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To: Idaho Field Offices  
Attn: Geologists and Mining Engineers

From: Chief, Branch of Lands and Minerals

Subject: Idaho BLM Surface Management Reclamation Bonding Guidance Update

At the Idaho Minerals Conference held in Boise on May 10-11, 2004, there was a discussion regarding bond determinations for surface management notices and plans. There was a general consensus that bond amounts should be rounded up to an even dollar amount.

Effective immediately, for all 3802/3809 surface management bond determinations, the required bond amount will be shown in whole dollars. For reclamation cost estimates of less than \$1,000.00 the bond will be rounded up to the nearest \$10.00; for reclamation cost estimates over \$1,000.00 the bond will be rounded up to the nearest \$100.00. This guidance applies to both plan and notice level operations. Bond determination letters sent to surface management operators should reflect bond amounts that have been rounded up according to this guidance.

If you have any questions, please call Judy Phelps, Land Law Examiner, at (208) 373-3883.

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