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§ 912.700 Idaho Federal program.

(a) This part contains all rules that are applicable to surface coal mining operations in Idaho which have been adopted under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

(b) The rules in this part cross-reference pertinent parts of the permanent program regulations in this chapter. The full text of a rule is in the permanent program rule cited under the relevant section of the Idaho Federal program.

(c) The rules in this part apply to all surface coal mining operations in Idaho conducted on non-Federal and non-Indian lands. The rules in Subchapter D of this chapter apply to operations on Federal lands in Idaho.

(d) The recordkeeping and reporting requirements of this part are the same as those of the permanent program regulations which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507.

(e) The following provisions of Idaho laws provide, where applicable, for more stringent environmental control and regulation of surface coal mining operations than do the provisions of the Act and the regulations in this chapter. Therefore, pursuant to Section 505(b) of the Act, they shall not be construed to be inconsistent with the Act.

(1) Idaho Code Section 47-1503(20) pertaining to the definition of "operator."

(2) Idaho Code Section 47-1509(c) regarding reclamation of disturbed land of less than 2 acres.

(3) Idaho Code Section 47-1513(c) providing for assessment of anticipated costs of reclamation against an operator.

(4) Idaho Code Sections 47-1513 (f) and (g) providing for assessment of civil penalties in addition to bond forfeiture.

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(5) Idaho Code Sections 47-1301 *et seq.* and Rules 1 through 20 promulgated thereunder pertaining to regulation of dredge mining.

(6) Idaho Code Sections 18-4301 and 18-7019 providing for punishment for interference with water sources used in mining operations.

(7) Idaho Code Section 42-1713 requiring a fee to be paid by each owner of a dam, reservoir or mine tailing impoundment structure.

(8) Idaho Code Section 42-1718 (Supp.) providing for assessment against an operator for costs incurred in correction deficiencies in dams and impoundment structures.

(f) The following Idaho statute and regulations interfere with the achievement of the purposes and goals of the Act. Therefore, in accordance with section 504(g) of the Act, they are preempted and superseded with respect to surface coal mining and reclamation, except as they apply to surface coal mining operations affecting two acres or less, or which otherwise are not regulated by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act:

The Idaho Surface Mining Act, Idaho Code Sections 47-1501—47-1524, as amended, and all regulations issued thereunder (with the exception of Sections 47-1503(20), 47-1509(c), 47-1513(c), and 47-1513 (f) and (g), and all regulations issued thereunder).

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§912.701 General.

Sections 700.5, 700.11, 700.12, 700.13, 700.14, 700.15 and part 701 of this chapter shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Idaho.

§912.702 Exemption for coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals.

Part 702 of this chapter, *Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals*, shall apply to any person who conducts coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals for purposes of commercial use or sale.

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§912.707 Exemption for coal extraction incidental to Government-financed highway or other construction.

Part 707 of this chapter, *Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to Government-Financed Highway or Other Construction*, shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§912.761 Areas designated unsuitable for surface coal mining by act of Congress.

Part 761 of this chapter, *Areas Designated by Act of Congress*, shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§912.762 Criteria for designating areas as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations.

Part 762 of this chapter, *Criteria for Designating Areas Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operations*, shall apply to surface mining and reclamation operations.

§912.764 Process for designating areas unsuitable for surface coal mining operations.

Part 764 of this chapter, *State Processes for Designating Areas Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operations*, pertaining to petitioning, initial processing, hearing requirements, decisions, data base and inventory systems, public information, and regulatory responsibilities shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§912.772 Requirements for coal exploration.

(a) Part 772 of this chapter, *Requirements for Coal Exploration*, shall apply to any person who conducts or seeks to conduct coal exploration operations.

(b) The Office shall make every effort to act on an exploration application within 60 days of receipt or such longer time as may be reasonable under the circumstances. If additional time is needed, OSMRE shall notify the applicant that the application is being reviewed, but more time is necessary to complete such review, setting forth the reasons and the additional time that is needed.

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