

T. 39 S., R. 4 E., accepted December 18, 1998  
 T. 18 S., R. 27 E., accepted January 22, 1999  
 T. 37 S., R. 3 W., accepted January 22, 1999  
 T. 38 S., R. 3 W., accepted January 15, 1999  
 T. 39 S., R. 1 W., accepted December 28, 1998  
 T. 34 S., R. 6 W., accepted January 26, 1999  
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If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey, and subdivision.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: April 1, 1999.

**Robert D. DeViney, Jr.**

*Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Proposed Ridgewater Water Distribution System Project in Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application for grant funding; public comment period on request to fund the Ridgewater project.

**SUMMARY:** OSM is announcing its receipt of a grant application from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Abandoned Mine Land Division (AML D). Wyoming's application requests \$76,265 from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to pay approximately 29 percent of the cost of rebuilding the Ridgewater Improvement District water distribution system in Converse County, Wyoming. In its application, the State proposes paying for part of the reconstruction cost as a public facility project that will benefit a community impacted by coal mining activities.

This notice describes when and where the Wyoming abandoned mine land (AML) program and the grant application for funding the Ridgewater project are available for you to read. It also sets the time period during which you may send written comments on the request to us.

**DATES:** We will accept written comments until 4:00 p.m., m.s.t., May 17, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** You should mail or hand-deliver written comments to Guy V. Padgett, Casper Field Office Director, at the address shown below. You may read Wyoming's grant application for this proposed project during normal business hours Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at the same address. Also, we will send one free copy of the grant application to you if you contact OSM's Casper Field Office.

Guy V. Padgett, Director, Casper Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Federal Building, Rm. 2403, 100 East "B" Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601-1918.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Guy V. Padgett, Telephone: (307) 261-6555.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background on Title IV of SMCRA

Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) established an Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) program. The purpose of the AMLR program is to reclaim and restore lands and waters that were adversely affected by past mining. The program is funded by a reclamation fee paid by active coal mining operations. Lands and waters eligible for reclamation under Title IV are primarily those that were mined, or affected by mining, and abandoned or inadequately reclaimed before August 3, 1977, and for which there is no continuing reclamation responsibility under State, Federal, or other laws.

Title IV of SMCRA allows States to submit AMLR plans to us. We, on behalf of the Secretary, review those plans and

consider any public comments we receive about them. If we determine that a State has the ability and necessary legislation to operate an AMLR program, the Secretary can approve it. The Secretary's approval gives a State exclusively authority to put its AMLR plan into effect.

Once the Secretary approves a State's AMLR plan, the State may annually apply to us for money to fund specific projects that will achieve the goals of its approved plan. We follow the requirements of the Federal regulations at 30 CFR Parts 874, 875, and 886 when we review and approve such applications.

### II. Background on the Wyoming AMLR Plan

The Secretary of the Interior approved Wyoming's AMLR plan on February 14, 1983. You can find background information on the Wyoming AML program, including the Secretary's findings and our responses to comments, in the February 14, 1983, **Federal Register** (48 FR 6536). Wyoming changed its plan a number of times since the Secretary first approved it. In 1984, we accepted the State's certification that it addressed all known coal-related impacts in Wyoming that were eligible for funding under its program. As a result, the State may now reclaim low priority non-coal reclamation projects. You can read about the certification and OSM's acceptance in the May 25, 1984, **Federal Register** (49 FR 22139). At the same time, we also accepted Wyoming proposal that it will ask us for funds to reclaim any additional coal-related problems that occur during the life of the Wyoming AML program as soon as it becomes aware of them. In the April 13, 1992, **Federal Register** (57 FR 12731), we announced our decision to accept other changes in Wyoming's plan that describe how it will rank eligible coal, non-coal, and facility projects for funding. Those changes also authorized the Governor of Wyoming to evaluate the priority of a project based upon the Governor's determination of need and urgency. They also expanded the State's ability to construct public facilities under section 411 of SMCRA. We approved additional changes in Wyoming's plan concerning noncoal lien authority and contractor eligibility that improve the efficiency of the State's AML program. That approval is described in the February 21, 1996, **Federal Register** (61 FR 6537).

Once a State certifies that it will address all remaining abandoned coal mine problems, and the Secretary concurs, then it may request funds to

undertake abandoned noncoal mine reclamation, community impact assistance, and public facilities projects under sections 411(b), (e), and (f), of SMCRA.

State law and regulations that apply to the proposed Ridgewater funding request include Wyoming Statute 35-11-1201 and Wyoming Abandoned Mine Land Regulations, Chapter VII, of the Wyoming Abandoned Mine Program.

### III. Wyoming's Request To Fund Part of the Cost of Rebuilding the Ridgewater Distribution System

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality submitted to us a grant application dated December 21, 1998. In that application, Wyoming asked for \$76,265 that it will use to pay for part of the cost of rebuilding the Ridgewater Improvement District water distribution system in Converse County, Wyoming. This water distribution system is a public facility in a community impacted by coal mining activities. The requested funding is 29 percent of the project's total cost. Money for the balance of the project cost will come from State loan and district water user assessments and reserves.

The Governor of Wyoming certified the need and urgency to fund the Ridgewater Improvement District project before the State's remaining inventory of non-coal reclamation work is finished as allowed by section 411(f) of SMCRA. That certification says the project is in a community impacted by coal mining activities. The Ridgewater Improvement District was developed during the boom period when inadequate regulation resulted in poorly designed water and sewer systems. As a result, current distribution lines are too small to provide for the District's fire suppression services. The District also has wastewater treatment problems. Wastewater potentially can infiltrate drinking water lines due to poor line conditions.

The project will mitigate the impacts of rapid industrial growth by providing safe drinking water and fire suppression capability in the District. The Governor's certification states that the current need for District fire suppression capability and concern for wastewater infiltrating drinking water supplies warrants funding this project before the State reclaims its remaining inventory of non-coal projects.

### IV. How We Will Review Wyoming's Grant Application

We will review this grant application with respect to the regulations at 30 CFR 875.15, specifically subsections

875.15(e) (1) through (7). As stated in those regulations, the application must include the following information: (1) The need or urgency for the activity or the construction of the public facility; (2) the expected impact the project will have on Wyoming's coal or minerals industry; (3) the availability of funding from other sources and, if other funding is provided, its percentage of the total costs involved; (4) documentation from other local, State, and Federal agencies with oversight for such utilities or facilities describing what funding they have available and why their agency is not fully funding this specific project; (5) the impact on the State, the public, and the minerals industry if the facility is not funded; (6) the reason why this project should be selected before a priority project relating to the protection of the public health and safety or the environment from the damages caused by past mining activities, and (7) an analysis and review of the procedures Wyoming used to notify and involve the public in this funding request, and a copy of all comments received and their resolution by the State. Wyoming's application for the Ridgewater Improvement District project contains the information described in these seven subsections.

Section 875.15(f) requires us to evaluate all comments we receive and determine whether the funding meets the requirements of sections 875.15(e) (1) through (7) described above. It also requires us to determine if the request is in the best interests of the State's AML program. We will approve Wyoming's request to fund this project if we conclude that it meets all the requirements of 30 CFR 875.15.

### V. What To Do if You Want To Comment on the Proposed Project

We are asking for public comments on Wyoming's request for funds to pay for part of the cost of rebuilding the Ridgewater water distribution system. You are welcome to comment on the project. If you do, please give us written comments. Make sure your comments are specific and pertain to Wyoming's funding request in the context of the regulations at 30 CFR 875.15 and the provisions of section 411 of SMCRA. You should explain any recommendations you make. If we receive your comments after the time shown under **DATES** or at locations other than the Casper Field Office, we will not necessarily consider them in our final decision or include them in the administrative record.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

**Brent Wahlquist,**

*Regional Director, Western Regional Coordinating Center.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Request OMB emergency approval; Department of Justice Federal coal lease review information.

The Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by April 23, 1999. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 90 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken.

All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Jill A. Ptacek, Transportation, Energy and Agriculture Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, Room 536, 325 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;