SUMMARY: OSM is approving an amendment to the Maryland regulatory program (Maryland program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). The amendment revises the Maryland statutes to require the use of financial disclosure forms by the Land Reclamation Committee. The amendment satisfies a required program amendment at 30 CFR 920.16(i). The amendment is intended to revise the Maryland program to be no less effective than the corresponding Federal regulations.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Background on the Maryland Program
II. Submission of the Amendment
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II. Submission of the Amendment

By an undated letter received by OSM on May 7, 2001 (Administrative Record No. 578–12), Maryland submitted a copy of House Bill 984 as a formal proposed amendment to its program. The House Bill was enacted to require members of the Land Reclamation Committee to file a United States Department of Interior State Employee Statement of Employment and Financial Interests. Maryland submitted the formal amendment to satisfy a required amendment at 30 CFR 920.16(i). We announced the proposed amendment in the June 12, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 31571), and in the same document opened the public comment period and provided an opportunity for a public hearing on the adequacy of the proposed amendment. The public comment period closed on July 12, 2001. We did not receive any public comments. No one requested an opportunity to speak at a public hearing, so no hearing was held.

III. Director’s Findings

Set forth below, pursuant to SMCRA and the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 732.15 and 732.17, are the Director’s findings concerning the amendments to the Maryland permanent regulatory program.

Maryland is adding new paragraph 4. to Section 15–204 of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, Environment, as follows:

(4) Members of the Land Reclamation Committee shall file a United States Department of Interior State Employee Statement of Employment and Financial Interests.

As a result of this addition, existing paragraph (4) is re-numbered as paragraph (5).

We find that the revision is no less effective than the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 705.11(a) and 705.17(a).

IV. Summary and Disposition of Comments

Federal Agency Comments

On May 10, 2001, we asked for comments from various Federal agencies who may have an interest in the Maryland amendment (Administrative Record Number MD–578–13). We solicited comments in accordance with section 503(b) of SMCRA and 30 CFR 732.17(h)(11)(i) of the Federal regulations. No responses were received.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Pursuant to 30 CFR 732.17(h)(11)(ii), OSM is required to obtain the written concurrence of the EPA with respect to
those provisions of the proposed program amendment that relate to air or water quality standards promulgated under the authority of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) or the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.). The Director has determined that this amendment contains no such provisions and that EPA concurrence is therefore unnecessary. Therefore OSM did not request EPA’s concurrence.

Public Comments

No comments were received in response to our request for public comments.

V. Directors Decision

Based on the findings above we are approving the amendments to the Maryland program. We are also removing the required amendment at 30 CFR 920.16(l). We find that good cause exists under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to make this final rule effective immediately. Section 503(a) of SMCRA requires that the State’s program demonstrate that the State has the capability of carrying out the provisions of the Act and meeting its purposes. Making this regulation effective immediately will expedite that process. Maryland’s program regarding this action is now consistent with the intent of the Federal regulations. Consistency of State and Federal standards is required by SMCRA.

VI. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review

This rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 12630—Takings

This rule does not have takings implications. This determination is based on the analysis performed for the counterpart Federal regulation.

Executive Order 13132—Federalism

This rule does not have federalism implications. SMCRA delineates the roles of the Federal and State governments with regard to the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations. One of the purposes of SMCRA is to “establish a nationwide program to protect society and the environment from the adverse effects of surface coal mining operations.” Section 503(a)(1) of SMCRA requires that State laws regulating surface coal mining and reclamation operations be “in accordance with” the requirements of SMCRA, and section 503(d)(7) requires that State programs contain rules and regulations “consistent with” regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to SMCRA.

Executive Order 12988—Civil Justice Reform

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 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 such program is drafted and promulgated 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, 732.45, and 732.17(h)(10), decisions on proposed State regulatory programs and program amendments submitted by the States 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.

Executive Order 13211—Regulations That Significantly Affect The Supply, Distribution, or Use of Energy

On May 18, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13211 which requires agencies to prepare a Statement of Energy Effects for a rule that is (1) considered significant under Executive Order 12866, and (2) likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. Because this rule is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866 and is not expected to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy, a Statement of Energy Effects is not required.

National Environmental Policy Act

Section 702(d) of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1292(d)) provides that a decision on a proposed State regulatory program provision does not constitute a major Federal action within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)). A determination has been made that such decisions are categorically excluded from the NEPA process (516 DM 8.4.A).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget 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 counterpart 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. Accordingly, this rule will ensure that existing requirements previously promulgated by OSM will be implemented by the State. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the counterpart Federal regulations.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. This rule:

a. Does not have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million.

b. Will not cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions.

c. Does not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S. based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.

This determination is based upon the fact that the State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an analysis was prepared and a determination made that the Federal regulation was not considered a major rule.

Unfunded Mandates

This rule will not impose a cost of $100 million or more in any given year on any governmental entity or the private sector.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 920

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.


Tim L. Dieringer,
Acting Regional Director, Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 30, chapter VII, subchapter T of the Code of Federal
Regulations is amended as set forth below:

PART 920—MARYLAND

1. The authority citation for part 920 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.

2. Section 920.15 is amended in the table by adding a new entry in chronological order by “Date of Final Publication” to read as follows:

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3. § 920.16 is amended by removing and reserving paragraph (l).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[PA–4139a; FRL–7061–2]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; VOC and NOX; RACT Determinations for Five Individual Sources Located in the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule; Republication

Editorial Note: On Thursday, September 27, 2001, this rule document FR Doc. 01–23630 appeared at 66 FR 49292–49293. Due to numerous errors it is being reprinted in its entirety.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to receipt of a letter of adverse comment, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule to approve revisions which establish reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements for five major sources of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOX) located in the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley ozone nonattainment area. In the direct final rule published on August 21, 2001 (66 FR 43779), EPA stated that if it received adverse comment by September 20, 2001, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA subsequently received adverse comments from the Citizens for Pennsylvania’s Future (PennFuture). EPA will address the comments received in a subsequent final action based upon the proposed action also published on August 21, 2001 (66 FR 43822), EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: The Direct final rule is withdrawn as of September 27, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold A. Frankford at (215) 814–2108.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Nitrogen dioxide, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.


James W. Newson,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

Accordingly, the addition of § 52.202–20(c)(173) is withdrawn as of September 27, 2001.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 180

[OPP–300985A; FRL–6795–8]

Fenthion, Methidathion, Naled, Phorate, and Profenofos; Tolerance Revocations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule revokes specific tolerances listed in the regulatory text for 67 meat, milk, poultry, and egg (MMPE) tolerances for residues of the organophosphate pesticides fenthion, methidathion, naled, phorate, and profenofos. EPA determined that there are no reasonable expectations of finite residues in or on meat, milk, poultry, or eggs for the aforementioned organophosphate pesticides and therefore, these tolerances are not necessary. EPA announced on August 2, 1999, that those tolerances were reassessed under the the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). The regulatory actions in this document are part of the Agency’s reregistration program under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the tolerance reassessment requirements of the FFDCA. By law, EPA is required to reassess 66% of the tolerances in existence on August 2, 1996, by August 2002, or about 6,400 tolerances. Since those 67 tolerances were previously reassessed, those reassessments were counted at that time. Consequently, no reassessments are counted here toward the August 2002 review deadline of FFDCA section 408(q), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996.

DATES: This regulation is effective January 3, 2002. Objections and requests for hearings, identified by docket control number OPP–300985A, must be received by EPA on or before December 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written objections and hearing requests may be submitted by mail, in person, or by courier. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit IV. of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your objections and hearing requests must identify docket control number OPP–300985A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

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