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AUTHORITY: 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.***§ 917.1 Scope.**

This part contains all rules applicable only within Kentucky that have been adopted under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

[47 FR 21434, May 18, 1982]

**§ 917.10 State regulatory program approval.**

The Kentucky State program as re-submitted on December 30, 1981, and amended and clarified on February 22, 1982, was conditionally approved, effective May 18, 1982. Beginning on that date, the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection was deemed the regulatory authority in Kentucky for surface coal mining and reclamation operations and for coal exploration operations on non-Federal and non-Indian lands. Copies of the approved program are available for review at:

(a) Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Lexington Field Office, 2675 Regency Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40503-2922.

(b) Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Number 2, Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

[48 FR 251, Jan. 4, 1983, as amended at 59 FR 17929, Apr. 15, 1994]

**§ 917.11 Conditions of State regulatory program approval.**

The approval of the Kentucky State program is subject to the state revising its program to correct the deficiencies listed in this section. The program revisions may be made, as appropriate, to the statute, to the regulations, to the program narrative, or by means of a legal opinion. This section indicates, for the general guidance of the State, the component of the program to which the Secretary recommends the change be made.

(a)–(p) [Reserved]

[47 FR 21434, May 18, 1982, as amended at 49 FR 33247, Aug. 22, 1984; 49 FR 37587, Sept. 25, 1984; 50 FR 8610, Mar. 4 1985; 50 FR 23003, May 30, 1985]

**§ 917.12 State regulatory program and proposed program amendment provisions not approved.**

(a) The Director does not approve the following provisions of the proposed program amendment concerning permit renewals that Kentucky submitted on April 23, 1998:

(1) The phrase “\* \* \* if a permit has expired or \* \* \*” in KRS 350.060(16).

(2) The following sentence in KRS 350.060(16): “Upon the submittal of a permit renewal application, the operator or permittee shall be deemed to have timely filed the permit renewal application and shall be entitled to continue, under the terms of the expired permit, the surface coal mining operation, pending the issuance of the permit renewal.”

(b) Subsections (2) through (6) of the amendment submitted as House Bill 599 on May 9, 2000, are hereby not approved, effective June 20, 2001.

(c) The amendment submitted by letter dated April 12, 2002, proposing a new section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes at Chapter 350 and referenced as Kentucky House Bill 405, is hereby not approved, effective November 20, 2002.

(d) The phrase “\* \* \* coal mining activities and \* \* \*” in KRS 350.445(3)(g) is not approved.

(e) The exemption from the engineer inspection requirements of subsection 9 for an impoundment with no embankment structure, that is completely incised, or is created by a depression left by backfilling and grading, that is not