§ 736.12 Notice, comment and hearing procedures.

Prior to the promulgation or revision of a Federal program for a State, OSMRE shall:

(a) Federal Register notice. Publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice which:
   (1) Includes the basis, purpose and substance of the proposed Federal program or revision;
   (2) Offers any person an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed Federal program or revision for a period to end no less than 30 days after the date of the notice;
   (3) Offers to hold a public hearing on the proposed Federal program or revision in the affected State during the comment period if requested by any person;
   (4) Gives the address of an appropriate place where any person, during normal business hours, may inspect and copy a copy of the administrative record for the proposed Federal program or revision;
   (5) For an indirect revision of a Federal program, states that the affected provision of the permanent program is cross-referenced by the Federal program, and thus that the proposed permanent program revision also would revise the Federal program;

(b) Newspaper notice. For the initial promulgation of a Federal program for a State, publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the coal mining area of the affected State a notice concerning the proposed rulemaking which includes the information required by paragraph (a) of this section, except that for the substance of the proposed Federal program or revision OSMRE may substitute a brief description; and

(c) Federal agency comment. As appropriate, solicit comments from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the heads of other Federal agencies concerned with or having special expertise relevant to the proposed Federal program or revision.

§ 736.13 [Reserved]

§ 736.14 Director’s decision.

(a) After considering all relevant information received under §736.12 of this part, the Director shall decide whether to promulgate or revise a Federal program for the State.

(b) The Director shall publish the decision in the FEDERAL REGISTER, including a statement of the basis and purpose for the decision, the regulations of the Federal program for the State or revision thereof, and the effective date of the program or revision.

§ 736.15 Implementation, enforcement, and maintenance of a Federal program.

(a) The Director shall implement, administer, enforce, and maintain a Federal program or any revision thereto not later than 30 days after a Federal program is promulgated or revised.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the Director shall implement the procedures and criteria of a Federal program for a State for designating lands unsuitable for all or certain types of surface coal mining one year after a Federal program is made effective for a State.

(2) When a complete or partial Federal program is promulgated because of a State’s failure to implement, maintain, or enforce adequately all or a part of its State program, all applicable portions of the Federal program for the State under this part shall be effective immediately upon implementation of the Federal program.

§ 736.16 Federal program termination procedures.

Termination of a Federal program shall be accomplished at the same time and through the procedures for approval of a State program under 30 CFR part 732. No Federal program shall be considered terminated until a State program has been approved by the Secretary in accordance with 30 CFR part 732.

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