Mountaintop Removal in Appalachians

Go to the following website to answer the questions below. <http://tinyurl.com/q5mswap>

1.) Describe each of the 6 steps in the process of mountaintop removal coal mining.

2.) What is the impact on local streams and waterways from “dumping waste” and describe how reclamation is occurring in the Appalachians.

3.) What is the impact on human health in this region?

4.) How are communities impacted in the Appalachians?

5.) How are forests impacted in the Appalachians?

6.) What is the impact on biodiversity (site specific examples)?

7.) Sketch a “Before” and an “After” image of a region of the Appalachians.

8.) What is the purpose and background of the Stream Protection Rule? Why was it so important to communities?

Go to the following article: http://tinyurl.com/jbbsxa8

9.) What has recently happened to the Stream Protection Rule and why has this occurred?

Go to the following statement from the White House: <http://tinyurl.com/zfb3jwl>

10.) What do they consider the purpose of repealing the Stream Protection Rule?

11.) After reading both articles, how do you feel about repealing the Stream Protection Rule? Should it have been done and why?