

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reopening to January 19, 2001, the comment period for a document published in the **Federal Register** of November 17, 1999 (64 FR 62746). In that document, FDA proposed to amend its regulations on nutrition labeling to require that the amount of *trans* fatty acids present in a food, including dietary supplements, be included in the amount and percent Daily Value declared for saturated fatty acids. FDA also proposed that, wherever saturated fat limits are placed on nutrient content claims, health claims, or disclosure or disqualifying levels, the amount of *trans* fatty acids be limited as well. Finally, FDA proposed to define the nutrient content claim “*trans* fat free.” FDA is taking this action in response to comments on the November 17, 1999, proposal to ensure that interested parties have an adequate opportunity to comment on the issue of whether the agency should define the nutrient content claims “reduced *trans* fat” and “reduced saturated and *trans* fats.”

DATES: Submit written comments on nutrient content claims for “reduced *trans* fat” and “reduced saturated and *trans* fats” by January 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. You may also send comments to the Dockets Management Branch at the following e-mail address: FDADockets@oc.fda.gov or via the Internet at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/comments/commentdocket.cfm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Thompson, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-832), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-5587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Reopening of Comment Period

In the **Federal Register** of November 17, 1999 (64 FR 62746), FDA (we) proposed to amend our regulations on nutrition labeling to require that the amount of *trans* fatty acids present in a food, including dietary supplements, be included in the amount and percent Daily Value declared for saturated fatty acids. We also proposed that, wherever saturated fat limits are placed on nutrient content claims, health claims, or disclosure or disqualifying levels, the amount of *trans* fatty acids be limited as

well. Finally, we proposed to define the nutrient content claim “*trans* fat free.” In that document, we requested comments on the proposal by February 15, 2000. In the **Federal Register** of February 16, 2000 (65 FR 7806), we extended the comment period to April 17, 2000.

Ten comments responding to the proposal (see Docket 94P-0036, Comment numbers 1776, 2113, 2117, 2125, 2128, 2133, 2135, 2138, 2139, and EMC 475) requested that the final rule define the nutrient content claim “reduced *trans* fat.” We had not proposed a definition for this claim, and had suggested that persons who believe that such a claim is useful could petition the agency under § 101.69 (21 CFR 101.69) (64 FR 62746 at 62760). Other comments (see Docket 94P-0036, Comment numbers 2136 and 2139) suggested a criterion (i.e., 25 percent less saturated fat and *trans* fat combined) for the claim “reduced saturated fat” that we believe may be more appropriate as a criterion for the claim “reduced saturated and *trans* fats.”

We have considered these comments and believe that some members of the public may not have anticipated these issues and thus did not address them in comments. To ensure that all interested parties have had an opportunity to comment on whether the final rule should define the claims “reduced *trans* fat” and “reduced saturated and *trans* fats,” we are reopening the comment period for the November 17, 1999, proposed rule for a period of 45 days. Comments submitted during this period are to be limited to those that directly address the two claims identified above. We are not requesting comments on any other issue, and we do not intend to consider such comments if submitted.

II. How to Submit Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments by January 19, 2001. You may also send comments to the Dockets Management Branch at the following e-mail address: FDADockets@oc.fda.gov, or via the Internet at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/comments/commentdocket.cfm>. You must submit two copies of comments, identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document, except that you may submit one copy if you are an individual. You may review received comments in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 29, 2000.

Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

25 CFR Part 580

[RIN 3141-AA04]

Environment, Public Health and Safety

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule: Notice of extension of time.

SUMMARY: On July 24, 2000, the National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission) issued a Proposed Rule (65 FR 45558, July 24, 2000) promulgating draft regulations to provide for adequate protection of the environment, public health and safety under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (Act). The date for filing comments is being extended.

DATES: Comments shall be filed on or before January 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Environment, Public Health and Safety Comments, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, N.W., Suite 9100, Washington, D.C. 20005, delivered to that address between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or faxed to 202/632-7066 (this is not a toll-free number). Comments received may be inspected between 9:00 a.m. and noon, and between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Nagle at 202/632-7003; fax 202/632-7066 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA, or the Act), enacted on October 17, 1988, established the National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission). Under the Act, the Commission is charged with ensuring that tribal gaming facilities are constructed, maintained and operated in a manner, which adequately protects the environment and the public health and safety. The proposed regulations establish a process for carrying out this Commission responsibility. The Commissioners have been requested to allow additional time for preparation of comments on the proposed regulations. The Commission has determined that these regulations are of such

significance that interested parties should be given additional time to determine and present their views.

Montie R. Deer,

Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 948

[WV-087-FOR]

West Virginia Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the West Virginia regulatory program under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The program amendment adds new West Virginia regulations at 199 CSR 1 concerning Surface Mine Blasting Rule. The amendments are intended to improve the operational effectiveness of the West Virginia program.

DATES: If you submit written comments, they must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. (local time), on January 4, 2001. If requested, a public hearing on the proposed amendments will be held at 1:00 p.m. (local time), on January 2, 2001. Requests to speak at the hearing must be received by 4:00 p.m. (local time), on December 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-deliver your written comments and requests to speak at the hearing to Mr. Roger W. Calhoun, Director, Charleston Field Office at the address listed below.

You may review copies of the West Virginia program, the proposed amendment, a listing of any scheduled hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document at the addresses below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. You may receive one free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting OSM's Charleston Field Office.

Mr. Roger W. Calhoun, Director,
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Surface Mining Reclamation and
Enforcement, 1027 Virginia Street,

East, Charleston, West Virginia 25301
Telephone: (304) 347-7158. E-mail:
chfo@osmre.gov

West Virginia Division of
Environmental Protection, 10
McJunkin Road, Nitro, West Virginia
25143, Telephone: (304) 759-0515.
The proposed amendment will be
posted at the Division's Internet page:
<http://www.dep.state.wv.us>

In addition, you may review copies of the proposed amendment during regular business hours at the following locations:

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Morgantown Area Office, 75 High Street, Room 229, P.O. Box 886, Morgantown, West Virginia 26507, Telephone: (304) 291-4004
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Beckley Area Office, 323 Harper Park Drive, Suite 3, Beckley, West Virginia 25801, Telephone: (304) 255-5265.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roger W. Calhoun, Director, Charleston Field Office; Telephone: (304) 347-7158.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the West Virginia Program

On January 21, 1981, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the West Virginia program. You can find background information on the West Virginia program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval in the January 21, 1981, **Federal Register** (46 FR 5915-5956). You can find later actions concerning the conditions of approval and program amendments at 30 CFR 948.10, 948.12, 948.13, 948.15, and 948.16.

II. Discussion of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated October 30, 2000 (Administrative Record Number WV-1187), the WVDEP submitted an amendment to its program. The amendment concerns the addition to the West Virginia regulations of new Title 199, Series 1, entitled Surface Mine Blasting Rule. These regulations consist of new blasting provisions and blasting provisions that have been relocated or derived from previously approved West Virginia blasting provisions. We have identified in brackets in the proposed amendment below, those instances where the State has indicated that specific provisions have been relocated or derived from previously approved blasting provisions. On November 12, 1999 (Administrative Record Number WV-1143), we approved, with certain

exceptions, revisions to the West Virginia Code (W. Va. Code) concerning blasting (64 FR 61507-61518). The current amendment is intended to revise the States blasting rules to implement the approved blasting statutes.

The new blasting regulations are presented below.

199 CSR 1

Title 199

Legislative Rule

Division of Environmental Protection

Series 1

Surface Mining Blasting Rule

Section 199-1-1. General

1.1. Scope.—This rule establishes general and specific rules for overseeing and regulating blasting on all surface mining operations; implementing and overseeing the pre-blast survey process; inspection and monitoring of blasting operations; seismograph use; warning methods; site specific limitations for type, size, timing and frequency of blasts; public notice requirements; maintaining and operating a system to receive and address questions, concerns and complaints relating to mining operations; setting the qualifications for individuals and firms performing pre-blast surveys; establishing the education, training, examination and certification of blasters; disciplinary procedures for blasters; and administering a claims process, including arbitration, for property damage caused by blasting.

1.2. Applicability.—This rule applies to all surface mining operations and surface disturbances associated with underground mining operations in the State of West Virginia.

1.3. Authority.—W. Va. Code Sections 22-1-3, 22-3A-4, 22-1-5. *et seq.*

1.4. Filing Date.

1.5. Effective Date.

1.6. Incorporation by Reference.—Federal Counterpart Regulations—30 CFR 850.

1.7. Repeal of Former Rule.—This rule repeals and replaces 38CSR2C—Standards for Certification of Blasters—Surface Coal Mines, effective May 1, 1995, filed April 26, 1995.

Section 199-1-2

Definitions.—As used in this rule unless used in a context that clearly requires a different meaning the term:

2.1. Active Blasting Experience means experience gained by a person who has worked on a blasting crew, supervised a blasting crew, or worked on a drilling crew which performed blasting operations. Two hundred forty working days constitutes one year of experience. Experience may only be gained by "first-hand" participation in activities associated with the storing, handling, transportation and use of explosives or the immediate supervision of those activities within surface coal mines, and the surface areas of underground coal mines. Experience should be related to surface mine blasting; Provided, that other related blasting experience (quarrying