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State regulatory authority that no State statutory, regulatory or legal constraint exists which would preclude the State regulatory authority from fully carrying out the proposed cooperative agreement.

(c) OSM shall publish a notice of the request and the full text of the terms of the proposed cooperative agreement as submitted or as subsequently modified by OSM and the State in the FEDERAL REGISTER as a proposed rule. A notice of the request and a summary of the terms of the proposed agreement shall also be published in a newspaper(s) of general circulation throughout the State. Both notices shall include:

(1) The location at which a copy of the request submitted by the State may be obtained; and

(2) A date, not less than 30 days after publication of the notices, before which members of the public may submit written comments on the request and the person to whom comments should be addressed.

(d) A public hearing shall be held within the comment period in a suitable location in the State requesting the cooperative agreement. This hearing may be combined with public hearings required under part 732 of this chapter for the Secretary's consideration of approval of a State program submission, if appropriate. The date, time and place of the public hearing(s) on the request will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER not less than 15 days prior to the date of the hearing.

(e) Before the expiration of the comment period, OSM shall consult with the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Federal land management agencies, as appropriate, with respect to the proposed cooperative agreement.

(f) OSM shall recommend to the Secretary that a cooperative agreement be entered into with a State, if OSM finds that:

(1) The State has an approved State regulatory program;

(2) The State regulatory authority has sufficient budget, equipment and personnel to enforce fully its regulatory program on lands subject to this part in the State; and

(3) The State has the legal authority to enter into the cooperative agreement.

(g) The Secretary shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER his or her decision with respect to a request by a State to enter into a cooperative agreement and the reasons therefor and the full text of the cooperative agreement.

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Each cooperative agreement shall include:

(a) Terms obligating the State regulatory authority to inspect all surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands in accordance with the State regulatory program and to enforce the State program on Federal lands;

(b) A description of the powers and authority reserved by the Secretary, including, but not limited to, those specified under § 745.13;

(c) Provisions for the administration and enforcement by OSM and the State of this subchapter so as to minimize overlap and duplication;

(d) Provisions for regular reports by the State regulatory authority to OSM on the results of the State's implementation and administration of the cooperative agreement.

(e) Terms requiring the State regulatory authority to maintain sufficient personnel and facilities to comply with the terms of the cooperative agreement, and to notify OSM of any substantial change in State statutes, regulations, funding, staff, or other changes which would affect the State's ability to carry out the terms of the cooperative agreement;

(f) Terms for coordination among the State regulatory authority, the Federal land management agency, the Bureau of Land Management and OSM;

(g) Terms obligating the State regulatory authority to—

(1) Make available to OSM information on any action taken regarding any permit application for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands; and

(2) Where lands containing leased Federal coal are involved, provide OSM, in the form specified by OSM in

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consultation with the State, with written findings indicating that each permit application is in compliance with the terms of the regulatory program and a technical analysis of each permit application to assist OSM in meeting its responsibilities under other applicable Federal laws and regulations.

§ 745.13 Authority reserved by the Secretary.

The Secretary shall not delegate to any State, nor shall any cooperative agreement under this part be construed to delegate to any State, authority to—

(a) Designate Federal lands as unsuitable for surface coal mining under subchapter F of this chapter or terminate such designations;

(b) Comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, and Federal laws and regulations other than SMCRA;

(c) Develop land use management plans for Federal lands where the surface estate is federally-owned;

(d) Regulate non-coal mining activities on Federal lands;

(e) Determine when, where, and how to lease Federal coal and how much to lease;

(f) Develop terms for Federal coal leases, including any special terms relating to mining and reclamation procedures;

(g) Evaluate Federal coal resources;

(h) Establish royalties, rents, and bonuses charged in connection with Federal coal leases;

(i) Approve mining plans or modifications thereto;

(j) Enforce Federal lease terms, including diligent development and maximum economic recovery requirements;

(k) Approve or determine post-mining land uses for Federal lands where the surface estate is federally-owned;

(l) Release Federal lease bonds;

(m) Evaluate the State's administration and enforcement of the approved State program and implementation of the cooperative agreement on Federal lands;

(n) Comply with the inspection, enforcement and civil penalties requirements of parts 842 and 843 of this chap-

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ter except as provided under § 740.4(c)(5) of this chapter;

(o) Determine whether a person has valid existing rights to conduct surface coal mining operations on Federal lands within the areas specified in § 761.11(a) and (b) of this chapter; or

(p) Issue findings on whether there are significant recreational, timber, economic, or other values that may be incompatible with surface coal mining operations on Federal lands within a national forest, as specified in § 761.11(b) of this chapter.

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§ 745.14 Amendments.

A cooperative agreement which has been approved pursuant to § 745.11 may be amended by mutual agreement of the Secretary and the Governor of a State. Amendments shall be adopted by Federal rulemaking, in accordance with § 745.11.

§ 745.15 Termination.

(a) A cooperative agreement may be terminated by the State upon written notice to the Secretary, specifying the date upon which the cooperative agreement shall be terminated. The date of termination shall not be less than 90 days from the date of the notice.

(b) A cooperative agreement may be terminated by the Secretary after giving notice to the State regulatory authority and affording the State regulatory authority and the public an opportunity for a public hearing and comment period, in accordance with the cooperative agreement, if the Secretary finds that:

(1) The State regulatory authority has substantially failed to comply with the requirements of this subchapter, the State program, or the cooperative agreement, or

(2) The State regulatory authority has failed to comply with any undertaking by the State in the cooperative agreement upon which approval of the State program, cooperative agreement, or grant by OSM for administration or enforcement of the State program or cooperative agreement was based.

(c) A cooperative agreement shall terminate—