§ 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.

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Res. Code section 4511 et seq.; the California Public Resources Code section 4656; and regulations promulgated pursuant to these laws.

(c) Standards for success shall be those identified in §817.116(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.

§ 905.819 Special performance standards—Auger mining.

Part 819 of this chapter, Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Auger Mining, shall apply to any person who conducts surface coal mining operations which include auger mining.

§ 905.822 Special performance standards—Operations in alluvial valley floors.

Part 822 of this chapter, Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Operations in Alluvial Valley Floors, shall apply to any person who conducts surface coal mining and reclamation operations on alluvial valley floors.

§ 905.823 Special performance standards—Operations on prime farmland.

Part 832 of this chapter, Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Operations on Prime Farmland, shall apply to any person who conducts surface coal mining and reclamation operations on prime farmland.

§ 905.824 Special performance standards—Mountaintop removal.

Part 824 of this chapter, Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Mountaintop Removal, shall apply to any person who conducts surface coal mining and reclamation operations constituting mountaintop removal mining.

§ 905.827 Special performance standards—Coal preparation plants not located within the permit area of a mine.

Part 827 of this chapter, Permanent Program Performance Standards—Coal Preparation Plants Not Located Within the Permit Area of a Mine, shall apply to any person who conducts surface coal mining and reclamation operations which include the operation of a coal preparation plant not located within the permit area of a mine.

§ 905.828 Special performance standards—In situ processing.

Part 828 of this chapter, Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—In Situ Processing, shall apply to any person who conducts surface coal mining and reclamation operations which include the in situ processing of coal.

§ 905.842 Federal inspections.

(a) Part 842 of this chapter, Federal Inspections, shall apply to all coal exploration and surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(b) In addition to the requirements of part 842, copies of inspection reports will be furnished, upon request, to the California Division of Mining and Geology.

§ 905.843 Federal enforcement.

(a) Part 843 of this chapter, Federal Enforcement, shall apply regarding enforcement action on coal exploration and surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(b) In addition to the requirements of part 843, copies of enforcement actions and orders to show cause will be furnished, upon request, to the California Division of Mining and Geology.

§ 905.845 Civil penalties.

Part 845 of this chapter, Civil Penalties, shall apply to the assessment of civil penalties for violations on coal exploration and surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§ 905.846 Individual civil penalties.

Part 846 of this chapter, Individual Civil Penalties, shall apply to the assessment of individual civil penalties under section 518(f) of SMCRA.

§ 905.955 Certification of blasters.

Part 955 of this chapter, Certification of Blasters in Federal Program States and on Indian Lands, shall apply to the training, examination and certification of blasters for surface coal mining operations.