

section indicates, for the general guidance of the Commonwealth, the component of the program to which the Secretary recommends the change be made.

(a)–(i) [Reserved]

[47 FR 33079, July 30, 1982, as amended at 48 FR 13417, Mar. 31, 1983; 48 FR 45391, Oct. 5, 1983; 49 FR 20492, May 15, 1984; 49 FR 27319, July 3, 1984; 51 FR 18321, May 19, 1986; 66 FR 57665, Nov. 16, 2001]

§ 938.12 State statutory, regulatory, and proposed program amendment provisions not approved.

(a) We are not approving the following provisions or portions of provisions of the proposed program amendment that Pennsylvania submitted on July 29, 1998:

(1) Section 5.1(b) (52 P.S. 1406.5a(b)) of BMSLCA is not approved to the extent noted in 30 CFR 938.13(a)(1).

(2)–(4) [Reserved]

(5) Section 5.2(g) (52 P.S. 1406.5b(g)) of BMSLCA is not approved to the extent noted in 30 CFR 938.13(a)(2).

(6) Section 5.2(h) (52 P.S. 1406.5b(h)) of BMSLCA is not approved to the extent noted in 30 CFR 938.13(a)(3).

(7)–(10) [Reserved]

(11) Section 5.4(a)(3) (52 P.S. 1406.5d(a)(3)) of BMSLCA is not approved to the extent noted in 30 CFR 938.13(a)(4).

(12) Section 5.4(c) (52 P.S. 1406.5d(c)) of BMSLCA is not approved to the extent noted in 30 CFR 938.13(a)(5).

(13) Section 5.5(b) (52 P.S. 1406.5e(b)) of BMSLCA is not approved to the extent noted in 30 CFR 938.13(a)(6).

(b) We are not approving the following portions of provisions of the proposed program amendment that Pennsylvania submitted on November 22, 1999:

(1) Sections 25 Pa. Code 86.124(f) and 25 Pa. Code 86.125(j) are not approved to the extent that these sections would allow Pennsylvania more time to complete a final written decision on a lands unsuitable for surface mining activities petition than is allowed by the provisions of the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 764.19(b).

(c) We are not approving the following portions of provisions of the proposed program amendment that

Pennsylvania submitted on December 18, 1998:

(1) 4.2(f)(4) of PASMCRRA. We are not approving Subsection (4) to the extent that it would allow Phase 3 bond release.

(2) 4.12(b) of PASMCRRA. We are not approving Subsection (b) to the extent that it creates an alternative bonding system.

(3) 25 Pa. Code 86.281(e). The last sentence which states, “If the actual cost of reclamation by the Department exceeds the amount reserved, additional funds from the Remining Financial Assurance Fund will be used to complete reclamation” is not approved.

(4) 25 Pa. Code 87.1 and 88.1, Definition of “de minimis cost increase.” The definition is not approved as it applies to coal mining activities.

(5) 25 Pa. Code 87.119 and 88.107. With regard to coal mining activities, we are not approving Subsection (a) to the extent that it would allow the replaced water supply to be of a lesser quantity and quality than the premining water supply or does not provide for temporary replacement of water supplies. We are not approving Subsection (a)(1)(v) to the extent it would pass on operating and maintenance costs of a replacement water supply in excess of the operating and maintenance costs of the premining water supply to the landowner or water supply user. We are not approving Section (a)(2) to the extent that an operator is not required to provide for all increased operating and maintenance costs of a restored or replaced water supply. Finally, we are not approving Subsection (a)(3) to the extent it would allow a waiver from the requirements for replacing a water supply outside the requirements of 30 CFR 701.5 regarding the definition of the term, “replacement of water supply.”

(6) 25 Pa. Code 87.119(g) and 88.107(g). These sections are not approved.

(7) 25 Pa. Code 87.119(i) and 88.107(i). We are not approving Subsection (i) to the extent that it would allow Phase 3 bond release.

(d) We are not approving the word “augmented” in the last sentence of subsection 86.151(d) that we found to be less effective on April 8, 1993 (58 FR 18154).

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(e) We are not approving the following amendments that Pennsylvania submitted on May 23, 2006:

(1) At 25 Pa. Code 86.17(e), the sentence “This fee shall not be required after (effective date of this rule-making).”

(2) At 25 Pa. Code 86.283(c), the proposed deletion of the entire subsection.

[66 FR 67063, Dec. 27, 2001, as amended at 68 FR 40154, July 7, 2003; 69 FR 71551, 71559, Dec. 9, 2004; 70 FR 25491, May 13, 2005; 71 FR 54595, Sept. 18, 2006; 73 FR 38920, July 8, 2008]

§ 938.13 State statutory and regulatory provisions set aside.

(a) The following provisions of Pennsylvania’s Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act (BMSLCA) are inconsistent with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) and are superseded to the extent noted effective December 9, 2004.

(1) Section 5.1(b) (52 P.S. 1406.5a(b)) of BMSLCA is superseded to the extent that it would limit an operator’s liability to restore or replace a water supply covered under section 720 of SMCRA.

(2) Section 5.2(g) (52 P.S. 1406.5b(g)) of BMSLCA is superseded to the extent that it would limit an operator’s liability to restore or replace a water supply covered under section 720 of SMCRA.

(3) Section 5.2(h) (52 P.S. 1406.5b(h)) of BMSLCA is superseded to the extent it would preclude Pennsylvania from requiring the restoration or replacement of a water supply covered under section 720 of SMCRA.

(4) The portion of section 5.4(a)(3) (52 P.S. 1406.5d(a)(3)) of BMSLCA that states, “in place on the effective date of this section or on the date of first

publication of the application for a Mine Activity Permit or a five-year renewal thereof for the operations in question and within the boundary of the entire mine as depicted in said application,” is superseded to the extent it would limit an operator’s liability for restoration of, or compensation for, subsidence damages to structures protected under section 720 of SMCRA that were in existence at the time of mining.

(5) Section 5.4(c) (52 P.S. 1406.5d(c)) of BMSLCA is superseded to the extent it limits an operator’s liability for repair of, or compensation for, subsidence damage to a structure covered under section 720 of SMCRA.

(6) The portion of Section 5.5(b) (52 P.S. 1406.5e(b)) of BMSLCA that states, “All claims under this subsection shall be filed within two years of the date damage to the building occurred” is superseded to the extent that it would limit an operator’s liability for restoration of, or compensation for, subsidence damages to a structure covered under section 720 of SMCRA.

(b) [Reserved]

[69 FR 71559, Dec. 9, 2004]

§ 938.15 Approval of Pennsylvania regulatory program amendments.

The following is a list of the dates amendments were submitted to OSM, the dates when the Director’s decision approving all, or portions of these amendments, were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the State citations or a brief description of each amendment. The amendments in this table are listed in order of the date of final publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
April 26, 1983, May 12, 1983.	October 5, 1983	Bureau of Water Quality Management Underground Mine/Coal preparation Plant Permit Application Instructions; Bituminous Underground Mining Operation Permit/Manual; Coal Refuse Disposal Permit Application; Anthracite Coal Refuse Disposal Permit Application; Anthracite Bank Removal and Reclamation Permit Application; Anthracite Surface Mine Permit Application; Anthracite Underground Mining Operation Permit Application/Manual; Memorandum of Understanding between the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources and the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission.
August 1, 1983	January 4, 1984	25 PA Code 89.143(2)(iii)(A) through (D), (4), .144(b)(3), .145(a)(4), (b), (d), .146(e), .147(a).
January 17, 1984	March 20, 1984	Pennsylvania policy statement: Citizen Complaint Procedures, Department of Environmental Resources Inspection and Enforcement Policy for Mining Operations, Civil Penalty Program.