

## II. Revisions to the Regulatory Text of the Final Rule Addressing Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners

### List of Subjects in 30 CFR Parts 57

Diesel particulate matter, Metal and nonmetal, Mine safety and health, Underground mines.

The final rule published on January 19, 2001 (66 FR 5526) is amended as follows:

#### PART 57—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 57 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 30 U.S.C. 811, 957, 961.

#### § 57.5067 [Amended]

2. In § 57.5067, paragraph (a) is amended by removing the date “March 20, 2001” and adding in its place “May 21, 2001.”

Signed at Arlington, Virginia, this 12th day of March, 2001.

**Robert A. Elam,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### 30 CFR Part 72

RIN 1219–AA74

#### Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Coal Miners; Delay of Effective Dates

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Final rule; delay of effective dates and conforming amendments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the memorandum dated January 20, 2001, from Andrew H. Card, Jr., the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled “Regulatory Review Plan,” published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001 (66 FR 7702), the Mine Safety and Health Administration is delaying for 60 days the effective dates of the final rule entitled, “Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Coal Miners,” published in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2001 (66 FR 5526). This temporary delay will allow the Department an opportunity for further consideration of this rule.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the rule amending 30 CFR Part 72 published

on January 19, 2001, at 66 FR 5526 is delayed from March 20, 2001, until May 21, 2001.

In the final rule that addresses the exposure of underground coal miners to diesel particulate matter, the effective date of the rule is delayed. The rule will become effective May 21, 2001. Section 72.500(a) will become effective May 21, 2001; § 72.501(a) will become effective May 21, 2001; and § 72.502(a) will become effective May 21, 2001.

However, § 72.500(b) will continue to apply on July 19, 2002; § 72.501(b) will continue to apply on July 21, 2003; and § 72.501(c) will continue to apply on January 19, 2005.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 19, 2001, MSHA published the final rule addressing diesel particulate matter exposure of underground coal miners. The final rule establishes new health standards for underground coal mines that use equipment powered by diesel engines and requires operators of these underground mines to train miners about the hazards of being exposed to diesel particulate matter.

In accordance with the January 20, 2001, memorandum from Andrew H. Card, this notice announces a 60-day delay of the effective date of certain provisions of the final regulation.

#### I. Delayed Effective Dates

To the extent that 5 U.S.C. 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). The Department’s implementation of this rule without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, is also based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3), in that seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. The 60-day delay in effective dates is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President’s memorandum of January 20, 2001. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this delay is impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the

orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations.

## II. Revisions to the Regulatory Text of the Final Rule Addressing Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Coal Miners

### List of Subjects 30 CFR Part 72

Coal, Diesel particulate matter, Health standards, Mine safety and health, Underground mines.

The final rule published on January 19, 2001 (66 FR 5526) is amended as follows:

#### PART 72—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 72 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 30 U.S.C. 811, 813(h), 957, 961.

#### § 72.500 [Amended]

2. In § 72.500, paragraph (a) is amended by removing the date “March 20, 2001” and adding in its place “May 21, 2001.”

#### § 72.501 [Amended]

3. In § 72.501, paragraph (a) is amended by removing the date “March 20, 2001” and adding in its place “May 21, 2001.”

#### § 72.502 [Amended]

4. In § 72.502, paragraph (a) is amended by removing the date “March 20, 2001” and adding in its place “May 21, 2001.”

Signed at Arlington, Virginia, this 12th day of March, 2001.

**Robert A. Elam,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.*

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## MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

[36 CFR Part 1600]

RIN 3320–AA02, 3320–AA00

### Public Availability of Information and the Privacy Act; Implementation

**AGENCY:** Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document sets forth the final implementation regulations of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation (the Foundation)