DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement  
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Grant Notification for Fiscal Year 2019  
AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.  
ACTION: Notice.  
SUMMARY: We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, are notifying the public that we intend to grant funds to eligible applicants for purposes authorized under the Title IV Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program and the Title V Regulatory Program under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. We will award these grants during fiscal year 2019. Eligible applicants are those states and Indian Tribes with a reclamation plan, regulatory program, and/or regulatory development program approved under SMCRA, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq., and the State of Tennessee. Under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, we must provide state officials the opportunity to review and comment on proposed federal financial assistance activities. Of the eligible applicants, nineteen states or Indian tribes do not have single points-of-contact under the E.O.12372 review process; therefore, we are required to publish this notice as an alternate means of notification.  
Description of the AML Program  
SMCRA established the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fund to receive the AML fees used to finance reclamation of AML coal mine sites. Title IV of SMCRA authorizes the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to provide grants to eligible states and Indian tribes that are funded from permanent (mandatory) appropriations. Recipients use these funds to reclaim the highest priority AML coal mine sites that were left abandoned prior to the enactment of SMCRA in 1977, eligible non-coal sites, projects that address the impacts of mineral development, and non-reclamation projects.  
Description of the Regulatory Program  
Title V of SMCRA authorizes the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to provide grants to states and Indian tribes to develop, administer, and enforce state regulatory programs addressing the disturbance from coal mining operations. Additionally, Title V authorizes states to develop regulatory programs pursuant to SMCRA, and upon approval of regulatory programs, to assume regulatory primacy and act as the regulatory authority, and to administer and enforce their respective approved SMCRA regulatory programs. Our regulations at Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter V implement the provisions of SMCRA.