DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Averaging of Farm Income; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. Interior. ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is revising its regulations governing individual civil penalties to reflect a change of address for the Department of the Interior’s Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). OHA is moving to a new location in Arlington, Virginia, effective February 11, 2002.

DATES: This rule is effective February 11, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The final regulations that are the subject of this correction are under section 1301 of the Internal Revenue Code.

II. Procedural Matters and Required Determinations.

Administrative Procedure Act

This final rule has been issued without prior public notice or opportunity for public comment. The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553) provides an exception to the notice and comment procedures when an agency finds that there is good cause for dispensing with such procedures on the basis that they are impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest. OSM has determined that under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3)(B) good cause exists for dispensing with the notice of proposed rulemaking and public comment procedures for this rule because the rule merely changes an address contained in the regulations and does not impose any new OSM regulatory requirements. These same reasons also provide OSM with good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3)(B) of the APA to have the regulation become effective on a date that is less than 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.

Executive Order 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review

This document is not a significant rule and is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13211—Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

This rule is not considered a significant energy action under Executive Order 13211. The change of address will not have a significant affect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Office of Management and Budget certifies 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. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. This rule:

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

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 United States enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic or export markets.

**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 or more.

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 United States enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic or export markets.

**Unfunded Mandates**

This rule does not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or Tribal governments or the private sector of more than $100 million per year. The rule does not have a significant or unique effect on State, Tribal, or local governments or the private sector. A statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1534) is not required.

**Executive Order 12630—Takings**

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, the rule does not have significant takings implications. A takings implication assessment is not required.

**Executive Order 12612—Federalism**

In accordance with Executive Order 12612, the rule does not have significant Federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment for the reasons discussed above.

**Executive Order 12988—Civil Justice Reform**

In accordance with Executive Order 12988, the Office of the Solicitor has determined that this rule does not unduly burden the judicial system and meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

This rule does not require an information collection from 10 or more parties and a submission under the Paperwork Reduction Act to the Office of Management and Budget is not required.

**National Environmental Policy Act**

OSM has reviewed this rule and determined that it is categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act process in accordance with the Departmental Manual 516 DM 2, Appendix 1.10. (Categorical Exclusion for policies, directives, regulations and guidelines of an administrative, financial, legal, technical or procedural nature).

**List of Subjects**

40 CFR Parts 724

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Surface mining, underground mining.

30 CFR Part 846

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Surface mining, Underground mining.

**Executive Order 12866—Procedural Considerations**


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Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, 30 CFR parts 724 and 846 are amended as set forth below:

**PART 724—INDIVIDUAL CIVIL PENALTIES**

1. The authority citation for part 724 continues to read as follows:

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

   § 724.17 [Amended]

   2. In § 724.17(b)[l], remove “4015 Wilson Boulevard” and add “801 North Quincy Street.”

**PART 846—INDIVIDUAL CIVIL PENALTIES**

3. The authority citation for part 846 continues to read as follows:

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

   § 846.17 [Amended]

   4. In § 846.17(b)[l], remove “4015 Wilson Boulevard” and add “801 North Quincy Street.”

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 901

[AL—071–FOR]

**Alabama Regulatory Program**

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

ACTION: Final rule; approval of amendment.

SUMMARY: We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are approving an amendment to the Alabama regulatory program (Alabama program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). Alabama proposed revisions to and additions of rules concerning valid existing rights. Alabama revised its program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Alabama Program

II. Submission of the Amendment

III. OSM’s Findings

IV. Summary and Disposition of Comments

V. OSM’s Decision

VI. Procedural Determinations

I. Background on the Alabama Program

Section 503(a) of the Act permits a State to assume primacy for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on non-Federal and non-Indian lands within its borders by demonstrating that its State program includes, among other things, “a State law which provides for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the requirements of the Act . . .; and rules and regulations consistent with regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to the Act.” See 30 U.S.C. 1253(a)(1) and (7). On the basis of these criteria, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Alabama program on May 20, 1982. You can find background information on the Alabama program, including the Secretary’s findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval in the May 20, 1982, Federal Register (47 FR 22062). You can find later actions on the