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Directive: GMT-10

Title: Federal Financial Assistance Manual

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1. Purpose

The Federal Financial Assistance Manual (FFAM) provides guidance to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) and recipients of financial assistance awards on how to manage federal grants and cooperative agreements. The FFAM is applicable to all grants and cooperative agreements awarded by OSMRE.

2. Summary of Changes

This directive was renamed from ‘Federal Assistance Manual’ to ‘Federal Financial Assistance Manual’ to consistently adhere to 2 CFR 200 terminology. This manual received extensive updates to the version previously issued in 2021 to incorporate new laws, regulations, and programs. See Appendix B, *Detailed Summary of Changes* for a list of major updates.

3. Policy

The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) provides many avenues for the expenditure of federal funds to promote the reclamation of abandoned mine lands and prevent adverse environmental effects of coal mining. To ensure the appropriate distribution of federal funds and the compliance with laws and regulations governing federal grants and cooperative agreements, OSMRE developed the Federal Financial Assistance Manual available in Appendix A. OSMRE offices will use the FFAM to manage all of its federal financial assistance programs.

4. Responsibilities

See FFAM Chapter 1-110, *OSMRE Responsibilities for the Administration of Financial Assistance Agreements*.

5. Procedures

The FFAM chapters provide specific procedures for application, award, amendment, monitoring, reporting, and closeout of OSMRE financial assistance agreements. The FFAM provides specific guidance for Title V Coal Regulatory Administration and Enforcement grants, Title IV AML grants to uncertified states and to certified states and tribes, and various types of Cooperative

Agreements. Use the FFAM Annex A, *Table of Contents*, to locate procedures regarding a specific topic.

6. Reporting Requirements

The general reporting policies and procedures for all grants and cooperative agreements are in FFAM Chapter 1-170, *Overdue Reports*. The following chapters detail specific reporting requirements for each type of financial assistance:

- a. Chapter 4-230 for AML agreements
- b. Chapter 4-650 for BIL agreements
- c. Chapter 4-700 for AMLER agreements
- d. Chapter 5-230 for Regulatory program agreements
- e. Chapter 6-100 for Watershed Cooperative agreements
- f. Chapter 6-110 for Applied Science Cooperative agreements
- g. Chapter 6-120 for Mine Drainage Technology Initiative agreements
- h. Chapter 6-130 for Youth agreements
- i. Chapter 6-140 for Passive Treatment Protection Program agreements

7. Effect on Other Documents

When issued, this version of Directive GMT-10 supersedes all previous versions and subsequent Change Notices.

8. References

- a. The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA).
- b. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act (Public Law 95-224).
- c. 2 CFR 200 - Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- d. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58).

- e. The Davis-Bacon Act, as Amended.
- f. 30 CFR 700 - 887 - Mineral Resources.
- g. OSMRE Directive REG-1 – Handbook on Procedures for Implementing the NEPA.
- h. See individual FFAM Chapters for additional references.

9. Effective Date

Upon signature.

10. Distribution

By electronic format. All OSMRE directives are publicly available at <https://www.osmre.gov/laws-and-regulations/directives>.

11. Appendices

See the OSMRE directives page linked in the “Distribution” section above for links to appendices.

- a. Federal Financial Assistance Manual.
- b. Detailed Summary of Changes.

12. Contact

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