (“PA-DEP BAMR”), the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”), and the Mountain Watershed Association, Inc.

The project involved two abandoned underground mine sites that pose public health and safety problems due to poor water quality and mine pool blowouts that damage adjacent homes, properties and public highways.

REI Drilling provided directional drilling services and with Stoy Excavation were contracted to control the mine pools and facilitate collection of the mine discharges to a treatment system. This was the first time directional drilling was used at a Pennsylvania AML site to control abandoned mine pool discharges.

The project demonstrated the ability to reduce the blowout potential with less disturbance and less cost than previous methods which involve the construction of overland mine drainage pipelines that would be necessary to route the existing discharges to the treatment areas.

By solving the local water quality issues this project has improved the safety of local residents. It has also increased property values, increased opportunities for economic development, enhanced educational and recreational opportunities and improved aesthetics.

REI provides directional drilling services primarily to the coal industry for methane drainage, geologic and old works exploration, water transfer, and de-stressing. REI operates a fleet of 7 directional drills. Detailed examples of various applications for directional drilling can be viewed on our web site at [www.reidrilling.com](http://www.reidrilling.com), or contact REI toll free at (877) 838-0534.

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