

and EIS are to be directed to William Hoffman, Environmental Protection Agency, 215-814-2995. Coordinators for each of the federal and state agencies are as follows:

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Michael D. Gheen, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 304-529-5487

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agencies undertaking preparation of this voluntary EIS implement federal and state laws with which mountaintop mining operations and associated discharges to waters of the U.S. must comply. OSM is responsible for national administration of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA); it has delegated the authority for the SMCRA programs for surface mining operations in West Virginia to the State of West Virginia. Other Appalachian coalfield states (except Tennessee) also implement delegated SMCRA authority. Discharge of fill material into U.S. waters is regulated under Sec. 404 of the Clean Water Act, with permit responsibility administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and applicable 404 regulations issued by the Corps and EPA. Other discharges to U.S. waters are subject to Sec. 402 of the Clean Water Act, which is administered nationally by EPA with authority for the program delegated to West Virginia and other Appalachian coalfield states. Mountaintop mining operations must also comply with the Endangered Species Act, which is administered by FWS. In addition, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) pertains to federally-permitted, constructed, or licensed water development projects and land development projects that affect any water body. Whenever OSM, COE, or EPA authorize an action within the scope of the FWCA, they are required to consult with the FWS, and similar State agencies, to obtain recommendations on ways to mitigate adverse effects on fish and wildlife resources.

The number of mountaintop mining operations that utilize valley fills, as well as the scale of individual operations, have increased in recent years in West Virginia. This EIS will evaluate significant environmental impacts associated with these operations on water quality, streams, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, habitat

fragmentation, the hydrological balance, and other individual and cumulative effects. Federal and state agencies are increasingly concerned over the lack of comprehensive data regarding valley fill operations, and have initiated a number of studies to address these data gaps. Accurately describing and quantifying the extent and nature of direct, secondary, and cumulative impacts related to valley fills and associated mining practices is difficult.

This EIS will complement recent efforts to address the issues of mountaintop mining and valley fills. The OSM recently completed and issued a draft oversight report entitled "An Evaluation of Approximate Original Contour and Postmining Land Use in West Virginia". During 1998, the Governor of West Virginia established a Governor's Task Force, which held public inquiries and evaluated the impacts of mountaintop mining operations on the economy, the environment, and the people of that State. Its report was issued in December 1998.

To address the concerns about mountaintop mining and valley fills, the agencies will consider potential revisions to relevant regulations, policies, and guidance that would minimize the potential for adverse individual and cumulative impacts of mining operations. The EIS will provide information that will help the agencies improve the permitting process to protect water quality and minimize impacts to other environmental resources. The EIS will also examine how regulations of the agencies can be better coordinated. The EIS may consider information on the following: the cumulative environmental impacts of mountaintop mining; the efficacy of stream restoration; the viability of reclaimed streams compared to natural waters; the impact that filled valleys have on aquatic life, wildlife and nearby residents; biological and habitat analyses that should be done before mining begins; practicable alternatives for in-stream placement of excess overburden; measures to minimize stream filling to the maximum extent practicable; and the effectiveness of mitigation and reclamation measures. The EIS is expected to take two years to complete.

Dated: January 29, 1999.

Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND PLACE: February 22, 1999, Washington, DC. This meeting will take place in the Truman Room (Third Floor) of the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is tentatively scheduled to meet in open session on Monday, February 22, 1999, at approximately 1:00 p.m. to discuss (1) the Science and Technology budget, (2) the report of the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee, and (3) work of PCAST panels. This session will end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There will be a time allocated for the public to speak on any of the above agenda items. Please make your request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. Written comments are welcome anytime prior to or following the meeting. Please notify Joan P. Porter, PCAST Executive Secretary, at (202) 456-6101 or fax your requests/comments to (202) 456-6026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding time, place, and agenda, please call Joan P. Porter, PCAST Executive Secretary, at (202) 456-6101, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 1999. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come first served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 12882, as amended, on November 23, 1993. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of national importance that have significant science and technology content, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Committee members are distinguished

individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and by John Young, former President and CEO of the Hewlett-Packard Company.

Dated: February 1, 1999.

Barbara Ann Ferguson,

Administrative Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

January 13, 1999.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before April 6, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0686.

Title: Report and Order, Streamlining the International Section 214 Authorization Process and Tariff Requirements, IB Docket No. 95-118.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 18.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 to 20 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually; Semi-annually; Quarterly; and On Occasion reporting requirements; Third Party disclosure.

Total Annual Burden: 90 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$9,000.

Needs and Uses: Under § 63.19, carriers will be required to notify their customers and provide the Commission with a copy of the notification, at least 60 days prior to discontinuation of international telecommunications service. The information will enable the Commission to confirm that international service providers wishing to discontinue service give sufficient notice to allow consumers to obtain alternative service. We estimate that 15 respondents will submit this information to their customers and the Commission, and it should take two hours per response, for a total of 30 burden hours for this rule section.

Under § 63.53(c), applicants filing information or documents in a foreign language in a § 214 proceeding are required to submit a certified English translation of the information. The translation will eliminate the time and resources needed to translate documents, and enable the Commission to make documents readily available for the public. We estimate that three respondents will submit this information, and it should take 20 hours per response, for a total of 60 burden hours for this rule section.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0695.

Title: Proposed 87.219 Automatic Operation.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 50.