PROCESSING NEW OR MAJOR-MODIFIED PLANS

START

OWNER/OPERATOR
- Pre-Plan Meeting to talk with BLM about proposed activity

BLM & OWNER/OPERATOR
Discuss:
- Plan Content Requirements
- Role of APMA and Worksheets
- RCEs and Bonding

OWNER/OPERATOR
- Submit plan and APMA to BLM only
  ***APMA NOT submitted to DNR at this time

BLM
- Review information and makes “completeness” determination

BLM & OWNER/OPERATOR
- Discuss bonding options per BLM-AK Bonding Policy and RCE options*

OWNER/OPERATOR
- Provide any data BLM requires to complete NEPA
  - BLM may assist miner in data collection.

BLM
- Initiate NEPA and plan review process
  - BLM will coordinate with owner/operator and permitting agencies

BLM
- Determine bonding requirement

IFG Required
Bond Pool not allowed by BLM per agreement discretion
- BLM signs APMA bond form

RCE Required
for use of bond pool per Policy.
- BLM signs APMA bond form

Bond Pool
accepted “as is”
- BLM signs APMA bond form

OWNER/OPERATOR
- Submit approved plan, NEPA, APMA, and proof of bonding to DNR for compliance with state mining laws

OWNER/OPERATOR
- Submit approved plan, NEPA, APMA, and RCE (if required) to DNR

DNR
- Denies use of bond pool per agreement discretion

DNR
- Accepts RCE and/or bond form to allow Bond Pool

BLM
issues Bond Decision per regulation

OWNER/OPERATOR
- Begin Operations once APMA is processed and permits issued by State agencies

END

*At this step the BLM and operator should have a “final” plan on bonding so that the operator can make a business decision to proceed before the BLM begins NEPA.