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Section 606.04 Compendium II of Copyright Office Practices.

II. Circumstances Leading to Modification

Although the Office's practice concerning appeals is long-standing, we have periodically considered modifying it. A number of commentators have criticized the current practice on the grounds that containment within the Examining Division leads to an overly closed system. Even under the existing practice, however, there has been some discussion of particular cases with the General Counsel or the Register. More recently, the Library of Congress appointed an Advisory Committee on Copyright Registration and Deposit, (ACCORD); in their meetings, members of this Committee criticized the appeals procedure and suggested that it be changed. Library of Congress, Advisory Committee on Copyright Registration and Deposit, 31 (1993).

The Copyright Office is committed to improving this procedure and will be publishing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking public comment on legal and administrative issues associated with establishing a more formal procedure at a later date. Meanwhile, as a first step, the Office has decided to establish a Board of Appeals within the Copyright Office as an interim system. By instituting this Board, we will gain experience in administering an alternative system.

After the Office has some practical experience with the new system, we will make a detailed proposal and seek public comment. Following review of these comments, the Copyright Office will publish the new appeal procedure as a regulation. Although we are now adopting as an interim system the Board of Appeals described below, the precise nature of the final appeal procedure will not be established until we publish final rules. Anyone who wishes to suggest specific guidelines for our consideration before the proposed rulemaking should submit them to the Board of Appeals, Copyright GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024.

III. Policy Decision

The Copyright Office's appeal procedure set out in § 606.04 of the

Compendium is amended to read as follows:

Appeals of refusal to register: request for reconsideration. When the Copyright Office has refused to register a claim as submitted, it notifies the applicant in writing of the refusal to register. After such notification, the applicant may set forth in writing his or her objections to the refusal and request that the Office reconsider its action. The appeal letter should be addressed to the appropriate section of the Examining Division, Copyright Office, Washington, D.C. 20559. The first request for reconsideration must be received in the Copyright Office within 120 days of the date of the Office's first refusal to register, and the envelope containing the request should be clearly marked: FIRST APPEAL/ EXAMINING DIVISION.

If the claim is refused after reconsideration, the head of the appropriate section of the Examining Division sends the applicant written notification of the reasons for refusal. The applicant may again request reconsideration in writing. This second appeal must be received in the Copyright Office within 120 days of the date of the Office's refusal of the first appeal, and be directed to the Board of Appeals at the following address: Copyright GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C., 20024. The Board of Appeals shall consist of the Register of Copyrights, the General Counsel, and the Chief of the Examining Division, or their respective designees. The Board shall consider the second appeal and render a final decision. The designated Chair of the Board of Appeals will write the applicant setting out the reasons for acceptance or denial of the claim. The Appeals Board's decision constitutes final agency action.

Dated: April 27, 1995.

Marybeth Peters,
Register of Copyrights.

Approved by:

James H. Billington,
The Librarian of Congress.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Public Land Order 7138

[CO-930-1920-00-4355; COC-51843]

Transfer of Public Land for the Slick Rock Disposal Site; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order permanently transfers 61.25 acres of public land to the Department of Energy in accordance with the terms of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7916 (1988)), as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 4, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7076, 303-239-3706.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7916 (1988)), as amended, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land is hereby permanently transferred to the Department of Energy, and as a result of this transfer, the land is no longer subject to the operation of the general land laws, including the mining and the mineral leasing laws, for the Slick Rock Disposal Site:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 44 N., R. 18 W.,

Sec. 21, S¹/₂S¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 28, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂NE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW,
N¹/₂S¹/₂NE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄,
NE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and
N¹/₂SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄.

The area described contains approximately 61.25 acres of public land in San Miguel County.

2. The transfer of the above-described land to the Department of Energy vests in that Department full management, jurisdiction, responsibility, and liability for such land and all activities conducted therein, except as provided in paragraph 3.

3. The Secretary of the Interior shall retain the authority to administer any existing claims, rights, and interests in this land established before the effective date of the transfer.

Dated: April 21, 1995.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 15 and 90

[ET Docket 93-235; FCC 95-148]

Additional Frequencies for Cordless Telephones

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: By this action, the Commission makes available 15 new channel pairs for cordless telephones. This action is taken to relieve