place for the hearing will be published in the Federal Register.

Drafting Information

The principal author of the regulations is Renay France, Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (Income Tax and Accounting), IRS. However, other personnel from IRS and Treasury Department participated in their development.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 31

Employment taxes, Income taxes, Penalties, Pensions, Railroad retirement, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social security, Unemployment compensation.

Proposed Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 31 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 31—EMPLOYMENT TAXES AND COLLECTION OF INCOME TAX AT SOURCE

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 31 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

Par. 2. Section 31.9999—0 is added to read as follows:

§ 31.9999—0 Effective date.

The text of this proposed section is the same as the text of § 35a.9999—0T published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

Margaret Milner Richardson,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 936

[SPATS No. OK—015—FOR]

Oklahoma Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma abandoned mine land reclamation plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Oklahoma plan”) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment pertains to abandoned mine land reclamation (AMLR) goals and objectives, project ranking and selection, coordination between reclamation agencies, reclamation on private land, eligible lands and waters, public participation, agency administrative and management structure, reclamation set-aside trust funds, contractor eligibility requirements, and acid mine drainage projects. The amendment is intended to bring the Oklahoma AMLR Program into compliance with Federal AMLR regulations. It will allow the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to participate in AMLR activities authorized by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 and the Energy Policy Act of 1992. DATES: Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., c.s.t., January 22, 1996. If requested, a public hearing on the proposed amendment will be held on January 16, 1996. Requests to speak at the hearing must be received by 4:00 p.m., c.s.t., on January 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to speak at the hearing should be mailed or hand delivered to Jack R. Carson, Acting Director, Tulsa Field Office at the address listed below.

Copies of the Oklahoma plan, the proposed amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document will be available for public review at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Each requester may receive one free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting OSM’s Tulsa Field Office.

Jack R. Carson, Acting Director, Tulsa Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 5100 East Skelly Drive, Suite 470, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135—6547, Telephone: (918) 581—6430.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack R. Carson, Acting Director, Tulsa Field Office, Telephone: (918) 581—6430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Oklahoma Plan

On January 21, 1982, the Secretary of the Interior approved the Oklahoma plan. Background information on the Oklahoma plan, including the Secretary’s findings, the disposition of comments, and the approval of the plan can be found in the January 21, 1982, Federal Register (47 FR 2989).

II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated November 13, 1995 (Administrative Record No. OAML—63), Oklahoma submitted a proposed amendment to its AMLR plan pursuant to SMCRA. Oklahoma submitted the proposed amendment in response to a September 26, 1994, letter from OSM (Administrative Record No. OAML—65), in accordance with 30 CFR 884.13(d), concerning revisions to the AML regulations at 30 CFR Chapter VII, Subchapter R (59 FR 28136, May 31, 1994).

Oklahoma proposes to amend its administrative rules at OAC 155:15, Oklahoma Abandoned Mine Land Program. Oklahoma proposes to amend its Reclamation Plan at sections 884.13(c), Goals and Objectives; 884.13(c)(2), Project Ranking and Selection; 884.13(c)(3), Interagency Coordination; 884.13(c)(5), Eligible Lands and Waters; 884.13(c)(7), Public Participation; and 884.13(d)(1), Administrative and Management Structure.

(1) OAC 155:15, Oklahoma Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program Rules

Subsection 1—2, is revised to clarify definitions used later in the rules. Subsection 1—3, subpart (4) is added to require that contracts for AML projects only be awarded to successful bidders who are determined eligible to receive funds by using OSM’s Applicant Violator System. Subsection 1—3 is revised to ensure that certain coal mine sites damaged and abandoned after August 3, 1977, are eligible for reclamation funding if the mining (1) took place during the interim program or (2) ended on or before November 5, 1990, and the surety for the mining company became insolvent during that period. Changes to Subsection 1—6 revise the objectives of reclamation project funding and the priority of those objectives. Objectives (4), Research and Demonstration, and (7), Construction of Public Facilities, are eliminated. The priority of order of the other objectives remains unchanged. Subsection 1—14 is added to allow for the construction, repair or enhancement of facilities related to water supplies where such supplies have been adversely affected by coal mining practices. Subsection 1—15 adds requirements for the establishment of special trust accounts that will provide for coal reclamation after September 30, 1995. Once established, Oklahoma may then set aside 10% of its annual grant funding
for this use. Subsection 1-16 authorizes Oklahoma to receive and retain funds for Acid Mine Drainage Programs without regard to normal time limitations and establishes requirements for expenditure of granted funds.

(2) Section 884.13(c)(1) Goals and Objectives

This section is revised to eliminate goal 4 (Research and Demonstration) and goal 7 (Construction of Public Facilities). The remaining goals and their priorities are unchanged.

(3) Section 884.13(c)(2) Project Ranking and Selection

A new sentence is added that (1) requires public notices to be published during the project selection process and (2) outlines requirements for public meetings and public comment during the selection process. The “Project Selection Matrix” is completely revised and Table 3 which outlines the project selection decision process is changed to place the general public into the project screening process.

(4) Section 884.13(c)(3) Coordination of Reclamation Work Between the State, the Soil Conservation Service and Other Reclamation Agencies

This section revises the description of the State Reclamation Committee and its role in the reclamation program.

(5) Section 884.13(c)(5) Policies and Procedures for Reclamation on Private Land

The subsection “Eligible Lands and Water” is revised to add eligibility for Interim Program and certain Insolvent Surety sites.

(6) Section 884.13(c)(7) Public Participation Policies

The public participation policies are revised to increase public input into the beginning of the project selection process.

(7) Section 884.13(d)(1) Administrative and Management Structure

Figure 7, which depicts the organizational structure of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, is revised to reflect the current organization. The list of state agencies which may be involved in the reclamation program is changed to reflect current program operational practices. Figure 8, Oklahoma Executive Branch Organizational Chart, has been deleted.

III. Public Comment Procedures

In accordance with the provisions of 30 CFR 884.15(a), OSM is seeking comments on whether the proposed amendment satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 884.14. If the amendment is deemed adequate, it will become part of the Oklahoma plan.

Written Comments

Written comments should be specific, pertain only to the issues proposed in this rulemaking, and include explanations in support of the commenter’s recommendations. Comments received after the time indicated under DATES or at locations other than the Tulsa Field Office will not necessarily be considered in the final rulemaking or included in the Administrative Record.

Public Hearing

Persons wishing to speak at the public hearing should contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT by 4:00 p.m., c.s.t., on January 5, 1996. The location and time of the hearing will be announced with those persons requesting the hearing. If no one requests an opportunity to speak at the public hearing, the hearing will not be held.

Filing of a written statement at the time of the hearing is requested as it will greatly assist the transcriber. Submission of written statements in advance of the hearing will allow OSM officials to prepare adequate responses and appropriate questions.

The public hearing will continue on the specified date until all persons scheduled to speak have been heard. Persons in the audience who have not been scheduled to speak, and who wish to do so, will be heard following those who have been scheduled. The hearing will end after all persons scheduled to speak and persons present in the audience who wish to speak have been heard.

Any disabled individual who has need for a special accommodation to attend a public hearing should contact the individual listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Public Meeting

If only one person requests an opportunity to speak at a hearing, a public meeting, rather than a public hearing, may be held. Persons wishing to meet with OSM representatives to discuss the proposed amendment may request a meeting by contacting the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. All such meetings will be open to the public and, if possible, notices of meetings will be posted at the locations listed under ADDRESSES. A written summary of each meeting will be made a part of the Administrative Record.

IV. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12866

This proposed rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review).

Executive Order 12778

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 2 of Executive Order 12778 (Civil Justice Reform) and has determined that, to the extent allowed by law, this rule meets the applicable standards of subsections (a) and (b) of that section. However, these standards are not applicable to the actual language of State and Tribal abandoned mine land reclamation plans and revisions thereof since each such plan is drafted and promulgated by a specific State or Tribe, not by OSM. Decisions on proposed abandoned mine land reclamation plans and revisions thereof submitted by a State or Tribe are based on a determination of whether the submittal meets the requirements of Title IV of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1231-1243) AND 30 CFR Parts 884 and 888.

National Environmental Policy Act

No environmental impact statement is required for this rule since agency decisions on proposed State or Tribal abandoned mine land reclamation plans and revisions thereof are categorically excluded from compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332) by the Manual of the Department of the Interior (516 DM 6, appendix 8, paragraph 8.4B(29)).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 et seq.).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior has determined that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). The submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon corresponding Federal regulations for which an economic analysis was prepared and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, this rule will ensure that existing requirements previously
promulgated by OSM will be implemented. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions in the analyses for the corresponding Federal regulations.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 936

Abandoned mine land reclamation, Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.


Russell Frum,
Acting Regional Director, Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[GA27–1–7186b; FRL–5320–4]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Georgia

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Georgia for the adoption of the Clean Fuel Fleet Program. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: To be considered, comments must be received by January 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Ben Franco, EPA Region 4, Air Programs Branch, 345 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30365. Copies of the State of Georgia submittal are available for public review during normal business hours at the addresses listed below:

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Programs Branch, 345 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30365.

Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA 30354.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ben Franco of the EPA Region 4 Air Programs Branch at (404) 347–3555, ext. 4211, and at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the rules section of this Federal Register.


Patrick M. Tobin,
Acting Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Part 2810

[WO–420–6310–00]

Tramroads and Logging Roads—Subpart 2812—Over O. and C. and Coos Bay Revested Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 16, 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register (60 FR 57561). The notice announced BLM's plans to revise regulations governing logging roads over revested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands (collectively known as the O&C lands). The changes will bring the existing cost-sharing road program under the regulatory framework of Section 502 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and incorporate environmental protection and other requirements for rights-of-way over public lands found in Title V of FLPMA. The notice allowed 30 days for public comment. In response to a request from a representative of interested parties, the comment period is being extended until January 15, 1996.

DATES: Comments on this advance notice of proposed rulemaking must be received by January 15, 1996. Comments postmarked after this date may not be considered in the preparation of the proposed rule.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WO140@attmail.com. Please include “ATTN: O&C” and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.


Patrick W. Boyd,
Regulatory Management Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 219, 236, and 252

[DFARS Case 95–D039]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comment; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to a proposed rule on Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, which was published in the Federal Register on December 14, 1995 (60 FR 64135).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ms. Susan Schneider, (703) 602–0131.
Michele P. Peterson,
Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Accordingly, the Department of Defense is correcting 48 CFR Parts 219, 236, and 252 as follows: