APPENDIX 4.2-2
Federal Lands Program – Review and Approval of Mining Plan Decision
(Federal-State Cooperative Agreements)

1. State RA regulates Coal Mining on Federal Lands Pursuant to the State Program (State Federal Cooperative Agreement)
2. State RA receives Permit Application from operator with approved lease and BLM Cost Recovery Plan
3. State RA consults with BLM and Land Management Agency
4. State RA approves PAP as technically complete
5. State RA submits PAP to OSMRE for review

1a. State RA request funding through the regulatory grant for Federal Lands
1b. Field and Regional Office Reviews and Approves Regulatory Grant
3a. State RA determines PAP as Administratively Complete and notifies OSMRE
3b. State RA reviews Permit Application Package (PAP) operator including approved lease and BLM Cost Recovery Plan

1. OSMRE assesses PAP based on SMCRA and MLA requirements
2. OSMRE coordinates with BLM and Land Management Agency to review proposed mining operation and reclamation plan
3. OSMRE prepares Mining Plan Decisions Document
4. OSMRE prepares recommendation for Mining Plan Decision Document
5. Mining Plan Decision Document Provided to ASLM
6. Secretary approved Mining Plan decision document
7. ASLM Approves the Mining Plan

Note: This flowchart only illustrates an approval process. An applicant can withdraw the proposal, and/or OSMRE can request additional information, and/or not approve the proposal at anytime throughout the review process.