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INTRODUCTION

This proceedings contains 22 manuscripts which were prepared for and presented at the first national meeting of the American Society for Surface Mining and Reclamation. The meeting was held in Owensboro, Kentucky from July 10-13, 1984.

The primary objective in the design and implementation of this first program was to provide a broad collection of reference papers covering many environmental disciplines over a wide geographical region of the United States. A second objective was to select highly recommended authors who were considered to be the forerunning authorities within their respective fields.

The long term goal of this committee and the society overall is that this proceedings be the solid cornerstone upon which many more eventful national meetings will be founded. Furthermore, it is intended that this proceedings will promote communication and understanding among representatives of the mining industry, research groups, academia, regulatory agencies, land owners, and others, all of whom have a vested interest in successful surface mine reclamation.

The fundamental policy of the American Society for Surface Mining and Reclamation is ". . . to encourage any agency, institution, organization, or individual in efforts to protect, reestablish, or enhance the surface resources of land disturbances associated with mineral extraction". Basic to this policy is development of improved communication between those concerned with surface mining and reclamation. It is anticipated that this proceedings and national meetings in general will encourage broader communication between individuals and an appreciation of national involvement in matters relating to surface mining and reclamation.

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