

§ 903.795 Small operator assistance program.

Part 795 of this chapter, *Small Operator Assistance Program*, applies to any person who submits an application for assistance under the small operator assistance program.

§ 903.800 Bond and insurance requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations under regulatory programs.

(a) Part 800 of this chapter, *Bond and Insurance Requirements for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Under Regulatory Programs*, applies to all surface coal mining and reclamation operations, except for § 800.40(a)(1) of this chapter regarding the bond release application, for which paragraph (b) of this section substitutes.

(b) The permittee may file an application with the regulatory authority for the release of all or part of a performance bond. The application must be filed no later than 30 days before the end of the vegetation growing season in order to allow time for the regulatory authority to properly evaluate the completed reclamation operations. The appropriate times or seasons for the evaluation of certain types of reclamation shall be identified in the mining and reclamation plan required in subchapter G of this chapter and approved by the regulatory authority.

§ 903.815 Performance standards—Coal exploration.

Part 815 of this chapter, *Permanent Program Performance Standards—Coal Exploration*, applies to any person who conducts coal exploration.

§ 903.816 Performance standards—Surface mining activities.

(a) Part 816 of this chapter, *Permanent Program Performance Standards—Surface Mining Activities*, applies to any person who conducts surface mining activities, except § 816.116(a)(1) of this chapter regarding revegetation success standards, for which paragraph (b) of this section substitutes.

(b) Standards for success shall be those identified at § 816.116(a)(2) and (b) of this chapter. Statistically valid sampling techniques for measuring success shall be included in the mining

and reclamation plan and approved by the regulatory authority.

§ 903.817 Performance standards—Underground mining activities.

(a) Part 817 of this chapter, *Permanent Program Performance Standards—Underground Mining Activities*, applies to any person who conducts underground mining activities, except § 817.116(a)(1) of this chapter regarding revegetation success standards, for which paragraph (b) of this section substitutes.

(b) Standards for success shall be those identified at § 817.116(a)(2) and (b) of this chapter. Statistically valid sampling techniques for measuring success shall be included in the mining and reclamation plan and approved by the regulatory authority.

§ 903.819 Special performance standards—Auger mining.

Part 819 of this chapter, *Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Auger Mining*, applies to any person who conducts surface coal mining operations that include auger mining.

§ 903.822 Special performance standards—Operations in alluvial valley floors.

Part 822 of this chapter, *Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Operations in Alluvial Valley Floors*, applies to any person who conducts surface coal mining and reclamation operations on alluvial valley floors.

§ 903.823 Special performance standards—Operations on prime farmland.

Part 823 of this chapter, *Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Operations on Prime Farmland*, applies to any person who conducts surface coal mining and reclamation operations on prime farmland.

§ 903.824 Special performance standards—Mountaintop removal.

Part 824 of this chapter, *Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Mountaintop Removal*, applies to any person who conducts surface coal mining and reclamation operations