§ 906.16 \nRequired program amendments.

Pursuant to 30 CFR 732.17(f)(1), Colorado is required to submit to OSM by the specified date the following written, proposed program amendment, or a description of an amendment to be proposed that meets the requirements of SMCRA and 30 CFR Chapter VII and a timetable for enactment that is consistent with Colorado’s established administrative or legislative procedures.

(a)–(e) [Reserved]

(f) By September 30, 1994, Colorado shall submit an amendment to revise Rules 4.03.1(1)(e) and 4.03.2(1)(e) to clearly indicate that the variance from compliance with design criteria for roads may not be applied to Colorado’s counterparts to the Federal regulations for all roads at 30 CFR 816.150 and 817.150, and primary roads at 30 CFR 816.151 (a), (c), (d), and (e), and 817.151 (a), (c), (d), and (e).

(g) [Reserved]

(h) By February 12, 1996, Colorado shall revise Rule 1.04(111), to delete the exemption for regulation of public roads under Colorado’s program, or otherwise modify its program to qualify the exemption for public roads to consider the degree of effect that mining use has on the road.


§ 906.20 Approval of Colorado abandoned mine land reclamation plan.

The Colorado Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan, as submitted on February 18, 1982, and as subsequently revised, is approved effective June 11, 1982. Copies of the approved plan are available at:

(a) Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mines and Geology, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203.

(b) Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Regional Coordinating Center, Technical Library, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, Colorado 80202–5733.

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§ 906.25 Approval of Colorado abandoned mine land reclamation plan amendments.

The following is a list of the dates amendments were submitted to OSM, the dates when the Director’s decision approving all, or portions of these amendments, were published in the
§ 906.30 State-Federal cooperative agreement.

The Governor of the State of Colorado, acting through the Mined Land Reclamation Division (MLRD), and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals, and the Office of Surface Mining (OSM), enter into a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) to read as follows.

ARTICLE I: INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE
1. This Agreement is authorized by section 523(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (Act), 30 U.S.C. 1273(c), which allows a State with a permanent regulatory program approved by the Secretary under 30 U.S.C. 1253, to elect to enter into an Agreement for the regulation and control of surface coal mining operations on Federal lands.

This Agreement provides for State regulation, consistent with the Act, the Federal lands program (30 CFR part 745) and the Colorado State Program (Program) for surface coal mining and reclamation operations, on Federal lands.

2. The purpose of this Agreement is to (a) foster Federal-State cooperation in the regulation of surface coal mining; (b) eliminate intergovernmental overlap and duplication; and (c) provide uniform and effective application of the Program on all non-Indian lands in Colorado, in accordance with the Act and the Program.

ARTICLE II: EFFECTIVE DATE
3. After being signed by the Secretary and the Governor, the Agreement shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register as a final rule.

This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated as provided in Article XI.

ARTICLE III: SCOPE
4. Under this Agreement, the laws, regulations, terms, and conditions of the Program conditionally approved effective December 15, 1980, 30 CFR part 906, or as hereinafter amended in accordance with 30 CFR 732.17, for the administration of the Act, are applicable to Federal lands within the State except as otherwise stated in this Agreement, the Act, 30 CFR 745.13, or other applicable laws.

Orders and decisions issued by MLRD in accordance with the State Program that are appealable, shall be appealed to the State reviewing authority. Orders and decisions issued by the Department that are appealable, shall be appealed to the Department of the Interior’s Office of Hearings and Appeals.

ARTICLE IV: REQUIREMENTS FOR AGREEMENT
5. The Governor and the Secretary affirm that they will comply with all of the provisions of this Agreement and will continue to meet all the conditions and requirements specified in this Article.

A. Responsible Administrative Agency: The MLRD shall be responsible for administering this Agreement on behalf of the Governor on Federal lands throughout the State. The Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals, or designee, shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the Secretary in accordance with the regulations in 30 CFR Chapter VII.

B. Authority of State Agency: The MLRD has and shall continue to have the authority under State law to carry out this Agreement.

C. Funds: Upon application by the MLRD and subject to appropriations, the Department shall provide the State with the funds to defray the costs associated with carrying out responsibilities under this Agreement as provided in section 705(c) of the Act and 30 CFR 735.16. If sufficient funds have not been appropriated to OSM, OSM and MLRD shall promptly meet to decide on appropriate measures that will insure that mining operations are regulated in accordance with the Program. If agreement cannot be reached, then either party may terminate the Agreement.

Funds provided to the State shall be adjusted in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102, Attachment E.

D. Reports and Records: The MLRD shall make annual reports to the Director of OSM...