

IT appears to be affected is subject to procedures set forth in 43 CFR 3480. BEM would be the lead, we should be a commenting agency. Davis.

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Subpart 3483—Diligence Requirements

- 3483.1 Diligent development and continued operation requirement.
- 3483.2 Termination or cancellation for failure to meet diligent development and maintain continued operation.
- 3483.3 Extension or suspension of continued operation, 3-year resource recovery and protection plan submission requirement, and operations and production.
- 3483.4 Payment of advance royalty in lieu of continued operation.
- 3483.5 Crediting of production toward diligent development.
- 3483.6 Special logical mining unit rules.

Subpart 3484—Performance Standards

- 3484.1 Performance standards for exploration and surface and underground mining.
- 3484.2 Completion of operations and permanent abandonment.

Subpart 3485—Reports, Royalties and Records

- 3485.1 Reports.
- 3485.2 Royalties.
- 3485.3 Maintenance of and access to records.

Subpart 3486—Inspection, Enforcement, and Appeals

- 3486.1 Inspections.
- 3486.2 Notices and orders.
- 3486.3 Enforcement.
- 3486.4 Appeals.

Subpart 3487—Logical Mining Unit

- 3487.1 Logical mining units.

AUTHORITY: The Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351-359); the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201, *et seq.*); the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470, *et seq.*); the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*); the Act of March 3, 1909, as amended (25 U.S.C. 396); the Act of May 11, 1938, as amended (25 U.S.C. 396a-396g); the Act of February 28, 1891, as amended (25 U.S.C. 397); the Act of May 29, 1924 (25 U.S.C. 398); the Act of March 3, 1927 (25 U.S.C. 398a-398e); the Act of June 30, 1919, as amended (25 U.S.C. 399); R.S. 441 (43 U.S.C. 1457); the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, (40 U.S.C. 471, *et seq.*); the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*); and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

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Subpart 3480—Coal Exploration and Mining Operations Rules; General

§ 3480.0-1 Purpose.

The purposes of the rules of this part are to ensure orderly and efficient development, mining, preparation, and handling operations for Federal coal; ensure production practices that prevent wasting or loss of coal or other resources; avoid unnecessary damage to coal-bearing or mineral-bearing formations; ensure MER of Federal coal; ensure that operations meet requirements for diligent development and continued operation; ensure resource recovery and protection plans are submitted and approved in compliance with MLA; ensure effective and reasonable regulation of surface and underground coal mining operations; require an accurate record and accounting of all coal produced; ensure efficient, environmentally sound exploration and mining operations; and eliminate duplication of efforts by the Minerals Management Service (MMS), OSM, and the States in the Federal coal program.

§ 3480.0-4 Scope.

The rules of this part shall govern operations for the exploration, development, and production of Federal coal under Federal coal leases, licenses, and permits, regardless of surface ownership, pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended (MLA), and in conjunction with the rules at 43 CFR Group 3400 and 30 CFR Chapter VII. Included are provisions relating to resource recovery and protection, royalties, diligent development, continued operation, maximum economic recovery (MER), and logical mining units (LMU's). Except as otherwise provided in 25 CFR Chapter I or Indian lands leases, these rules do not apply to operations on Indian lands. The provisions in these rules relating to advance royalty, diligent development, continued operation, MER, and