outside the Department, these meetings are open to public observation. Members of the public may submit written comments on the matters discussed to the Director.


Thomas O. Melius,
Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the objectives of the Government Performance and Results Act and the Vice-President’s National Performance Review, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) of the U.S. Department of the Interior is soliciting the participation of interested parties to discuss policy and technical issues related to reforestation on active and abandoned mines. On May 13, 1998, OSM held an initial meeting to seek public input on possible roles OSM might play in encouraging reforestation, where appropriate. Based on the results of that session, OSM is planning to host a number of events, including a Policy Outreach Symposium on Reforestation at Surface Coal Mines. The Symposium will be held in Washington, DC on January 14, 1999. The purpose of the symposium is to provide a forum to discuss current policy issues relevant to reforestation of mined lands and to obtain public input on how to encourage tree planting on active and abandoned mined lands.

DATES: The Policy Outreach Symposium on Reforestation at Surface Coal Mines will be a public meeting held in Washington, D.C., on January 14, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Policy Outreach Symposium on Reforestation will be held at the South Interior Building’s Auditorium, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Please refer to our home page, or contact Ms. Sarah Donnelly listed under For Further Information Contact, for additional information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Donnelly at: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Room 210–SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone: (202) 208–2826; FAX: (202) 219–3111; E-Mail address on the Internet: sdonnell@osmre.gov. Any individual who needs special accommodations to attend the public meeting should contact Sarah Donnelly at the above address. Please refer to OSM’s home page at www.osmre.gov for additional information on the Symposium. The meeting is open to the public. Limited seating for the public is available on a first-come, first serve basis. To assist us in planning seating for this event, please register via OSM’s home page or at the address listed at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planned program agenda for the Symposium includes the following:

State/Tribal/Industry Reforestation Comments—Review of State/Tribal and industry views on current reforestation policies, including nationwide overview of successful policies, practices, and of dilemmas.

State/Tribal Tree Planting Statistics—Nationwide overview of forestry as a post-mining land use. Quantity and quality of reforestation on active and abandoned sites, as well as, an assessment of State interest in reforestation issues will be addressed.

Site Preparation Issues—How do AOC and other grading requirements influence tree planting?; How does soil restoration, in particular, excessive compaction play into successful reforestation from a policy perspective?

Land Use Issues—How do the land use capability requirements and landowner desires influence the restoration of mined lands to forestry?

Erosion Control Issues—What are the effects of our soil stabilization policies and regulations (e.g., rills and gullies) on successful restoration of forestry land use?

Revegetation Issues—How do the revegetation standards for success influence tree planting? Are there feasible alternatives within the current regulatory framework that would encourage reforestation?

Reforestation Efforts on AML Lands—What are the keys to current, successful AML reforestation programs? What would encourage an increase in tree planting on AML sites—supplemental “tree planting grants”, reforestation awards category, use of reforestation on remined lands?


Robert J. Ewing,
Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 1, 1998, under section 337 of