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Subject: CHANGE NOTICE

Directive: GMT-10-1

Title: Federal Assistance Manual

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1. **Purpose**

This Change Notice provides minor revisions to Directive GMT-10, Federal Assistance Manual (FAM), issued August 15, 2019. The revisions fulfill the corrective actions identified in Recommendations 4 and 9 in the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSMRE) Oversight of the Abandoned Mine Lands Program (Report No. 2016-EAU-007).

2. **Summary of Changes**

The revisions clarify that both coal and non-coal reclamation projects require the use of Authorizations to Proceed (ATPs) pursuant to 30 CFR 885.16(e) (Recommendation 4) and clarify how to collect and track engineering and design project costs with new subaccounts (Recommendation 9). A summary of the changes for each chapter is included below:

Part 1 - Requirements for All OSMRE Assistance Agreements

1-140 Removed reference to subaccounts

Part 4 - Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Grant Program

4-100 Replaced information on subaccounts with reference to FAM chapter 4-500

4-130 Added reference to FAM chapter 4-500

4-150 Added reference to FAM chapter 4-500

4-170 Added clarification on the requirements of the use of ATPs for coal and non-coal projects

4-200 Replaced information on subaccounts with reference to FAM chapter 4-500

4-240 Added reference to FAM chapter 4-500

4-300 Replaced information on subaccounts with reference to FAM chapter 4-500

4-500 Added new chapter with all information on subaccounts

3. **Effect on Other Documents**

Other OSMRE directives with potential reference to ATPs and subaccounts are under review and will be updated if needed to ensure consistent information is provided regarding ATP and subaccounts.

4. **Effective Date**

Upon signature.

5. **Distribution**

By electronic format. All OSMRE directives are publicly available at <http://www.osmre.gov/lrg/directives.shtm>.

6. **Contact**

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