

# **NOTICE OF REAUTHORIZATION OF FEE COLLECTION AUTHORITY November 15, 2021**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Pub. L. No. 117-58, extended OSMRE's Title IV AML reclamation fee collection authority through September 30, 2034. The new law also reduced the coal reclamation fee rates by 20 percent beginning October 1, 2021.

- Fee rates for all coal sold, transferred, or used between October 1, 2012, and September 30, 2021, were:
  - Surface-mined coal (except lignite) – 28 cents per ton;
  - Underground-mined coal (except lignite) – 12 cents per ton; and
  - Lignite – 8 cents per ton.
  - The alternative Ad-Valorem rate of 10 percent of the value for surface or underground and 2 percent of the value for lignite.
  
- Fee rates for all coal sold, transferred, or used on or after October 1, 2021, are:
  - Surface-mined coal (except lignite) – 22.4 cents per ton;
  - Underground-mined coal (except lignite) – 9.6 cents per ton; and
  - Lignite – 6.4 cents per ton.
  - The alternative Ad-Valorem rate of 10 percent of the value for surface or underground and 2 percent of the value for lignite, continues to be in effect.

For the fourth quarter filing due on January 30, 2022, the E-Filing website will be reset to calculate the fees using the new rates. The new rates will appear on the Coal Reclamation Fee Report (OSM-1 Form). Please note that companies are required to report tonnage and pay fees for all coal sold, transferred, or used for the entire quarter (October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021) at the new rates listed above.

The Payer Handbook will be revised with updated reporting and payment information. In the meantime, we are available to answer questions by phone at 1-800-799-4265.

Sincerely,

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