§ 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.

§ 905.816 Performance standards—Surface mining activities.

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


(c) Standards for success shall be those identified in §816.116(a)(2) 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.

§ 905.817 Performance standards—Underground mining activities.

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