

SUBCHAPTER D—FEDERAL LANDS PROGRAM

PART 740—GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS ON FEDERAL LANDS

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§ 740.1 Scope and purpose.

This part provides for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands.

§ 740.4 Responsibilities.

(a) The Secretary is responsible for:

(1) Approval, disapproval or conditional approval of mining plans with respect to lands containing leased Federal coal and of modifications thereto, in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*;

(2) Execution, modification or termination of State-Federal cooperative agreements in accordance with part 745 of this chapter;

(3) Designation of areas of Federal lands as unsuitable for all or certain types of surface coal mining and reclamation operations, or termination of such designations, in accordance with part 769 of this chapter;

(4) Decisions on requests to determine whether a person possesses valid existing rights to conduct surface coal mining operations on Federal lands within the areas specified in § 761.11(a) and (b) of this chapter; and

(5) Issuance of findings concerning whether there are significant recreational, timber, economic, or other values that may be incompatible with surface coal mining operations on Fed-

eral lands within a national forest, as specified in § 761.11(b) of this chapter.

(b) OSM is responsible for:

(1) Providing a decision document recommending to the Secretary approval, disapproval or conditional approval of mining plans and of modifications thereto;

(2) Approval of experimental practices on Federal lands;

(3) Inspection, enforcement and civil penalties with respect to surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands except as provided in paragraph (c)(5) of this section;

(4) Processing citizen requests for Federal inspections on Federal lands in accordance with parts 842, 843 and 845 of this chapter; and

(5) Overseeing the State regulatory authority's administration and enforcement of the State program on Federal lands pursuant to the terms of any cooperative agreement.

(c) The following responsibilities of OSM may be delegated to a State regulatory authority under a cooperative agreement:

(1) Review and approval, conditional approval of disapproval or permit applications for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands, revisions or renewals thereof, and applications for the transfer, sale or assignment of such permits;

(2) Consultation with and obtaining the consent, as necessary, of the Federal land management agency with respect to post-mining land use and to any special requirements necessary to protect non-coal resources of the areas affected by surface coal mining and reclamation operations;

(3) Consultation with and obtaining the consent, as necessary, of the Bureau of Land Management with respect to requirements relating to the development, production and recovery of mineral resources on lands affected by surface coal mining and reclamation operations involving leased Federal coal pursuant to 43 CFR Group 3400;

(4) Approval and release of performance bonds, liability insurance and, as applicable, Federal lessee protection bonds required for surface coal mining