DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 935

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Ohio Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period.


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Example: If a manufactured home is to be located in a geographic area having between 2501 and 4500 RHS winter degree days, the Agency will accept a Uo Value Zone 2 unit or Zone 3 unit constructed to the HUD FMHCCS.

I. Background on the Ohio Program

On August 16, 1982, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Ohio program. You can find background information on the Ohio program, including the Secretary’s findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval in the August 10, 1982, Federal Register (42 FR 34688). You can find later actions concerning the Ohio program at 30 CFR 935.11, 935.12, 935.15, and 935.16.

II. Description of the Proposed Amendment


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III. Public Comment Procedures

According to the provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), we are seeking comments on whether the proposed amendment satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15. If the amendment is approved, it will become part of the Ohio program.

Written Comments

Your written comments should be specific and pertain only to the issues proposed in this rulemaking. You may not consider comments received after the time indicated under DATES or at locations other than the Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center in the final rulemaking or include them in the Administrative Record.

IV. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) exempts this rule from review.

Executive Order 12988

The Department of the Interior conducted the reviews required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 (Civil Justice Reform) and 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

We have analyzed this rule in accordance with the criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act and 526DM. This rule does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

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). The information collection is not covered by an existing OMB approval. An OMB form 83-1 has not been prepared and has not been approved by the Office of Policy Analysis.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior 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 Reform Act

In accordance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), this rule will not produce a Federal mandate of $100 million or greater in any year, i.e., it is not a “significant regulatory action” under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 935

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This is a summary of the Commission’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The full text of this NPRM is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours at the FCC Dockets Branch, Room 230, 1919 M Street NW, Washington, DC. The text of the NPRM may also be purchased by calling International Transcription Service at 202-857-3800.

Given the readily available electronic access to information concerning applications and licenses for wireless telecommunications services, this NPRM proposes to close the Commission’s Gettysburg reference facility. Due to its location outside the Washington, DC area, the Gettysburg reference facility is not as well used as those at Commission headquarters. The demand to review materials will be easily met by the Commission’s public access capabilities, particularly as the use of electronic filing expands to the point where the Commission receives little or no paper from applicants. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff in Gettysburg will accept requests at their front counter to review paper documents, and the Commission’s duplication services contractor will provide copies of applications upon request for their usual research and copying fees.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 0

Public information and Inspection of records.