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Subject: Federal Assistance Manual

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1. Purpose. This directive establishes the Federal Assistance Manual (FAM) as the official repository of policies and procedures for the management and administration of OSMRE's financial assistance programs and sets forth procedures for revising the FAM. The FAM is incorporated into this directive by reference.

2. Definitions.

   a. Financial assistance programs. The programs within OSMRE that provide monetary assistance in the form of grants to or cooperative agreements with States and Indian tribes to accomplish specific goals of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, and includes the Regulatory Program, Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program, Small Operator Assistance Program, and Federal Reclamation Projects.

   b. Other definitions are provided in the "Definitions" section of the FAM.

3. Policy/Procedure.

   a. Responsibilities.

      (1) The Division of State Program Assistance is responsible for developing and maintaining the FAM.

      (2) Responsibilities for management and administration of OSMRE's financial assistance programs are outlined in Chapter 1-02 of the FAM.

   b. Procedures.

      (1) A temporary directive will be issued as changes and clarifications in policies or procedures are effected. The FAM will be updated on an as-needed basis to incorporate all the temporary directives issued to that point.

      (2) Procedures for the management and administration of OSMRE's financial assistance programs are outlined throughout the FAM.

4. Reporting Requirements. There are no reporting requirements imposed by the FAM itself. However, the reporting requirements of the various financial assistance programs are outlined in the FAM.

5. References. The major references used to develop OSMRE's financial assistance policies and procedures are: OMB Circulars A-102 and A-87. These and other references are listed in each applicable FAM chapter.

6. Effect on Other Documents. None.

7. Effective Date. Upon Issuance.

8. Contact. Chief, Division of State Program Assistance, (202) 343-5351.