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Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources, shall apply to any person who makes application to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(b) In addition to the requirements of part 779, the permit application shall contain a map that delineates existing vegetative types and a description of the plant communities within the proposed permit area and within any proposed reference area.

§ 905.780 Surface mining permit applications—Minimum requirements for reclamation and operation plan.

Part 780 of this chapter, *Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan*, shall apply to any person who makes application to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§ 905.783 Underground mining permit applications—Minimum requirements for information on environmental resources.

(a) Part 783 of this chapter, *Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources*, shall apply to any person who makes application to conduct underground coal mining operations.

(b) In addition to the requirements of part 783, the permit application shall contain a map that delineates existing vegetative types and a description of the plant communities within the area affected by surface operations and facilities and within any proposed reference area.

§ 905.784 Underground mining permit applications—Minimum requirements for reclamation and operation plan.

Part 784 of this chapter, *Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan*, shall apply to any person who makes application for a permit to conduct underground coal mining operations.

§ 905.785 Requirements for permits for special categories of mining.

Part 785 of this chapter, *Requirements for Permits for Special Categories of Min-*

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ing, shall apply to any person who makes application for a permit to conduct certain categories of surface coal mining and reclamation operations as specified therein.

§ 905.795 Small operator assistance program.

Part 795 of this chapter, *Small Operator Assistance Program*, shall apply to any person making application for assistance under the small operator assistance program.

§ 905.800 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*, shall apply to all surface coal mining and reclamation operations, except for § 800.40(a)(1) regarding the bond release application, for which paragraph (b) of this section substitutes and except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section.

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

(c) The following bonds are acceptable for compliance with the California Federal Program.

- (1) A surety bond;
- (2) A collateral bond;
- (3) A self-bond; or
- (4) A combination of these bonding methods.

(d) A permittee may replace existing bonds with other bonds that provide equivalent coverage.

§ 905.815 Performance standards—Coal exploration.

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