

§ 946.25 Approval of Virginia abandoned mine land reclamation plan amendments.

(a) 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 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
November 8, 1985 February 3, 1987	November 25, 1986 November 13, 1987	VR 480-03-19.874 through 882. VR 480-03-19.884.13(c) (2), (5), (6), (7), (d)(1), (2); Establish emergency program.
Feb. 29, 1996	July 3, 1997	Revisions to the Virginia State Reclamation Plan corresponding to 30 CFR 884.13(a), (b), (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), (c)(4), (c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(7), (d)(1), (d)(2), (d)(3), (d)(4), (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3), (f)(1), (f)(2), and (f)(3).
September 19, 1997	February 5, 1998	Revisions to the Virginia State Reclamation Plan corresponding to 30 CFR 884.13(c)(2)—Ranking and Selection: Set Aside Funds; and the AML Water Project Evaluation form.
September 10, 1999	January 7, 2000	Revisions to the Virginia State Reclamation Plan corresponding to 30 CFR 884.13(c)(2)—Ranking and Selection: Reclamation Projects Receiving Less Than 50% Government Funding.

(b) You may receive a copy from:

(1) Virginia Division of Mined Land Reclamation, P.O. Drawer 900, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219, or

(2) Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Big Stone Gap Field Office, Powell Valley Square Shopping Center, 1941 Neeley Road, Suite 201, Compartment 116, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219.

[62 FR 9957, Mar. 5, 1997, as amended at 62 FR 35968, July 3, 1997; 63 FR 5891, Feb. 5, 1998; 65 FR 1065, Jan. 7, 2000]

§ 946.30 State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.

This is a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) between the Commonwealth of 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 (SMCRA or the Act), 30 U.S.C. 1273(c), which provides that any State with a permanent regulatory program approved under 30 U.S.C. 1253 may enter into an agreement with the Secretary to assume the responsibilities of regulating surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands within that State. This Agreement provides for such regulation

within the Commonwealth of Virginia (State) consistent with SMCRA, the Virginia State Program, and the Federal Lands Program (30 CFR Chapter VII, Subchapter D).

B. *Purpose:* The purpose of this Agreement is to (1) foster State-Federal cooperation in the regulation of coal mining including coal exploration on Federal lands containing non-Federal coal; (2) minimize intergovernmental overlap and duplication; and (3) provide uniform and effective application of the Virginia State Program (State Program) on all Federal lands except those containing leased Federal coal. This agreement does not apply on Indian lands.

C. *Responsible Administrative Agencies:* The Division of Mined Land Reclamation (DMLR) of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy is responsible for administering the Agreement on behalf of the Governor. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is responsible for administering this Agreement on behalf of the Secretary. The Federal lands in Virginia covered by this Agreement are predominantly administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and include in part the Jefferson National Forest and the George Washington National Forest. It is understood by all parties that the Forest Service or the applicable Federal agency will continue to regulate mining operations on lands under its jurisdiction pursuant to the laws, regulations, agreements, and restrictions governing those lands. These requirements are in addition to the requirements discussed in this Agreement.

ARTICLE II: EFFECTIVE DATE

The Agreement shall take effect May 7, 1987. This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated as provided in Article XI.