The revisions read as follows:

§ 301.6104(d)–3 Tax-exempt organization subject to harassment campaign.

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(g) Effective date. For a tax-exempt organization, other than a private foundation, this section is applicable June 8, 1999. For a private foundation, this section is applicable beginning 60 days after these regulations are published as final regulations in the Federal Register.

Robert E. Wenzel,
Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 936

[SPATS No. OK–020–FOR]

Oklahoma Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening and extension of public comment period on proposed amendment.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing receipt of revisions to a previously proposed amendment to the Oklahoma regulatory program (Oklahoma program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The revisions concern burden of proof in civil penalty proceedings, petitions for review of proposed individual civil penalty assessment, verification of ownership or control application information, review of ownership or control and violation information, procedures for challenging ownership or control links shown in AVS, and standards for challenging ownership or control links and the status of violation. Oklahoma intends to revise its program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations.
DATES: We will accept written comments until 4:00 p.m., c.s.t., August 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You should mail or hand deliver written comments to Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office at the address listed below. You may review copies of the Oklahoma program, the amendment, and all written comments received in response to this document at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. You may receive one free copy of the amendment by contacting OSM’s Tulsa Field Office.

Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office, Office of Surface Mining, 5100 East Skelly Drive, Suite 470, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135-6547, Telephone: (918) 581±6430.

Oklahoma Department of Mines, 4040 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 107, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, Telephone: (405) 521–3859.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office. Telephone: (918) 581–6430.

Oklahoma Department of Mines, 4040 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 107, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, Telephone: (405) 521–3859.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Oklahoma Program

On January 19, 1981, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Oklahoma program. You can find background information on the Oklahoma program, including the Secretary’s findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval in the January 19, 1981, Federal Register (46 FR 4902). You can find later actions on the Oklahoma program at 30 CFR 936.15 and 936.16.

II. Discussion of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated September 28, 1998 (Administrative Record No. OK–982), Oklahoma sent us an amendment to its program under SMCRA. Oklahoma sent the amendment in response to our letter dated January 6, 1994 (Administrative Record No. OK–977), that we sent to Oklahoma under 30 CFR 732.17(c). The amendment also included changes made at Oklahoma’s own initiative. Oklahoma proposed to amend the Oklahoma Administrative Code.

We announced receipt of the proposed amendment in the October 20, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 55979) and invited public comment on its adequacy. The public comment period ended November 19, 1998. During our review of the amendment, we identified concerns relating to

460:2±8–8, Burden of Proof in Civil Penalty Proceedings; 460:2±8–9, Decision by Administrative Hearing Officer; 460:2±8–10, Petitions for Discretionary Review; 460:20–15–11, Verification of Ownership or Control Application Information; 460:20–15–12, Review of Ownership or Control and Violation Information; 460:20–15–13, Procedures for Challenging Ownership or Control Links Shown in AVS; and 460:20–15–14, Standards for Challenging Ownership or Control Links and the Status of Violations. We notified Oklahoma of the concerns by faxes dated December 3, 1998, and July 14, 1999 (Administrative Record Nos. OK–982.03 and OK–982.06, respectively). In letters dated June 23, 1999, and July 20, 1999 (Administrative Record Nos. OK–982.05 and OK–982.07, respectively), Oklahoma responded to our concerns by submitting the following revisions to the amendment:

A. 460:2±8–8, Burden of Proof in Civil Penalty Proceedings

In paragraph (a)(1) of this section, Oklahoma proposes to revise its reference to 45 O.S. 1981, Section 724 et seq., referencing instead 45 O.S. 1981, Sections 775 through 780.

B. 460:2±8–9, Decision by Administrative Hearing Officer

In paragraph (a) of this section, Oklahoma proposes to revise its reference to 460:20–8–8, referencing instead 460:2–8–8.

C. 460:2±8–10, Petitions for Discretionary Review

In paragraph (g) of this section, Oklahoma proposes to revise its reference to 460:2–63–6, referencing instead 460:20–63–6.

D. 460:20–15–11, Verification of Ownership or Control Application Information

In paragraph (b) of this section, Oklahoma proposes to revise its reference to 460:20–23–3(c) through (d), referencing instead 460:20–23–2(3).

E. 460:20–15–12, Review of Ownership or Control and Violation Information

In paragraph (a) of this section, Oklahoma proposes to revise its reference to 460:20–15–11(b), referencing instead 460:20–15–11 in its entirety.

Also, in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, Oklahoma proposes to revise its reference to 460:20–23–3, referencing instead 460:20–23–2.

F. 460:20–15–13, Procedures for Challenging Ownership or Control Links Shown in AVS

Oklahoma proposes to remove the lead-in language at paragraph (a), as well as the language at paragraph (a)(1), and re-designated paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a).

Oklahoma also proposes to revise the language at paragraph (b) to read as follows:

Challenge Basis. Any applicant or other person who wishes to challenge the status of a state violation, and who is eligible to do so under the provision of paragraphs (a) of this section, shall submit a written explanation of the basis for the challenge, along with any relevant evidentiary materials and supporting documents, to Oklahoma Department of Mines, 4040 N. Lincoln, Suite 107, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, ATTN: Director.

G. 460:20–15–14, Standards for Challenging Ownership or Control Links and the Status of Violations

At paragraph (c)(1)(B), Oklahoma proposes to revise the language to read as follows:

(B) That the facts relied upon by the Department to establish a presumption of ownership or control under the definition of “owned or controlled” or “owns or controls” in Section 460:20–15–2 of this Subchapter, do not or did not exist.

III. Public Comment Procedures

We are reopening the comment period on the proposed Oklahoma program amendment to provide the public an opportunity to reconsider the adequacy of the proposed amendment in light of the additional materials submitted. In accordance with 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 we approve the amendment, it will become part of the Oklahoma program.

Written Comments

Your written comments should be specific and pertain only to the issues proposed in this rulemaking. You should explain the reason for any recommended change. In the final rulemaking, we will not necessarily consider or include in the Administrative Record comments received after the time indicated under DATES or at locations other than the Tulsa Field Office.

IV. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) exempts this rule from review
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 program is drafted and published 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 State regulatory programs and program amendments 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

This rule does not require an environmental impact statement since section 702(d) of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1252(d)) provides that agency decisions on 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 corresponding 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. Therefore, this rule will ensure that existing requirements previously published by OSM will be implemented by the State. In making this determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the corresponding Federal regulations.

Unfunded Mandates

OSM has determined and certifies under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1502 et seq.) that this rule will not impose a cost of $100 million or more in any given year on local, state, or tribal governments or private entities.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 936

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.


Charles Sandberg,
Acting Regional Director, Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 147

[FRL–6415–6]

State of Alabama; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program; Notice of Rescheduled Public Hearing and Extension of Comment Period on Withdrawal of Alabama’s Class II UIC Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of rescheduled public hearing and extension of public comment period on withdrawal.

SUMMARY: EPA announces a rescheduled public hearing and extension of the public comment period regarding withdrawal of Alabama’s Class II Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program from the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama on the grounds that it does not regulate as “underground injection,” hydraulic fracturing associated with coal bed methane gas production. This program is currently approved by EPA under section 1425 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended. This action is being taken in accordance with paragraph 2(a) of the Writ of Mandamus issued on February 18, 1999, by the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and in accordance with Federal regulations for withdrawal of State programs.

DATES: The rescheduled public hearing will be held Thursday, September 9, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) to discuss withdrawal of the Alabama Class II UIC Program due to its failure to regulate hydraulic fracturing associated with coalbed methane gas production and EPA’s proposed rule seeking such withdrawal. Registration for the hearing will begin at 3 p.m. Written comments on EPA’s proposed rule withdrawing approval of the Alabama Class II UIC Program on the grounds that it does not regulate as “underground injection” hydraulic fracturing associated with coalbed methane gas production must be received by the close of business Thursday, September 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The rescheduled public hearing will be held at the University of Alabama in the Sellers Auditorium of the Bryant Conference Center, 240 Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401. Those interested should contact the Bryant Conference Center at (205) 348-8751 for directions. Persons wishing to comment upon or object to any aspects of this proposed withdrawal action of Alabama’s Section 1425 approved Class II Program are invited to submit oral or written comments at the September 9th, 1999, public hearing or submit written comments by September 16, 1999, to the Ground Water/Drinking Water Branch, Ground Water & UIC Section, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303–8960, Attention: Mr. Larry Cole. Copies of documents regarding this action are available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following locations for inspection and copying: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 9th Floor Library, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303–8960, PH: (404) 562–8190; and the State Oil & Gas Board of Alabama, 420 Hackberry Lane, Tuscaloosa, AL 35489–9780, PH: (205) 349–2852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry Cole at (404) 562–9474 or at the following address: Environmental Protection Agency, Water Management Division, Ground Water/Drinking Water Branch, Ground Water & UIC Section, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303–8960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

This public hearing is a reschedule of the public hearing held on July 28th at 5:30 pm in the Tuscaloosa Public Library, 1801 River Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401, announced in the Federal Register/Vol. 64. No. 58/Friday, May 21, 1999, Pages 27694–27747. The July 28th hearing was canceled prior to its conclusion by the Tuscaloosa Fire Marshal. With this notice we are also