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Subject: Procedures for Emergency and Federal High Priority Reclamation Program Projects

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OSM Directive AML-4, dated July 30, 1992, is changed to provide a revised guideline in making the determination of whether it is cost effective to split a reclamation project into emergency and non-emergency projects. Normally, the objective of emergency reclamation is not to fully reclaim an area, but rather to stabilize the problem and eliminate the danger to public health, safety, and welfare. Additional reclamation may be carried out under regular reclamation programs at a later date. The only exception to this concept is when it is clearly not cost effective to split a reclamation project into emergency and non-emergency projects.

Change

Appendix I, paragraph 3. Proper response to declared emergencies, 6th sentence, is revised to increase the estimated total cost of complete reclamation from $10,000 to $50,000 to read as follows:

> "Usually it is not cost effective to split a problem with an estimated total cost of complete reclamation of less than $50,000."

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