Multiple Resource Considerations

An interdisciplinary team approach will be used, as needed, to address resource issues in this RMP Amendment. The tentative resource programs that will be addressed include lands and realty, socioeconomics, soils, water, and wildlife.

Public Participation

This notice initiates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) public scoping process (CFR Title 43, part 1610, Section 2(c) and Title 40, part 1501, Section 7). The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decision that is best suited to local needs and concerns. The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of issues and planning criteria for the RMP Amendment. Comments relating to the preliminary issues and planning criteria (listed above) can be submitted in writing to BLM—ES Jackson Field Office; 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson MS 39206.

This planning process will emphasize localized one-to-one contacts and continual coordination and collaboration. Meetings may be held, if they are needed to (1) determine the scope of the RMP Amendment and (2) obtain input on issues and planning criteria. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media at least 15 days prior to the event.

Confidentiality

Individuals who submit comments may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from (1) organizations and businesses and (2) individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public review in their entirety.

Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. The BLM also accepts comments and data on disks in WordPerfect 7 (and higher) and Word 97 (and higher) file formats or the ASCII file format. Identify all comments and data in electronic form by the docket number [PP 4F4327/ R2253]. (Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1711–1712, CFR Title 43, part 1610, Section 2(c); 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., CFR Title 40, part 1501, Section 7.)


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029–0039

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 request for Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans, 30 CFR 784, has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

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 9, 2004, in order to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208–2783, or electronically to jtrelease@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 a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information contained in: Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans, 30 CFR part 784. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for the 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 number for this collection of information is 1029–0039.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8[d), a Federal Register notice soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 23, 2004 (69 FR 3389). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity: Title: Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans, 30 CFR 784.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0039. Summary: Sections 507(b), 508(a) and 516(b) of Public Law 95–87 require underground coal mine permit applicants to submit an operations and reclamation plan and establish performance standards for the mining operation. Information submitted is used by the regulatory authority to determine if the applicant can comply with the applicable performance and environmental standards required by the law.

Bureau Form Number: None.
Frequency of Collection: Once.
Description of Respondents: 80 Underground coal mining permit applicants and 24 State regulatory authorities.
Total Annual Responses: 80.
Total Annual Burden Hours: 82,480.
Total Annual Cost Burden: $680,000.

Send comments on the need for the collection 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 collection; 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 number in all correspondence.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395–6566 or via e-mail to OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov. 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–
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging Proposed Consent Decree

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Partial Consent Decree in United States v. Brian Chuchua, et al., (S.D. Cal.), 3:01CV1479 DMS (AJB), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of California on May 28, 2004.

This proposed Partial Consent Decree concerns a complaint filed by the United States against Brian Chuchua, Al Julian, and Joe Weber III pursuant to section 309(b) and (d) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1319(b) and (d), to obtain injunctive relief from and impose civil penalties against the Defendants for violating the Clean Water Act by discharging pollutants without a permit into waters of the United States. The proposed Partial Consent Decree resolves these allegations against Defendant Joe P. Weber III by requiring Mr. Weber to pay a civil penalty.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to this proposed Partial Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Please address comments to Pamela S. Tonglao, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Government Building, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80202.

The proposed Partial Consent Decree may be viewed at http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html.

Stephen Samuels,
Assistant Chief, Environmental Defense Section, Environment & Natural Resources Division.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980


In this action, the United States sought to recover civil penalties arising from Defendants’ failure to comply with EPA’s Administrative Order for Remedial Design/Remedial Action, EPA Docket No. CERCLA VIII–95–05, as it pertains to Defendants’ implementation of the Landfill Gas Remedy at the Lowry Landfill Superfund Site which is located in Denver, Colorado.

Specifically, in its Complaint the United States alleges that on numerous occasions between August 1998 and January 1999, Defendants failed to ensure compliance with Landfill Gas Performance Standards, failed to appropriately report exceedances of the LGFPS, and failed to take prompt action to prevent, abate or minimize the presence of volatile organic compounds (“VOCs”) in the subsurface environment at the Landfill Gas Compliance Boundary as required by the UAO.

The Consent Decree provides that within thirty (30) days of the entry of the Consent Decree, the Defendants shall pay two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars ($265,000.00) to the United States in satisfaction of the United States civil penalties claims.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to the United States v. The City and County of Denver, Waste Management of Colorado, Inc., and Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Civil Action No. 04–N–1031 (MJW), DOJ No. 90–11–3–06703.

The Consent Decree may be examined at U.S. EPA Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80202.

During the public comment period, the Decree, may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html. A copy of the Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514–0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514–1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of $4.50 payable to the U.S. Treasury.

Robert Brook,
Assistant Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on May 28, 2004, a proposed Consent Decree in United States v. Equistar Chemicals, LP, Civil Action No. 04–1172 was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

In this action the United States sought injunctive relief and a civil penalty to address violations of the Clean Air Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The Equistar Chemicals, LP facility is located in Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana and is currently closed. Under the Consent Decree, Equistar will, when it restarts the facility, conduct performance tests of Flares 008 and 009 to demonstrate compliance with the parameters in 40 CFR 60.18(f)(1) through 60.18(f)(6) and submit a written report containing the test results to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 and the State within one hundred and eighty (180) days. Equistar Chemicals, LP will also pay a civil penalty of $100,000 and, as a supplemental environmental project, spend at least $95,000 to replace two older school buses in Calcasieu Parish with two new school buses that will emit less pollution than the older buses.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to the United States v. Equistar Chemicals, LP, Civil Action No. 04–1172. Comments may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514–0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514–1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of $4.50 payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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