

# Reclamation



# Goal

- **Plans for Reclamation**
- **New Requirements**

# Reclamation Overview

- Reclamation Goals
- Plans for Surface Reclamation
- Earthwork for Interim and Final Reclamation

# Reclamation Goals

Return to a predisturbed condition as reasonably practical



**Final Reclamation**



**Interim Reclamation**

# Plans for Surface Reclamation

- **Item J of the 12-point SUPO**
  - Segregation of spoil materials
  - Redistribution of topsoil
  - Configuration of reshaped topography
  - Backfill requirements
  - Surface disturbances
  - Proposals for pit/sump closures
  - Drainage systems
  - Soil treatments

# Plans for Surface Reclamation

- **Item J of the 12-point SUPO (cont.)**
  - Seeding/steps to reestablish vegetation
  - Weed control; and
  - Practices necessary to reclaim all disturbed areas, including any access roads and pipelines.

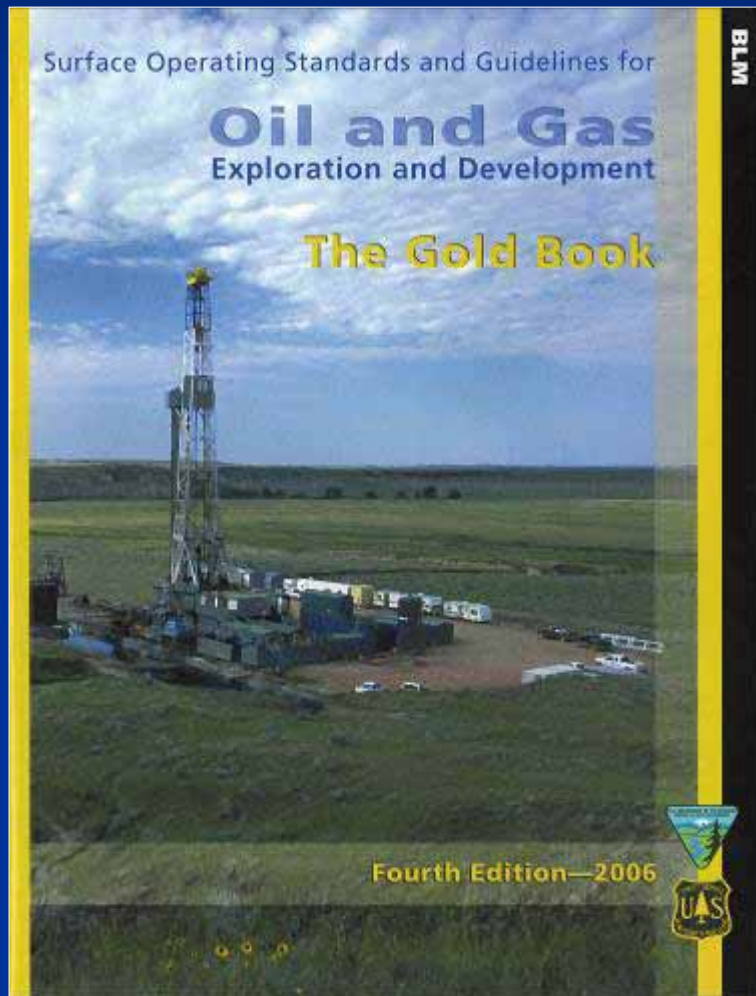
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## Interim and Final Reclamation

- 6 months after well completion or well plugging
  - BLM or FS approval required beyond 6 months
- Prior approval required if pits will be air or chemical dried



# Conclusion



## Gold Book – Ch. 6 Reclamation and Abandonment

Provides good information  
on BLM's reclamation  
standards

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