

**PART 732—PROCEDURES AND
CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OR
DISAPPROVAL OF STATE PROGRAM
AMENDMENTS**

1. The authority citation for part 732 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*

2. Section 732.17 is amended by revising paragraphs (f)(2), (h)(1), (h)(8), (h)(9), (h)(12), and (h)(13); and removing paragraph (h)(2)(v) to read as follows:

§ 732.17 State program amendments.

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(2) If the State regulatory authority does not submit the information required by paragraph (f)(1), or does not subsequently comply with the submitted timetable, or if the amendment or submission under paragraph (h)(8) is not approved under this section, then the Director must begin proceedings under 30 CFR part

733 if the Director has reason to believe that such action is warranted because the State is not effectively implementing, administering, maintaining or enforcing its approved State program.

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(1) Within 30 days after receipt of a State program amendment from a State regulatory authority, the Director will publish a notice of receipt of the amendment in the **Federal Register**.

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(8) If the Director does not approve the amendment request, the State regulatory authority will have 60 days after publication of the Director's decision or a time frame consistent with the established administrative or legislative procedures in the State, whichever is later, to submit a revised amendment request for consideration by the Director. If no submission is made, then the Director must follow the

procedures specified in paragraph (f)(2) of this section.

(9) The Director will approve or not approve revised amendment submissions in accordance with the provisions under paragraph (h) of this section.

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(12) All decisions approving or not approving program amendments must be published in the **Federal Register** and be effective upon publication unless the notice specifies a different effective date. The decision approving or not approving program amendments will be published in the **Federal Register** within 30 days after the date of the Director's decision.

(13) Final action on all amendment requests must be completed within seven months after receipt of the proposed amendments from the State.

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