National Environmental Policy Act

No environmental impact statement is required for this rule since section 702(d) of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1292(d)) provides that agency decisions on proposed State regulatory program provisions do not constitute major Federal actions within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

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 State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon counterpart 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 by the State. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the counterpart Federal regulations.

Unfunded Mandates

This rule will not impose a cost of $100 million or more in any given year on any governmental entity or the private sector.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 913

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

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Michael C. Wolfrom,
Acting Regional Director, Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center.

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30 CFR Part 936

[SPATS No. OK-019-FOR]

Oklahoma Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Proposed Rule; Reopening and Extension of Public Comment Period on Proposed Amendment.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing receipt of revisions pertaining to a previously proposed amendment to the Oklahoma regulatory program (hereinafter referred to as the "Oklahoma program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The revisions for Oklahoma’s proposed amendment pertain to repair or compensation for material damage resulting from subsidence caused by underground coal mining operations and to replacement of water supplies adversely impacted by underground coal mining operations. The amendment is intended to revise the Oklahoma program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations.

DATES: Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., c.d.t., October 4, 1996.

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

Copies of the Oklahoma program, the proposed amendment, 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.

Oklahoma Department of Mines, 4040 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 107, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, Telephone: (405) 521-3859.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Oklahoma Program

II. Discussion of the Proposed Amendment

III. Public Comment Procedures

IV. Procedural Determinations

I. Background on the Oklahoma Program

On January 19, 1981, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Oklahoma program. Background information on the Oklahoma program, including the Secretary’s findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval can be found in the January 19, 1981, Federal Register (46 FR 4902). Subsequent actions concerning the conditions of approval and program amendments can be found at 30 CFR 936.15 and 936.16.

II. Discussion of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated July 17, 1996 (Administrative Record No. OK-975), Oklahoma submitted a proposed amendment to its program pursuant to SMCRA. Oklahoma submitted the proposed amendment in response to a May 20, 1996, letter (Administrative Record No. OK-976) that OSM sent to Oklahoma in accordance with 30 CFR 732.17(c). The provisions of the Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) that Oklahoma proposes to amend are OAC 460:20-3-4, Definitions; OAC 460:20-3-5, Hydrologic information; OAC 460:20-3-5, Subsidence control plan; OAC 460:20-45-8, Hydrologic-balance protection; and OAC 460:20-45-47, Subsidence control.

OSM announced receipt of the proposed amendment in the August 2, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 40369) and invited public comment on its adequacy. The public comment period ended September 3, 1996.

During its review of the amendment, OSM identified a concern relating to OAC 460:20-3-5, Definitions. Oklahoma had not proposed a definition for “occupied residential dwelling and structures related thereto.” This definition was required in OSM’s May 20, 1996, letter to Oklahoma. OSM notified Oklahoma of this concern by letter dated August 20, 1996 (Administrative Record No. 975.07). Oklahoma responded in a letter dated August 28, 1996 (Administrative Record No. 975.06), by submitting a revised amendment which contained the missing definition.

Specifically, Oklahoma proposes to add the following definition at OAC 460:20-3-5.

“Occupied residential dwelling and structures” means for purposes of 460:20-31-13 and 460:20-45-47, any building or other structure that, at the time the subsidence occurs, is used either temporarily, occasionally, seasonally, or permanently for human habitation. This term also includes: (A) Any building, structure or facility installed on, above or below, or in combination thereof, the land surface if that building, structure or facility is adjacent to or used in connection with an occupied residential dwelling. (B) Examples of such structures include, but are not limited: (1) garages; (2) storage sheds and barns; (3) greenhouses and related buildings; (4) utilities and cables; (5) fences and other enclosures; (6) retaining walls; (7) paved or
I. Background

Section 182(c)(4)(A) of the Clean Air Act requires certain States, including New York, to submit for EPA approval a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision that includes measures to implement a Clean Fuel Fleet program (CFFP). Under this program, a certain specified percentage of vehicles purchased by fleet operators for covered commercial, agricultural, industrial, retail or other commercial purposes is excluded.

III. Public Comment Procedures

OSM is reopening the comment period on the proposed Oklahoma program amendment to provide the public an opportunity to reconsider the adequacy of the proposed amendment in light of the additional materials submitted. In accordance with provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), OSM is seeking comments on whether the proposed amendment satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15. If the amendment is deemed adequate, it will become part of the Oklahoma program.

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.

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 12988

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 (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 regulatory programs and program amendments since each such program is drafted and promulgated by a specific State, not by OSM. Under sections 503 and 505 of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1253 and 1255) and 30 CFR 730.11, 732.15, and 732.17(h)(10), decisions on proposed State regulatory programs and program amendments submitted by the States must be based solely on a determination of whether the submittal is consistent with SMCRA and its implementing Federal regulations and whether the other requirements of 30 CFR Parts 730, 731, and 732 have been met.

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