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POLICY STATEMENT NO. PS-5

Revegetation Success Standards for Tree and Shrub Stocking on Lands with a Post-Mining Land Use of Forestry

WHEREAS:

Recognizing that at 30 CFR 816.116(b)(3)(ii) the U.S. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement requires that, at the time of bond release, at least 80 percent of the trees and shrubs used to determine revegetation success shall have been in place for 60 percent of the applicable minimum period of responsibility.

THEREFORE:

It is hereby declared to be the Policy of the Office that 100 percent of the trees counted to determine revegetation success must be in place for a minimum of 60 percent of the minimum responsibility period (I.E., three years of the 5-year responsibility period).

This Policy Statement adequately reflects the policy of the Office with respect to surface mining of coal and lignite, and this Policy Statement is hereby included in the approved Louisiana Regulatory Program.

Issued this 25th day of August, 1994 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.