

**Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior**

**§ 948.30**

**§ 948.16 Required regulatory program amendments.**

Pursuant to 30 CFR 732.17, West Virginia is required to submit the following proposed program amendments by the dates specified:

(a)-(rrrrr) [Reserved]

[50 FR 28324, July 11, 1985 and 50 FR 38652, Sept. 24, 1985]

EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting § 948.16, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and at [www.fdsys.gov](http://www.fdsys.gov).

**§ 948.20 Approval of State abandoned mine lands reclamation plan.**

The West Virginia Abandoned Mine Reclamation Plan as submitted on October 29, 1980, and as amended on December 12, 1980, is approved effective February 23, 1981. Copies of the approved plan are available at the following locations:

(a) Office of Surface Mining, Charleston Field Office, 1027 Virginia Street

East, Charleston, West Virginia 25301-2816. Telephone: (304) 347-7158.

(b) West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 601 57th Street SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25304-2345, Telephone (304) 926-0485.

[66 FR 67454, Dec. 28, 2001, as amended at 72 FR 1937, Jan. 17, 2007]

**§ 948.25 Approval of West Virginia abandoned mine lands 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 FEDERAL REGISTER and the State citations or a brief description of each amendment. The amendments in this table are listed in order of the date of final publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
May 20, 1985 .....	July 11, 1985 .....	Transfer of program authority to the Department of Energy (HB 1850).
December 30, 1987 ..	August 26, 1988 .....	Agency structure, public participation procedures, assumption of emergency reclamation program.
September 17, 1991, October 25, 1991.	March 26, 1993 .....	Amendments contained in House Bill 2492; Expanded eligibility criteria; Acid mine drainage treatment and abatement program.
June 27, 2006 .....	January 17, 2007 ...	Amendment includes AML enhancement requirements and other revisions to West Virginia's AMLR Plan dated June 16, 2006.

[62 FR 9958, Mar. 5, 1997, as amended at 72 FR 1937, Jan. 17, 2007]

**§ 948.26 Required abandoned mine land reclamation program/plan amendments. [Reserved]**

**§ 948.30 State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.**

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

This is a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) between the State of West Virginia (State) acting by and through the Governor, and the United States Department of the Interior (Department), acting by and through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary).

ARTICLE I: INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY

A. *Authority:* This Agreement is authorized by section 523(c) of the Surface Mining Con-

trol and Reclamation Act (the Federal Act), 30 U.S.C. 1273(c), which allows a State with a permanent regulatory program approved under 30 U.S.C. 1253 to elect to enter into an Agreement for the regulation and control of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands within that State. This Agreement provides for such regulation within West Virginia except on lands containing leased Federal coal consistent with the State and Federal Acts, the West Virginia State Program (State program), and the Federal Lands Program (section 523(a) of the Federal Act and 30 CFR parts 740-745).

B. *Purpose:* The purpose of the Agreement is to: (1) Foster State-Federal cooperation in the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands; (2) eliminate unnecessary intergovernmental overlap and duplication; and (3) provide uniform and effective application of the State