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§37-4-9. Disposition of funds due to unknown or unlocatable interest owners; rulemaking.

Notwithstanding the requirements of §36-8-1 *et seq.* of this code, all funds and proceeds due under this article before or after the effective date of this section to owners of real property interests with their appurtenant rights, whose name or location is unknown and who does not make a claim for those funds for seven years after the date of the order of the court authorizing the distribution of the funds, shall be paid to the Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund established pursuant to §22-6-29 of this code. The funds shall be paid by the special or general receiver or other person or entity holding the funds on or before November 1 of each year for all funds that became payable before July 1 of that year. The Department of Environmental Protection may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code to carry out the provisions of this section.

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