**Section 1762.13 Land Exempt From Designation as Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operations**

The requirements of this Part do not apply to:

a) Lands on which surface coal mining operations were being conducted on the date of enactment;

b) Lands covered by a permit issued under the Act; or

c) Lands where substantial legal and financial commitments in surface coal mining operations were in existence prior to January 4, 1977.