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Subject: Eligibility of Operators and Authorized Services in the SOAP

Approval:

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To reflect organizational title changes within OSM and statutory and regulatory changes in eligibility and program services, the following additions and changes are made to GMT-6.

Paragraph

Change or addition

2.

Change "OSMRE" to "OSM".

3.d.

Insert "authorized at 30 CFR 795.9(b) and" between "analyses" and "as" in the first sentence.

Revise the second through the fourth sentence to read: "Costs for drilling needed to collect overburden samples and costs for drilling observation wells for the collection of ground water information are authorized under the program. However, costs for overburden drilling to define the extent, thickness or properties of coal, as related to exploration activities of any nature, are the responsibility of the applicant and are not authorized under the program. In addition, engineering analyses or designs and the collection of data from local or regional sites in expectation of receiving applications are not authorized under the program."

Add a new paragraph to incorporate the new provisions of the Energy Policy Act (P.L.102-486). "The following services are authorized by P.L. 102-486: the development of cross-section maps and plans required by 779.25 and 783.25; the collection of archaeological and historic information and related plans

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required by 779.12(b) and 783.12(b) and 780.31 and 784.17 and any other archaeological and historic information required by the regulatory authority; pre-blast surveys required by 780.13; and the collection of site-specific resources information, the production of protection and enhancement for fish and wildlife habitats required by 780.16 and 784.21, and information and plans for any other environmental values required by the regulatory authority under the Act; and the engineering analyses and designs necessary for the determination of the probable hydrologic consequences".

- 3.f. Add "as amended by Public Laws 101-508 (November 5, 1990) and 102-486 (October 24, 1992)." after "SMCRA".
- 3.g. Change "100,000" to "300,000".
- 4.b.(1) Change "Assistant Director, Program Policy" to "Assistant Director, Reclamation and Regulatory Policy".
- 4.b.(3) Change "Assistant Director, Eastern or Western Operations" to "Assistant Director, Eastern or Western Support Center".
- 4.b.(4) Change "Manager, AML Fee Compliance System" to "Chief, Branch of AML Fee Collection".
- 4.b.(5) Delete.
- 4.c.(2)(d)1aii Change "5" to "10" in both places it appears.
- 4.c.(2)(d)2 Change "100,000" to "300,000" in both places it appears.
- 4.c.(2)(d)3a Change "Manager, AML Fee Compliance System" to "Chief, Branch of AML Fee Collection".
- 4.c.(2)(d)3b Delete "which will be ... Management."
- 4.c.(2)(d)5 Delete "which will be ... Management." at end of second sentence.

following the date on which the operator is issued the permit;"

Appendix F.4.b. At the beginning, add "Fails to comply with paragraph (3) above or".

Appendix F.4.e. Change "100,000" to "300,000".

Delete everything in first sentence after "during" and replace with "the 12 months immediately following the date on which the permit was originally issued."

Appendix G. Change the word "applicant" in the third line to "application".

- 4.c.(3) Change "100,000" to "300,000". Add at end of paragraph "operators who were approved at the 100,000 ton level would be eligible at the 300,000 ton level for coal produced after October 1, 1991."
- 4.c.(6) Change "Field Operations" to "Support Centers".
- Change "Technical Project Officer (TPO)" to "Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR)".
- Insert "technical requirements in the" between "to monitor the" and "contract".
- 4.c.(7) Change "OSMRE" to "OSM".
5. Change "Manager, AML Fee Compliance System" to "Chief, Branch of AML Fee Collection" in the two places it appears.
- Delete the paragraph that begins "The Chief, Division of Debt Management... ."
7. Add "as amended by Public Laws 101-508 (November 5, 1990) and 102-486 (October 24, 1992)" after "Act" and add "as revised by 59 FR 28168 (May 31, 1994)" after "Part 795."
- Appendix A.5. Change "OSMRE" to "OSM" in both places it appears.
- Appendix E.1.c. and E.1.d. Change "five" and "5" to "ten" and "10" in both places they appear.
- Appendix F.2. Delete everything after "of the end of the first twelve (12) months" and replace it with "following the anniversary date of the permit approval."
- Appendix F.3. After "ownership" add "with copies of all appropriate documents."
- Appendix F.4. Change "laboratory services" to "small operator assistance".
- Appendix F.4.a. Change "100,000" to "300,000".
- Delete everything in sentence after "during" and replace with "the 12 months immediately