

The Director approves the rules as proposed by the Navajo Nation with the provision that they be fully promulgated in identical form to the rules submitted to and reviewed by OSM and the public.

The Federal regulations at 30 CFR Part 756, codifying decisions concerning the Navajo Nation plan, are being amended to implement this decision. This final rule is being made effective immediately to expedite the Tribe plan amendment process and to encourage Tribes to bring their plans into conformity with the Federal standards without undue delay. Consistency of Tribe and Federal standards is required by SMCRA.

**VI. Procedural Determinations**

*1. Executive Order 12866*

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

*2. 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 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 Tribe or State AMLR plans and revisions thereof since each such plan is drafted and promulgated by a specific Tribe or State, not by OSM. Decisions on proposed Tribe or State AMLR plans and revisions thereof submitted by a Tribe or State are based on a determination of whether the submittal meets the requirements of Title IV of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1231-1243) and the applicable Federal regulations at 30 CFR Parts 884 and 888.

*3. National Environmental Policy Act*

No environmental impact statement is required for this rule since agency decisions on proposed Tribe or State AMLR 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)).

*4. 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.*).

*5. 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 Tribe or State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon 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 established by SMCRA or previously promulgated by OSM will be implemented by the Tribe or State. 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.

*6. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act*

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

**List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 756**

Abandoned mine reclamation programs, Indian lands, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: March 24, 1997.

**James F. Fulton,**

*Acting Regional Director, Western Regional Coordinating Center.*

For the reasons set out in the preamble, Title 30, Chapter VII, Subchapter E of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as set forth below:

**PART 756—INDIAN TRIBE  
ABANDONED MINE LAND  
RECLAMATION PROGRAMS**

1. The authority citation for Part 756 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.* and Pub. L. 100-71.

2. Section 756.14 is amended by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**§ 756.14 Approval of amendments to the Navajo Nation's abandoned mine land plan.**

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(d) Revisions to, additions of, or deletions of the following rules, as submitted to OSM on September 3, 1996, are approved effective April 15, 1997.

- Section II, E, 1, Project selection,
- Sections II, L, 1(e) and (g), Eligible coal lands and water,
- Section II, L, 1(h), Limited liability,
- Section II, L, 1(i), Contractor responsibility,
- Section II, L, 1(j), Reports,

Sections II, L, 2(b)(3) and (4), Eligible noncoal lands and water prior to certification,

Section II, L, 2(c), Limited liability,  
Section II, L, 2(d), Contractor responsibility,

Section II, L, 2(e), Reports,  
Sections II, M, 1(b) and (d), 2, and 2(a) and (b), Certification of completion of coal sites,

Sections II, N, 1 and 1(c), Eligible lands and water subsequent to certification,

Sections II, P, 1(a) through (c), 2(a) through (f), and (3), Utilities and other facilities, and

Section III, E, 1 and 1(a), Future reclamation set-aside program.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**32 CFR Part 706**

**Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 Amendment**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy has determined that USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special functions as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 6, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain R. R. Pixa, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Admiralty Counsel, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Navy Department, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22332-2400, *Telephone Number:* (703) 325-9744.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 706. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy, under authority delegated by the Secretary of

the Navy, has certified that USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with the following specific provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special functions as a naval ship: Annex I, section 2 (a)(i), pertaining to the height of the forward masthead light; Annex I, section 2(g), pertaining to the distance of the sidelights above the hull; and, Annex I, section 3(a), pertaining to the horizontal distance between the forward and after masthead lights. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy has also certified that the

lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR Parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

**List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706**

Marine safety, Navigation (water), and Vessels.

Accordingly, 32 CFR Part 706 is amended as follows:

**PART 706—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR Part 706 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1605.

2. Table One of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for the USS DUBUQUE:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy Under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

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Vessel	Number	Distance in meters of forward masthead light below minimum required height. § 2(a)(i), Annex I
USS DUBUQUE .....	LPD 8	4.2

3. Table Four of § 706.2 is amended by adding the following paragraph:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy Under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

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19. Sidelights on the following ships do not comply with Annex I, Section 2 (g):

Vessel	Number	Distance in meters of sidelights above maximum allowed height.
USS DUBUQUE .....	LPD 8	1.2

4. Table Five of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for the USS DUBUQUE:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy Under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

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TABLE FIVE

Vessel	No.	Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. annex I, sec. 2(f)	Forward masthead light not in forward quarter of ship. annex I, sec. 3(a)	After masthead light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward masthead light. annex I, sec. 3(a)	Percentage horizontal separation attained.
USS DUBUQUE .....	LPD 8	N/A	N/A	X	57

Dated: March 6, 1997.  
 Approved:  
**W. T. Storz,**  
*Commander, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Acting Deputy  
 Assistant Judge Advocate General  
 (Admiralty).*  
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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 19, 1997.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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General (Admiralty) has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR Parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**32 CFR Part 706**

**Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy has determined that USS MAHAN (DDG 72) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 706. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy, under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that USS MAHAN (DDG 72) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with the following specific provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Annex I, paragraph 2(f)(i) pertaining to placement of the masthead light or lights above and clear of all other lights and obstructions; Annex I, paragraph 3(a) pertaining to the location of the forward masthead light in the forward quarter of the vessel, and the horizontal distance between the forward and after masthead lights; and, Annex I, paragraph 3(c) pertaining to placement of task lights not less than two meters from the fore and aft centerline of the ship in the athwartship direction. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate

**List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706**

Marine safety, Navigation (water), and Vessels.

Accordingly, 32 CFR Part 706 is amended as follows:

**PART 706—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR Part 706 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1605.

2. Table Four, Paragraph 15 of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS MAHAN:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy Under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

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Vessel	Number	Horizontal distance from the fore and aft centerline of the vessel in the athwartship direction
USS MAHAN .....	DDG 72	1.90 meters.

3. Table Four, Paragraph 16 of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS MAHAN:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy Under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

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Vessel	Number	Obstruction angle relative ship's headings
USS MAHAN .....	DDG 72	102.11 thru 112.50°.

4. Table Five of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS MAHAN:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy Under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

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