

Original amendment submission date	Date of publication of final rule	Citation/description of approved provisions
October 30, 2000, November 28, 2001.	December 10, 2003	W.Va. Code 22–3–13a(a)(3), (b), (c), (f)(14), (g); 22a(a), (b), (e), (f), (g); 30a(b), (b)(3), (b)(3)(C), (b)(5), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h). Code of State Regulations CSR 199–1, except as identified at 30 CFR 948.12(d), and subdivision 3.10.d is a qualified approval.
March 14, 2000, March 28, 2000, and April 5, 2000.	June 17, 2004	CSR 38–2–7.4.b.1.1.
March 25, 2004	February 8, 2005	CSR 38–2–3.12.a.1; 7.6 (except the word “excessive” at 7.6.e.1); 7.7 (except the word “excessive” at 7.7.e.1); 9.3.g; 14.15.a.1; 14.15.g; 20.1.a.6; 22.5.a; 23 (deleted); and 24. Reduced Inspection Frequency Policy dated November 3, 2004.
October 17, 2005, and amended November 4, 2005.	December 30, 2005	CSR 38–2–11.3.a.3.
June 13, 2005, and modified on August 23, 2005.	March 2, 2006	W.Va. Code 22–3–11(h)(2)(B); 11a; 32a; 22–27–1 through 12. CSR 38–2–2.92; 3.29.a; 5.4.a, b.9, b.10, b.12, c.7, d.3, d.4, e.1, f; 7.4.b.1.A.1, A.3, A.3(b), A.4, B.1, C.1, C.2, C.3, C.4, C.5, D.6, D.8, D.9, D.11, H.1, H.2, H.6, I.1, I.2, I.3, I.4, J.1; 7.5.a, b.3, i.10, j.3.A, j.3.B, j.3.E, I.4.A, o.2; 9.3.d, 9.3.e; 14.5.h, 14.14.g.2.A.6; 14.15.c.3; 20.6.d, 20.6.j. CSR 199–1–2.36a, 2.36b, 2.37; 3.3.b, 3.7; 4.8, 4.8.c, 4.8.f, 4.8.g, 4.9; Water Rights and Replacement Policy (August 1995); September 2003 MOA between WVDEP, DMR and WVDNR, Wild Resources Section; Permittee’s Request for Release form, Item 11, dated March 2005.
April 17, 2006	August 28, 2006	W. Va. Code 22–3–24(c), (d), (e), and (h). CSR 38–2–7.2.e.1; 7.3.d; and 7.8 (qualified approval).
April 17, 2008	June 16, 2008	W. Va. Code 22–3–11(g) (interim approval), 11(h)(1) (interim approval).
March 22, 2007	December 24, 2008	CSR 38–2–2.39 (deletion of cumulative impact definition). CSR 38–2–3.22.e (approval of material damage to the hydrologic balance definition).
May 28, 2009	July 22, 2009	W. Va. Code 22–3–11(h)(1) (interim approval).
May 2, 2011	June 29, 2011	W. Va. Code 22–3–7(b); 8(a)(4); 19(a)(4); 19(b)(2); 19(b)(3); 19(d); and 19(e) (interim approvals). CSR 38–2–11.4.a.2 (interim approval).
April 27, 2012	July 11, 2012	W. Va. Code 22–3–11(h)(1) (interim approval).

[62 FR 9957, Mar. 5, 1997]

EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting § 948.15, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and at www.fdsys.gov.

§ 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]

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§ 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 ap-

proved 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

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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). Agency structure, public participation procedures, assumption of emergency reclamation program.
December 30, 1987 ..	August 26, 1988	
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 Control 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 program on all lands except those containing leased Federal coal in West Virginia.

C. *Responsible Administrative Agencies*: The Department of Natural Resources, Reclamation Division (DNR) is responsible for administering this Agreement on behalf of the

Governor on Federal lands throughout the State. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is responsible for administering this Agreement on behalf of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations in 30 CFR Chapter VII. The Federal lands in West Virginia covered by this Agreement are predominantly those under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. It is understood by all parties that the Forest Service or the Federal land management agency, if other than the Forest Service, will continue to govern mining operations on Federal lands covered by this agreement pursuant to laws, regulations, agreements, and restrictions for which the respective agency is responsible. These requirements are in addition to the requirements discussed in this Agreement.

ARTICLE II: EFFECTIVE DATE

After it has been signed by the Governor and the Secretary, the Agreement shall take effect upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER as a final rule. This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated as provided in Article X.

ARTICLE III: DEFINITIONS

Terms and phrases used in this Agreement which are defined in 30 CFR parts 700, 701 and 740, and the State program shall be given the meanings set forth in said definitions.

ARTICLE IV: APPLICABILITY

A. *Applicability to Federal Lands*: In accordance with the Federal Lands Program in 30 CFR part 740, the laws, rules, terms, and conditions of the State program (as conditionally approved effective January 21, 1981, 30 CFR part 948, or as hereinafter amended in accordance with 30 CFR 732.17) are applicable to Federal lands within West Virginia. This Agreement does not apply to operations on Federal lands containing leased Federal coal.

B. *Filing of Appeals*: Orders and decisions issued by DNR in accordance with the State