2, Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

§ 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]

§ 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 a sedimentation pond or coal mine waste impoundment and is not otherwise intended to facilitate active mining at section 1(9)(c) at 405 KAR 16/18:100 is not approved. The exemption from examination for an impoundment with no embankment structure, that is completely incised or created by a depression left by backfilling and grading but not meeting MSHA requirements at 30 CFR 77.216 or not meeting the Class B and C classifications at section 1(10)(b) is not approved to the extent that it is not implemented and managed in accordance with the provisions of OSM Directive TSR–2.

(f) The changes to Kentucky's Notice of Assessment of Civil Penalties and Penalty Assessment Conference Officer's Report that specify that prepayment of a proposed assessment or penalty is no longer required are not approved.

§ 917.13 State statutory and regulatory provisions set aside.

(a) The following provision of Kentucky Revised Statute at KRS 350.060(22) is inconsistent with section 701(28) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and is hereby set aside effective December 1, 1985:

"(22) All operations involving the crushing, screening, or loading of coal which do not separate the coal from its impurities, and which are not located at or near the mine site, shall be exempt from the requirements of this chapter.''

(b) Reserved]

(c) The following portions of the Kentucky Revised Statute at KRS 350.060(16) are inconsistent with section 506 of SMCRA and less effective than 30 CFR 843.11 and are set aside effective September 6, 2000:

The specific wording is the phrase "if a permit has expired or . . .'' and the following sentence: