APPENDIX 4.2-3
Federal Lands-Mining Plan Modification Process

Previous Mining Plan Approval from ASLM

1. State/Regulatory Authority submits revised Permit Application Package (PAP) to OSMRE for review

2. Permit application reviewed by OSMRE with consultation with BLM and FSMA

3. OSMRE evaluates if federal land and/or federal coal under mineral Leasing Act are affected

   NO
   
   No-federal action is required. OSMRE returns permit to State/RA

   YES
   
4A. OSMRE determines that a mining plan modification is required

4B. OSMRE determines no mining plan modification is required for the permit revision to mine federal coal.

   Step 1: Permit changes addressed with NEPA Adequacy Review Form (NARF) (See Chapter 5)

   Step 2: RA continues with permit approval and issues the Revised Permit

5. OSMRE assesses PAP based on SMCRA and MLA requirements

6. OSMRE prepares Mining Plan Modification Document

7. Mining Plan Decision Document with OSMRE recommendation for Provided to ASLM

8. Secretary approved Mining plan decision document

9. State/Regulatory Authority Issues Permit to Mine

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.