APPENDIX 4.2-9
AML Reclamation Economic Development Pilot Process

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.

1. Congress announces annual AML Pilot funding as part of annual Appropriations Law

2. OSMRE informs eligible states/tribes that they will receive AML Pilot funds

3. States/Tribes compile and vet potential projects to submit to OSMRE to receive AML Pilot Funds

4. OSMRE issues preliminary approval of projects based on funding eligibility criteria in Eligibility Guidance Document

5. State/Tribe gather additional information for submittal of a Authorization to Proceed (ATP) Request

6. Application Review for Administratively and Technically Completeness

7. State/Tribe submit a Complete Request for Authorization to Proceed

8. OSMRE completes review of all Funding Requirements for Proposed Pilot Project

9. All federal requirements are met OSMRE issues ATP

10. State/Tribe spends AML Pilot funds on approved project to reclaim and/or develop site for economic use

1. Identify the Proposal and Need

2. Identify Federal Action(s)

3. CE, EA, or EIS Determination (See Chapter 2)

4. Identify Alternatives (if any) and Study Methodologies

5. Complete Studies/Technical Reports EIS or EA

6. NEPA Document and Preferred Alternative

7. Alternative Selection and Decision Document

Data Collection Timeline Guide

Start NEPA Review (Data Collection Complete)

NEPA Review and Evaluation Timeline Guide

NEPA Compliance Complete

OSMRE makes a finding and prepares appropriate NEPA documentation (FEIS)

OSMRE evaluates significance of impacts and prepares appropriate NEPA documentation (FONSI, Significance Determination, or ROD)

OSMRE assesses the environmental review in the ATP request (EA or DEIS)

OSMRE completes review of all Funding Requirements for Proposed Pilot Project

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OSMRE NEPA Review Tasks

OSMRE Program Responsibility

State or Tribal Program Responsibility

Legend

Task Direction Arrows

Iterative Task Direction Arrows

Milestone and Decisions Points

NEPA Schedule Guide

Guidelines for Milestones and Decisions Point Timing (Note: Approximately located as a sliding scale based on specific project circumstances)

Timing Guide in relation to Tasks

Required Project Tasks

Beginning or End Point

Timeline Guide in relation to Tasks