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Comments: Water Quality Considerations: Acid mine drainage, e.g. elevated concentrations of sulfate, iron, aluminum, and other potentially toxic metals have been common to small mines in Appalachia. The extent of similar issues in the western Arkansas River Valley should be available from the Arkansas Coal Project administered by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). They have completed 157 reclamation projects. In addition, water tables, groundwater flows, overburden runoff, and water quality baselines for nearby streams and the Poteau River should be addressed in the NEPA plan.