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(f) The following are Michigan laws that interfere with the achievement of the purposes and requirements of the Act and are, in accordance with section 504(g) of the Act, preempted and superseded:

The Michigan Reclamation of Mining Lands Act, MCL section 425.181 et seq. as amended, but not to the extent that it regulates surface coal mining operations which affect two acres or less; or where less than 250 tons of coal are removed or intended to be removed for commercial use in one location; or where the extraction of coal is incidental to the extraction of other minerals and where coal does not exceed 16% per centum of the tonnage of minerals removed for purposes of commercial use or sale; or coal explorations subject to section 512 of the Act (30 U.S.C. 1262); or where the extraction of coal is an incidental part of Federal, State, or local government-financed highway or other construction.


§ 922.702 Exemption for coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals.

Part 702 of this chapter, Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals, shall apply to any person who conducts coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals for purposes of commercial use or sale.

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§ 922.707 Exemption for coal extraction incidental to government-financed highway or other construction.

Part 707 of this chapter, Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to Government-Financed Highway or Other Construction, shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

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§ 922.761 Areas designated unsuitable for surface coal mining by act of Congress.

Part 761 of this chapter, Areas Designated by Act of Congress, shall apply to surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§ 922.762 Criteria for designating areas as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations.

Part 762 of this chapter, Criteria for Designating Areas Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operations, shall apply to surface coal mine operations beginning May 28, 1983.

§ 922.764 Process for designating areas unsuitable for surface coal mining operations.

Part 764 of this chapter, State Processes for Designating Areas Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operations, pertaining to petitioning, initial processing, hearing requirements, decisions, data base and inventory systems, public information, and regulatory responsibilities shall apply to surface coal mine operations beginning one year after May 28, 1983.

§ 922.772 Requirements for coal exploration.

(a) Part 772 of this chapter, Requirements for Coal Exploration, shall apply to any person who conducts or seeks to conduct coal exploration operations.

(b) The Office shall make every effort to act on an exploration application within 60 days of receipt or such longer time as may be reasonable under the circumstances. If additional time is needed, OSMRE shall notify the applicant that the application is being reviewed, but that more time is necessary to complete such review, setting forth the reasons and the additional time that is needed.

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§ 922.773 Requirements for permits and permit processing.

(a) Part 773 of this chapter, Requirements for Permits and Permit Processing, shall apply to any person who applies for a permit for surface coal mining and reclamation operations.
(b) In addition to the requirements of part 773, the following permit application review procedures shall apply:

1. Any person applying for a permit shall submit five copies of the application to the Office.

2. The Office shall review an application for administrative completeness and acceptability for further review and shall notify the applicant in writing of the findings. The Office may:
   
   (1) Reject a flagrantly deficient application, notifying the applicant of the findings;
   
   (2) Request additional information required for completeness stating specifically what information must be supplied and negotiate the date by which the information must be submitted; or
   
   (3) Judge the application administratively complete and acceptable for further review.

3. Should the applicant not submit the information as required by §912.773(b)(2)(ii) by the specified date, the office may reject the application. When the applicant submits the required information by the specified date, the Office shall review it and advise the applicant concerning its acceptability.

4. When the application is judged administratively complete, the applicant shall be advised by the Office to file the public notice required by §773.8 of this chapter.

5. A representative of the Office shall visit the proposed permit area to determine whether the operation and reclamation plans are consistent with actual site conditions. The applicant will be notified in advance of the time of the visit. At the time of the visit, the applicant shall have the locations of the proposed permit boundaries, topsoil storage areas, sediment control structures, roads, and other significant features contained in the application marked by flags.

(e) The Secretary shall provide for the coordination of review and issuance of permits for surface mining and reclamation operations with applicable requirements of the Michigan Air Pollution Act of 1965, MCL section 336.11 and the Michigan Administrative Rules for Air Pollution Control, R–336.1101 et seq.; the Michigan Control and Eradication of Noxious Weeds Act, MCL section 247.61; the Michigan Endangered Species Act of 1974, MCL section 299.222; and the Michigan Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1980. The Secretary shall further coordinate review of permits, where applicable, with the appropriate State agencies concerning compliance with the Michigan Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act, MCL section 554.71.

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