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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public Law 107–110, authorizes the Department to promulgate several regulations using negotiated rulemaking. The purpose of the regional consultation meetings is to allow tribal officials, parents, teachers, administrators, educators at Bureau schools, and school board members of tribes served by Bureau-funded schools to provide guidance to the Secretary on the content of the regulations. As part of providing guidance to the Secretary, the meetings are intended to identify interests and define issues for

recommendations for negotiated rulemaking under the Act and under the Negotiated Rulemaking Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

This consultation will cover six sections of the Act that provide for negotiated rulemaking regarding Bureau-funded schools. The Committee will develop recommendations for proposed regulations that will:

(1) *Under Section 1124*—establish separate geographic attendance areas for each Bureau-funded school;

(2) *Under Section 1127*—establish a formula for determining the minimum annual amount of funds necessary to fund each Bureau-funded school;

(3) *Under Section 1130*—establish a system for the direct funding and support of all Bureau-funded schools under the formula established under Section 1127;

(4) *Under Section 1136*—establish guidelines to ensure the constitutional and civil rights of Indian students

regarding the right to privacy, freedom of religion and expression, and due process in connection with disciplinary actions (suspension and expulsion);

(5) *Under Section 1043*—establish a method for the administration of grants under the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988, as amended by Section 1043; and

(6) *Under Section 1116(g)*—define “Adequate Yearly Progress” which is the essential measurement for determining that schools are providing quality education.

A third-party neutral facilitator will facilitate each consultation meeting. Interpreters will be available, as needed.

The results of this consultation will provide guidance to the negotiated rulemaking committee. The Committee, in its advisory capacity, will develop recommendations for the Secretary for proposed regulations to be published by June 2003.

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

Dates	Location	Local contact	Phone No.
August 9, 2002 .....	Tuba City, AZ .....	Mike Luther .....	(928) 283-2218
August 12, 2002 .....	Shiprock, NM .....	Lester Hudson .....	(505) 368-3400
August 13, 2002 .....	Chinle, AZ .....	Beverly Crawford .....	(928) 674-5131
August 14, 2002 .....	Window Rock, AZ .....	Winnifred Peters .....	(928) 729-7251
August 15, 2002 .....	Ft. Wingate, NM .....	Bea Woodward .....	(505) 786-6150
August 16, 2002 .....	Albuquerque, NM .....	Ben Atencio .....	(505) 346-2431
August 19, 2002 .....	Bismarck, ND .....	Loretta Delong .....	(701) 477-3463
August 21, 2002 .....	Minneapolis, MN .....	Terry Portra .....	(612) 713-4400
August 23, 2002 .....	Pierre, SD .....	Norma Tibbitts .....	(605) 867-1306
August 26, 2002 .....	Philadelphia, MS .....	Cherie Farlee .....	(605) 964-8722
August 28, 2002 .....	Phoenix, AZ .....	LaVonna Weller .....	(202) 208-7952
August 30, 2002 .....	Portland, OR .....	Joe Frazier .....	(520) 361-3510
September 5, 2002 .....	Oklahoma City, OK .....	John Reimer .....	(503) 872-2743
September 9, 2002 .....	Washington, DC .....	Joy Martin .....	(405) 605-6051
		Ed Parisien .....	(505) 248-6955
		Rod Young .....	(202) 208-6175

Comments, including names, street addresses, and other contact information from commenters, will be available for public review at the address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EDT), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you do not want your name or address or other information available to the public, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. We will make available for public inspection in their entirety all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

Dated: July 16, 2002.

**Neal A. McCaleb,**

*Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

##### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0059 and 1029-0090

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

**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 its intention to request renewed authority for two collections of information: OSM grant forms—OSM-47 (Budget Information Report) OSM-49 (Budget Information and Financial Reporting), and OSM-51 (Performance and Program narrative); and 30 CFR part 870, Abandoned mine reclamation fund—fee collection and coal production reporting.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by September 20, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments

may also be submitted electronically to [jtreleas@osmre.gov](mailto:jtreleas@osmre.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection requests, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

**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)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for approval. These collections are contained in OSM grant forms—OSM-47 (Budget Information Report), OSM-49 (Budget Information and Financial Reporting) and OSM-51 (Performance and Program narrative); and 30 CFR part 870, Abandoned mine reclamation fund—fee collection and coal production reporting. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

**Title:** Budget information, financial reporting, and performance reporting forms.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-0059.

**Summary:** State and Tribal reclamation and regulatory authorities are requested to provide specific budget and program information as part of the grant application and reporting processes authorized by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

**Bureau Form Numbers:** OSM-47, OSM-49 and OSM-51.

**Frequency of Collection:** Semi-annually and annually.

**Description of Respondents:** State and Tribal regulatory and reclamation authorities.

**Total Annual Responses:** 131.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 655 hours.

**Title:** 30 CFR part 870—Abandoned mine reclamation fund—fee collection and coal production reporting.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-0090.

**Summary:** Section 402 of SMCRA requires fees to be paid to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund by coal operators on the basis of coal tonnage produced. This information collection request is needed to support verification of the moisture deduction allowance. The information will be used by OSM during audits to verify that the amount of excess moisture taken by the operator is appropriate.

**Frequency of Collection:** Quarterly.

**Description of Respondents:** Coal mine operators.

**Total Annual Responses:** 933.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 700.

Dated: June 19, 2002.

**Richard G. Bryson,**

*Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Information Quality Guidelines Pursuant to Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001

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

**ACTION:** Request for Comments on Proposed Guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** A notice published by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the **Federal Register** directed Federal agencies to issue and implement guidelines to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of Government information disseminated to the public. We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are issuing these proposed Information Quality Guidelines in order to comply with the OMB requirement.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration of any comments you may have on the proposed guidelines, your comments must be received on or before August 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand carry comments to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 101, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240. You may also e-mail comments to [osmrules@osmre.gov](mailto:osmrules@osmre.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Donald Griffith, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of Surface

Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, on 202-208-2916, or via e-mail at [DGriffit@osmre.gov](mailto:DGriffit@osmre.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

A notice published by OMB in the **Federal Register**, dated January 3, 2002 (67 FR 369), and reissued February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451), directed Federal agencies to issue and implement guidelines to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of Government information disseminated to the public. On May 24, 2002, the Department of the Interior published a **Federal Register** notice providing the web site where Departmental Information Quality Guidelines may be reviewed, and directing its offices and bureaus to publish by July 1, 2002, a notice of availability of their own Guidelines in the **Federal Register** for public comment. We are issuing these proposed Information Quality Guidelines in order to comply with this direction.

OSM, which includes Headquarters, three Regional Offices, and ten Field Offices, disseminates a wide variety of information to the public regarding the nation's surface coal mining and reclamation activities on Federal, tribal or other lands within states which may include state or privately-owned lands. The disseminated information includes organizational and management information, programs and services products, research and statistical reports, policy and regulatory information, and general reference material. We will evaluate and identify the types of information that we disseminate that will be subject to these guidelines, once finalized.

#### II. Information Quality Standards

To the greatest extent practicable and appropriate, information we disseminate is internally reviewed for quality—including objectivity, utility, and integrity—before such information is disseminated.

1. Information we disseminate to the public is normally subject to one or more levels of internal staff, or supervisory review for quality before we disseminate the information.

2. The number of levels of internal quality review applied in a particular case depends on the nature, scope, and purpose of the information to be disseminated. For example, routine reports that may be prepared by staff about the agency's activities or operations may be subject to one or two levels of staff or supervisory review for