

Paperwork Reduction Act

This action does not create a collection of information requirement for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

National Environmental Policy Act

The FHWA has analyzed this rulemaking for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347) and has determined that this action would not have any effect on the quality of the environment. Therefore an environmental impact statement is not required.

Regulatory Identification Number

A regulation identification number (RIN) is assigned to each regulatory action listed in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulations. The Regulatory Information Service Center publishes the Unified Agenda in April and October of each year. The RIN contained in the heading of this document can be used to cross reference this action with the Unified Agenda.

List of Subjects in 23 CFR Part 667

Highways and roads, Public lands highway funds.

Issued on: August 20, 1996.

Rodney E. Slater,

Federal Highway Administrator.

In consideration of the foregoing and under the authority of 23 U.S.C. 202, 204, and 315, the FHWA removes and reserves part 667 of title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below.

**PART 667—PUBLIC LANDS
HIGHWAYS FUNDS [REMOVED AND
RESERVED]**

1. Part 667 is removed and reserved.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

24 CFR Part 291

[Docket No. FR-3814-N-03]

RIN 2502-AG42

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Housing—Federal Housing
Commissioner; Sale of HUD-Held
Single Family Mortgages; Notice of
Extension of Effective Period of Interim
Rule**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Interim rule; Postponement of expiration date.

SUMMARY: On August 31, 1995, HUD published an interim rule to establish policies and procedures for the sale of HUD-held single family mortgages. The interim rule provided that its provisions would expire and not be in effect after September 30, 1996, unless prior to that date HUD publishes a document to extend the effective date. This document extends the effective period of the interim rule until HUD issues a final rule for the sale of HUD-held single family mortgages.

DATES: Effective August 27, 1996 the September 30, 1996 expiration date for the interim rule adding 24 CFR 291.300 through 291.307 (subpart D) is postponed until a final rule is published and made effective.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph McCloskey, Director, Single Family Servicing Division, Office of Housing, Room 9178, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410, telephone (202) 708-1672. (This telephone number is not toll-free.) Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD published an interim rule to establish policies and procedures for the sale of HUD-held single family mortgages on August 31, 1995 (60 FR 45331). (Note: HUD published a correction to this interim rule on October 6, 1995 (60 FR 52296).) The August 31, 1995 interim rule explained that HUD had adopted a policy of setting an expiration date for an interim rule so that the regulatory provisions would expire unless a final rule is published before that date (60 FR 45332). This "sunset" provision appears in § 291.300 of the interim rule, which provides that §§ 291.300 through 291.307 shall expire and shall not be in effect after September 30, 1996, unless prior to September 30, 1996 HUD publishes a final rule adopting the interim rule with or without changes, or publishes a notice in the Federal Register to extend the effective date of the interim rule.

The final rule for the sale of HUD-held single family mortgages is currently in its final stages of development, and HUD anticipates that it will publish the final rule in the fall of 1996. However, in order to prevent a period in which the single family mortgage sale program is without effective regulations, HUD is extending the effective period of the August 31,

1995 interim rule until the final rule is published and made effective.

Accordingly, the expiration date of the interim rule published in the Federal Register on August 31, 1995 (60 FR 45331) is postponed until a final rule is published and made effective.

Dated: August 20, 1996.

Nicolas P. Retsinas,

*Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal
Housing Commissioner.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation
and Enforcement**

30 CFR Part 950

[SPATS No. WY-026]

Wyoming Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Final rule; approval of amendment.

SUMMARY: OSM is approving a proposed amendment to the Wyoming regulatory program (hereinafter, the "Wyoming program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment consists of the revision of statutory provisions pertaining to research and development testing licenses for coal in situ processing operations. The amendment was intended to revise the Wyoming program to be consistent with SMCRA and the corresponding Federal regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Guy V. Padgett, Director, Casper Field Office, Telephone: (307) 261-5824, Internet address: GPADGETT@CWYGW.OSMRE.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Wyoming Program

On November 26, 1980, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Wyoming program. General background information on the Wyoming program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval of the Wyoming program can be found in the November 26, 1980, Federal Register (45 FR 78637). Subsequent actions concerning Wyoming's program and program