

interests in the above mentioned PLO, is lifted, and the land opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of forest system lands, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection requests for the titles described below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection requests describe the nature of the information collections and the expected burden and cost for 30 CFR Parts 764 and 822.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by July 11, 2001, in order to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to [jtreleas@osmre.gov](mailto:jtreleas@osmre.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of either information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically to [jtreleas@osmre.gov](mailto:jtreleas@osmre.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted two requests to OMB to renew its approval of the collections of information contained in: State processes for designating areas unsuitable for surface coal mining operations, 30 CFR part 764; and Special permanent program performance standards—operations in alluvial valley floors, 30 CFR part 822. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for these collections of information are 1029-0030 for part 764, and 1029-0049 for Part 822.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), **Federal Register** notices soliciting comments on these collections of information was published on March 12, 2001 (66 FR 14420). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activities:

**Title:** State processes for designating areas unsuitable for surface coal mining operations, 30 CFR Part 764.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-0030.

**Summary:** This part implements the requirement of section 522 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA), P.L. 95-87, which provides authority for citizens to petition States to designate lands unsuitable for surface coal mining operations, or to terminate such designation. The regulatory authority uses the information to identify, locate, compare and evaluate the area requested to be designated as unsuitable, or terminate the designation, for surface coal mining operations.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**Frequency of Collection:** Once.

**Description of Respondents:** The 4 individuals, groups or businesses who petition the States, and the 4 State regulatory authorities that must process the petitions.

**Total Annual Responses:** 4.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 7,285.

**Title:** Special permanent program performance standards—operations in alluvial valley floors, 30 CFR Part 822.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-0049.

**Summary:** Sections 510(b)(5) and 515(b)(10)(F) of the Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act of 1977 (the Act) protect alluvial valley floors from the adverse effects of surface coal mining operations west of the 100th meridian. Part 822 requires the permittee to install, maintain, and operate a monitoring system in order to provide specific protection for alluvial valley floors. This information is necessary to determine whether the unique hydrologic conditions of alluvial valley floors are protected according to the Act.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**Frequency of Collection:** Annually.

**Description of Respondents:** 10 surface coal mining operators who operate on alluvial valley floors.

**Total Annual Responses:** 10.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 1,000.

Send comments on the need for the collections of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and ways to minimize the information collection burdens on respondents, such as use of automated means of collections of the information, to the following addresses. Please refer to the appropriate OMB control numbers in all correspondence.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program Guidelines

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

**ACTION:** Notice of revised guidelines for abandoned mine land reclamation programs and projects.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (we or OSM) have revised the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program Guidelines which were published on December 30, 1996 (61 FR 68777). We requested comments in the Notice of Intent to revise these guidelines published on November 16, 2000 (65 FR 69331). Based on comments received, the guidelines have been revised and are printed below. The revisions incorporate new procedures