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<b>CHANGE NOTICE</b>		

1. **Purpose.** This directive transmits temporary changes to the Federal Assistance Manual (FAM). The applicability provisions in six chapters of the FAM have changed because of the 2006 amendments to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) and new FAM Chapter 5-05, Grant Procedures for Certified States and Tribes. The changed chapters will be permanently revised in a future revision of FAM.

2. **Summary of Changes.** Six FAM chapters are temporarily changed.

a. The sentence “This chapter does not apply to Title IV grants to certified States and Tribes.” is added to the “Purpose and Applicability of this Chapter” section at the beginning of each of the following chapters:

- (1) 5-10A, AML Program – The Application Process
- (2) 5-20A, AML Program – Application Review and Processing
- (3) 5-30A, AML Program – Amendments and Post-Award Changes
- (4) 5-60A, AML Program – Performance and Financial Reporting
- (5) 5-70A, AML Program - Closeout

b. In Chapter 5-11, Environmental Compliance, the following sentence is added to the “Purpose and Applicability of this Chapter” section. “For Title IV grants to certified States and Tribes, this chapter applies only to coal reclamation projects under 30 CFR Part 874.”

3. **Definitions.** See the Definitions and Acronyms sections of FAM.

4. **Policy.** OSM offices will use FAM to award and manage all grants and cooperative agreements.

5. **Responsibilities.** See FAM Chapter 1-02, Responsibilities for the Administration of Assistance Agreements.

6. **Procedures.** These FAM chapters provide specific procedures for application, award,

environmental compliance, amendments, reporting, and closeout of OSM Abandoned Mine Land program grants to uncertified States and Tribes, and also Title IV grants to certified States and Tribes.

7. **Reporting Requirements.** FAM establishes reporting requirements for OSM financial assistance programs in two of the chapters being revised: Chapters 5-60A, AML Program – Performance and Financial Reporting, and 5-05, Grant Procedures for Certified States and Tribes.

8. **Effect on Other Documents.** None.

9. **References.** See FAM chapters for references.

10. **Effective Date.** Effective when signed by the Director. This notice expires one year after the signature date, or on approval of the next revision to these chapters of FAM, whichever comes first.

11. **Distribution.** FAM is distributed on the OSM website and in electronic format.

12. **Appendices.** None.

13. **Contact.** Program Support Directorate, Division of Reclamation Support, Grants Policy Team.