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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)

[30 CFR Part 795]

List of Laboratories Qualified To Perform Work under Small Operator Assistance Program

ACTION: Notice of laboratories qualified by OSM to perform work under the Small Operator Assistant Program.

**SUMMARY:** OSM is informing the public and State regulatory authorities of laboratories that have been qualified as of December 1979 for work under the Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP). During the interim and under permanent regulatory programs, qualified laboratories will provide the *determination* of probable hydrologic consequences and *statement* of the results of test borings for eligible small operators.

The *determination* and *statement* are two important permit application requirements.

This notice is required by 30 CFR 795.17(a) (2).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information can be obtained by contacting the following people:

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Region II, Charles Ferst, Office of Surface Mining, Farragut Building, 530 Gay Street SW, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (615) 637-8060.

Region III, Leroy Davis, Office of Surface Mining, Federal Building & Court House, 46 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, (317) 269-2630.

Region IV, Ronald Schwartz, Office of Surface Mining, Scarritt Building, 818 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, (816) 374-3920.

Region V, John Higgins, Office of Surface Mining, Brooks Towers, 1020 15th Street, Denver, CO 80202.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The laboratories listed below were qualified by OSM as of December 1979, for work under the Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP). The *determination* of probably hydrologic consequences of proposed mining and reclamation operations and *statement* of the results of test borings or core samplings are provided to eligible small operators under the SOAP. As defined in 30 CFR 795.17(a) (1), qualified laboratory is "a designated public agency, private consulting firm, institution, or analytical laboratory which can provide the *determination* or *statement* under this Program."

To qualify for work under the SOAP, laboratories have to satisfy conditions of personnel, experience, organization and facilities, and other criteria as set forth in 30 CFR 795.17(b). The laboratory qualification process consists of two phases: 1. completion of an application form provided by the Office, and 2. an on-site inspection by the Office of laboratory personnel and facilities.

Two basic qualification categories are: 1. prime contractors (for *determination* and/or *statement*) and; 2. subcontractors (for water quality and/or overburden analysis). The prime contractors are qualified to provide hydrologic and geologic data collection and interpretative reports, and must be able to provide most of the services in-house. The subcontractors are qualified to provide analytical services to the prime contractors. In-house services must be provided by personnel employed full-time by the specific office of the laboratory requesting qualification. However, some services may be provided to the prime contractor by individual consultants (specialists) if their use has been approved by OSM during the qualification process. Lists of consultants will not be published in the Federal Register. Woman-owned, minority, and certified 8(a) laboratories are indicated in the list.

The list of qualified laboratories will be published periodically in the Federal Register. Becoming qualified or being listed in the Federal Register does not guarantee contracts for work in the SOAP. Under procedures for Federal

administration of the SOAP, contracts will be awarded to successful proposers to Request for Proposal (REP) solicitations. RFPs will be issued periodically as the need arises. States that administer the SOAP under interim or permanent regulatory programs may use this list of qualified labs, may use similar procurement procedures and also may qualify laboratories.

Laboratories may be disqualified and dropped from the list of qualified laboratories for inadequate performance in contracts, organizational conflicts of interest, or for changes in personnel, facilities or organization that causes the laboratory to no longer meet the requirements set forth in 30 CFR 795.17(b). All laboratories will be requalified periodically.

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## **LIST OF QUALIFIED LABORATORIES**

### *Type of Contractor*

P = prime contractor

S = subcontractor

### *Qualification Category*

D = determination of probable hydrologic consequences of mining and reclamation operations; superscript indicates analytical work will be subcontracted

S = statement of results of test borings or core samplings; superscript indicates analytical work will be subcontracted

W = water quality analyses

O = overburden analyses

### *Woman-owned, Minority, and Certified B(a) Laboratories*

These classes of business are identified by a number in front of the laboratory name.

1 = woman-owned business

2 = minority owned as defined in Public Law 95-507

3 = certified 8(a) by the Small Business Administration

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