persons required to be included on the list (including persons who acquired interests in the potentially abusive tax shelter prior to and during the pendency of the ruling request), or the other information required to be included as part of the list.

(j) Effective date. This section applies to any transaction that is a potentially abusive tax shelter entered into, or any interest acquired therein, or on or after February 28, 2003. However, this section shall apply to any transaction that was entered into, or in which an interest was acquired, after February 28, 2000, if the transaction becomes a potentially abusive tax shelter on or after February 28, 2003 because it is a listed transaction as defined in §1.6011–4 of this chapter, and is subject to disclosure under §1.6011–4 of this chapter. This section also shall apply to any transaction that was entered into, or in which an interest was acquired, after January 1, 2003, if the transaction becomes a listed transaction as defined in §1.6011–4 of this chapter and is subject to disclosure under §§20.6011–4, 25.6011–4, 31.6011–4, 53.6011–4, 54.6011–4 or 56.6011–4 of this chapter. The rules in §301.6112–IT as contained in 2002–45 I.R.B. 826 (see §601.601(d)(2) of this chapter) apply only to a transaction entered into, or an interest acquired therein, on or after January 1, 2003, and before February 28, 2003, if the transaction is a listed transaction as defined in §1.6011–4 of this chapter or a section 6111 tax shelter. Otherwise, the rules that apply with respect to any transaction that is a potentially abusive tax shelter entered into, or any interest acquired therein, before January 1, 2003, are contained in §301.6112–IT in effect prior to January 1, 2003 (see 26 CFR part 301 revised as of April 1, 2002). Additionally, the IRS will not ask to inspect any list for a potentially abusive tax shelter that is entered into, or any interest acquired therein, on or after January 1, 2003, until June 1, 2003, unless the potentially abusive tax shelter is a listed transaction as defined in §1.6011–4 of this chapter or a transaction that is a section 6111 tax shelter.

§301.6112–1T [Removed]
Par. 26. Section 301.6112–1T is removed.

PART 602—OMB CONTROL NUMBERS UNDER THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Par. 27. The authority citation for part 602 continues to read as follows:

Par. 28. In §602.101, paragraph (b) is amended as follows:
1. The following entries to the table are removed:

§602.101 OMB Control numbers.
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2. The following entries are added in numerical order to the table:

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David A. Mader,
Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
Pamela F. Olsen,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
30 CFR Part 948
[WV–988–FOR]
West Virginia Regulatory Program
AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are correcting our decision on an amendment submitted by the State of West Virginia as a modification to its permanent regulatory program under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). On May 1, 2002, we published our decision on the provisions submitted by West Virginia. We are correcting our decisions on four of the State’s responses that were intended to satisfy required program amendments. The decisions being corrected concern the use of an unjust hardship criterion in support of granting temporary relief of an order, economic feasibility related to appeals to the Environmental Quality Board concerning the West Virginia Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act (WVSCMA) and, water supply replacement waivers, and coal removal incidental to development. This correction is intended to comply with the decision of the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

By letter dated November 30, 2000 (Administrative Record Number WV–1189), the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) sent us an amendment to its program, under SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.). The amendment included numerous attachments and was submitted in response to several required program amendments codified in the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 948.16.

We announced receipt of the proposed amendment in the January 3, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 335–340), and provided for public comment until February 28, 2001.
By letter dated February 26, 2002, WVDEP sent us a status report regarding the
required program amendments codified at 30 CFR 948.16 (Administrative Record Number WV–1276). The report included 14
attachments, and outlined actions taken in an attempt to satisfy the required
program amendments. The actions include proposed policies, rules and
laws, form changes, and referrals to legal staff. In addition, WVDEP stated
that law and rule changes that would satisfy some of the required
amendments would be proposed during the 2002 regular legislative session, and
that none of the proposed revisions would be implemented without OSM
approval. In the end, the State failed to pass legislation on the required program
amendments codified at 30 CFR 948.16(nn) concerning the use of an
unjust hardship criterion in support of granting temporary relief of an order,
(ooo) concerning economic feasibility related to appeals to the Environmental
Quality Board concerning the WVSCMRA, and (oooo) concerning coal
removal incidental to development.

By letter dated March 8, 2002, WVDEP sent us revisions to two of the
attachments it had sent us in its February 26 letter (Administrative Record Number WV–1280). The March
8, 2002, letter also included one new attachment intended to address the
required amendment at 30 CFR 948.16(sss) relating to water supply replacement waivers.

In the March 25, 2002, Federal
Register (67 FR 13577–13585), we
reopened the comment period to
provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the topics
discussed in the January 15, 2002, meeting; WVDEP’s February 26 and
March 8, 2002, submittals; and related information that we provided to WVDEP
(Administrative Record Number WV–1285). The comment period closed on
April 9, 2002.

In our May 1, 2002, decision (67 FR 21904) on these amendments, we
removed all of the required amendments, including the required amendments at 30 CFR 948.16(nn),
(ooo), and (oooo) where the State failed to take legislative action, and the
required amendment at 30 CFR 948.16(sss) where the State committed
implementing its program consistent with the Federal law and regulations
despite the existing State language being inconsistent with Federal provisions.

Need for the Correction

On January 9, 2003, the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia in West Virginia Highlands Conservancy v. Norton, Civil
Action No. 2:00–1062 (S.D. W.Va. Jan.9, 2003), vacated OSM’s decisions to
remove the required program amendments codified in the Federal
regulations at 30 CFR 948.16(nn), (ooo), (sss), and (oooo).

To implement this decision, we are amending the Federal regulations at 30
CFR 948.16 to reinstate the required program amendments at (nnn), (ooo),
(sss), and (oooo) that we deleted in the May 1, 2002, Federal Register. We are
requiring that within 60 days of publication of this notice, West Virginia
must submit either proposed amendments or descriptions of
amendments together with timetables for enactment that will satisfy these
required amendments.

Administrative Procedure Act

The Administrative Procedure Act
provides exceptions to its notice and public 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. We have determined that, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), good cause
exists for dispensing with the notice and public comment procedures in this case.

Good cause exists because, consistent with the Court’s opinion, this rule
merely reinstates required program amendments that the Court remanded to OSM for reconsideration. Therefore,
opportunity for prior comment is
unnecessary, and we are issuing this
rule as a final rule.

In addition, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3),
we find good cause for dispensing with the 30-day delay in the effective date of this
final rule because we are merely
restoring required program amendments that the court remanded to OSM for
reconsideration.


Brent Wahlquist,
Regional Director, Appalachian Regional
Coordinating Center.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 30 CFR Part 948 is amended as set forth below:

PART 948—WEST VIRGINIA

1. The authority citation for Part 948 continues to read as follows:

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

2. Section 948.16 is amended by adding paragraphs (nnn), (ooo), (sss), and (oooo) to read as follows:

§ 948.16 Required regulatory program amendments.

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(nn) By May 5, 2003, West Virginia must submit either a proposed
amendment or a description of an amendment to be proposed, together
with a timetable for adoption, to revise
§ 22B–1–7(d) to remove unjust hardship
as a criterion to support the granting of temporary relief from an order or other
decision issued under Chapter 22,
Article 3, of the West Virginia Code.

(ooo) By May 5, 2003, West Virginia
must submit either a proposed
amendment or a description of an
amendment to be proposed, together
with a timetable for adoption, to revise
§ 22B–1–7(b) by removing reference to
Article 3, Chapter 22.

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(sss) By May 5, 2003, West Virginia
must submit either a proposed
amendment or a description of an
amendment to be proposed, together
with a timetable for adoption, to revise
§ 22B–1–7(b) by removing reference to
Article 3, Chapter 22.

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(oooo) By May 5, 2003, West Virginia
must submit either a proposed
amendment or a description of an
amendment to be proposed, together
with a timetable for adoption, to remove
CSR § 38–2–14.5(h) and § 22–3–24(b) to clarify that the replacement of water
supply can only be waived under the
conditions set forth in the definition of
“Replacement of water supply.”

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 2 and 90

[WT Docket No. 01–90; ET Docket No. 98–
95; RM–9096; FCC 02–302]

Regarding Dedicated Short-Range
Communication Services in the 5.850–
5.925 GHz Band (5.9 GHz Band)

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; dismissal.

SUMMARY: In this document the Federal
Communications Commission incorporates into the licensing and
service rules for the 5.9 GHz band, issues raised in two petitions for
reconsideration filed in response to the Allocation Report and Order because
the issues raised in them address issues
concerns the licensing and services
rules. As a consequence, the
Commission dismisses the two petitions
as moot and incorporates them into the