Federal regulations.

consistent with the corresponding

revise the Kentucky program to be

request. The amendment is intended to

letter, provided justification for its

of 156 field inspectors and, in the same

amendment at 30 CFR 917.17(a) which

requesting the removal of an

(SMCRA). Kentucky submitted a letter

program')) under the Surface Mining

Control and Reclamation Act of 1977

(OSM), Kentucky submitted a letter

RIN contained

in the heading of this document can be

used to cross reference this action with

the Unified Agenda.

In consideration of the foregoing, the

FHWA proposes to amend title 23, Code

of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, appendix A to Part 658 for the State of North Dakota as set forth below:

Appendix A to Part 658—National Network—Federally-Designated Routes

Route From To

ND32 West Junction of ND Highway 13 North I-94

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Kentucky Program

On May 18, 1982, the Secretary of the

Interior conditionally approved the

Kentucky program. Background

information on the Kentucky program,

including the Secretary’s findings, the

disposition of comments, and the

conditions of approval can be found in

the May 18, 1982, Federal Register (47

FR 21404). Subsequent actions

concerning the conditions of approval

and program amendments can be found

at 30 CFR 917.11, 917.13, 917.15,

917.16, and 917.17.

II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated November 3, 1997

(Administrative Record No. KY–1418),

Kentucky submitted a proposed

amendment to its program requesting

the removal of an amendment at 30 CFR

917.17(a) requiring that Kentucky

maintain a staffing level of 156 field

inspectors. The proposed amendment

was announced in the December 10,


The notice did not clarify that

Kentucky submitted documents that

provide evidence that it has sufficient

inspections and enforcement staffing

levels to regulate mining in accordance

with SMCR. OSM, therefore, reopened

the comment period to describe the

documents submitted. The submission

of the additional information was

During the course of its review, OSM determined that the required amendments at 30 CFR 917.16(b)(1) and in the first sentence of (b)(2), which mandate a staffing level of 408 for Kentucky, and (b)(3), which requires that Kentucky provide a report to OSM describing the actions taken to achieve the staffing level, could possibly be removed based on the additional documentation Kentucky provided.

Specifically, the Director proposes to remove the entire required amendment at 917.16(b) because Kentucky appears to have met all the requirements in 30 CFR 917.16(b) (1), (2), and (3). The comment period is being reopened because this proposed action was not specified in the two earlier announcements.

III. Public Comment Procedures

In accordance with the 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 Kentucky 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 Lexington Field Office will not necessarily be considered in the final rulemaking or included in the Administrative Record.

IV. Procedural Determinations

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).

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.

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 917

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

31 CFR Part 103

RIN 1506-AA22

Proposed Amendment to the Bank Secrecy Act Regulations; Requirement That Casinos and Card Clubs Report Suspicious Transactions

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (“FinCEN”) is proposing to amend the Bank Secrecy Act regulations to require casinos and card clubs to report suspicious transactions involving at least $3,000 in funds or other assets, relevant to a possible violation of law or regulation; reports would be made on a reporting form specifically designed for use in the gaming industry. The proposed amendments to the Bank Secrecy Act regulations would also require casinos and card clubs to establish procedures designed to detect occurrences or patterns of suspicious transactions and would make certain other changes to the requirements that casinos maintain Bank Secrecy Act compliance programs.

DATES: Written comments on all aspects of the proposal are welcome and must be received on or before September 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Office of Chief Counsel, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, Suite 200, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, Virginia 22182-2536, Attention: NPRM—Suspicious Transaction Reporting—Casinos. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address: “regcomments@fincen.treas.gov,” with the following caption in the body of the text: “Attention: NPRM—Suspicious Transaction Reporting—Casinos”. For additional instructions on the submission of comments, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION under the heading “Submission of Comments.”

Inspection of Comments: Comments may be inspected, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at FinCEN’s Washington office, in the Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, N.W., Fourth Floor,