

§ 1948.52 Objectives.

The objective of the program is to help areas impacted by coal or uranium development activities by providing assistance for the development of growth management and housing plans and in developing and acquiring sites for housing and public facilities and services.

§ 1948.53 Definitions.

(a) *Approved designated area.* A group of counties, a county, or a part of a county designated as an energy impacted area by the Governor of a State and approved by the Secretary of Energy.

(b) *Available financial resources.* All existing financial resources which could be used for impact assistance including Federal, State, and local financial resources and financial resources accruing to States and local governments as a result of coal or uranium development activity and not already committed to other programs by law or historical precedent.

(c) *Coal.* Coal means anthracite and bituminous coal, lignite, and any fuel derivative thereof.

(d) *Coal or uranium development activities.* The production, processing, or transportation of coal or uranium.

(1) Production includes the mining of coal or uranium and all mine site operations connected with such mining operations and processing activities. This includes construction activities on mine sites relating to mining, production, and processing.

(2) Processing includes all operations performed on coal or uranium including construction of processing plants. However, processing does not include conversion into electrical energy.

(3) Transportation which directly relates to the production and processing of coal or uranium including transportation networks in the county of origin of the coal or uranium and counties of processing of coal and uranium. This includes transportation depots along transportation networks that are used primarily for the transfer of coal or uranium for domestic consumption. This also includes unit train rolling stock construction and repair facilities.

(e) *Condemnation by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).* The use of Federal authority by the Secretary of Agriculture to condemn real property.

(f) *Council of local governments.* An areawide development organization which includes one or more local governments servicing at least a portion of an approved designated area. Such organization must either have a policy-making body made up of a majority of local elected officials.

(g) *Eligible employment.* Full time work related to coal or uranium development activities.

(h) *Eligible employment facility.* A coal or uranium mine, processing plant, or transportation depot.

(i) *Energy impacted areas.* An area where coal and uranium development activities have a significant impact on the socio-economic structure of the area and which meet the criteria set out at §1948.68 of this subpart.

(j) *Fair market value.* The price at which a property will sell in the open market allowing a reasonable period of time for typical, fully-informed buyers and sellers to react, assuming that the purchaser and seller are both willing participants in the transaction.

(k) *Grantee.* An entity with whom FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 has entered into a grant agreement under this program.

(l) *Growth management planning.* Planning for the orderly development of an approved designated area. This planning includes, but is not limited to: Planning for provision of resources to support housing, public facility needs, sewer and water needs; planning for the provision of additional public services needed; overall plans for the coordinated development of all approved designated areas within a State; the development of State Investment Strategies for Energy Impacted Areas; and coordination of development of approved designated areas at the interstate level where impact is interstate in nature.

(m) *Housing planning.* Identification of present and future housing needs within an approved designated area and providing methods for developing needed housing. This planning includes, but is not limited to the identification of: