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(5) Idaho Code Sections 47–1301 et seq. and Rules 1 through 20 promulgated thereunder pertaining to regulation of dredge mining.

(6) Idaho Code Sections 18–4301 and 18–7019 providing for punishment for interference with water sources used in mining operations.

(7) Idaho Code Section 42–1713 requiring a fee to be paid by each owner of a dam, reservoir, or mine tailing impoundment structure.

(8) Idaho Code Section 42–1718 (Supp.) providing for assessment against an operator for costs incurred in correction deficiencies in dams and impoundment structures.

(f) The following Idaho statute and regulations interfere with the achievement of the purposes and goals of the Act. Therefore, in accordance with section 504(g) of the Act, they are preempted and superseded with respect to surface coal mining and reclamation, except as they apply to surface coal mining operations affecting two acres or less, or which otherwise are not regulated by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act:

The Idaho Surface Mining Act, Idaho Code Sections 47–1501–47–1524, as amended, and all regulations issued thereunder (with the exception of Sections 47–1503(20), 47–1509(c), 47–1513(c), and 47–1513(f) and (g), and all regulations issued thereunder).


§ 912.707 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.

§ 912.761 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.

§ 912.762 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 mining and reclamation operations.

§ 912.764 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 mining and reclamation operations.

§ 912.772 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 more time is necessary to complete such review, setting forth the reasons and the additional time that is needed.

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