

comment period. Requests for 60-day extensions were received from the Napa Valley Vintners, a trade group representing over 300 Napa Valley (California) vintners, and the Wine Institute, a trade representing 1,100 California wineries and wine-related businesses. The Oregon Winegrowers Association, a trade association with 239 grape grower and winery members, requested a 120-day extension.

In support of its extension request, Napa Valley Vintners indicates that the proposed amendments to the AVA program cannot be considered by its membership within the announced comment period. The group states that it only meets once a month, and "because of the complexity of the subjects covered in the Notice, the current holiday season and market visits already scheduled by our winery members during January, we will be unable to complete our deliberations and finalize our comments until after our general membership meeting in March."

The Wine Institute, in its comment period extension request, stated that Notice No. 78 "is complex and far-reaching, and will affect many of our members." The Wine Institute also noted that the comment period deadline for Notice No. 78 runs up against the January 27, 2008, comment deadline for Notice No. 73, a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding "Serving Facts" labeling for alcohol beverages, "which is already demanding a large part of our resources and membership participation," all of which is occurring during the holiday season when its membership "is engaged in one of its busiest months of the year." In addition, the group adds that Notice Nos. 77 and 78 deal with similar issues "that call for consistent rather than staggered comment periods."

The Oregon Winegrowers Association, noting the "complex and lengthy" proposals outlined in Notice No. 78, states that it will require additional time to thoroughly understand the full impact of the proposals, acquaint its board members with their meaning, garner consensus within the industry, and respond in detail to the notice's proposals.

In response to these requests, TTB extends the original 60-day comment period for Notice No. 78 for an additional 60 days so that the comment period will equal 120 days. Therefore, comments on Notice No. 77 are now due on or before March 20, 2008.

#### Drafting Information

Michael Hoover of the Regulations and Rulings Division drafted this notice.

Signed: December 11, 2007.

**John J. Manfreda,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### 30 CFR Part 756

[Stats No. CR-1-FOR; Docket ID OSM-2007-0019]

#### Crow Tribe Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing on proposed amendment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Crow Tribe Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) Plan (hereinafter, the Crow Plan) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). The Crow Tribe has requested concurrence from the Secretary of the Department of the Interior with its certification of completion of all coal-related reclamation objectives. If the Secretary concurs with the certification, the Crow Tribe intends to request AMLR funds to pursue projects in accordance with section 411 of SMCRA.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule must be received by 4:00 p.m., m.s.t., January 16, 2008 to ensure our consideration. If requested, we will hold a public hearing on the amendment on January 11, 2008. We will accept requests to speak until 4 p.m., m.s.t., January 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the two following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. The notice is listed under the agency name "Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement" and has been assigned Docket ID: OSM-2007-0019.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Jeffrey Fleischman, Director, Casper Field Office; Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; 150 East "B" Street, Room 1018, Casper, Wyoming 82601. Please include the Docket ID (OSM-2007-0019) with your comments.

If you would like to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal,

go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and do the following. Find the blue banner with the words "Search Documents" and go to "Optional Step 2." Select "Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement" from the agency drop-down menu, then click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page. The next screen will have the title "Document Search Results." The proposed rule is listed under the Docket ID as OSM-2007-0019. If you click on OSM-2007-0019, you can view and print a copy of the amendment, the proposed rule, add comments, and view any comments submitted by other persons.

We cannot ensure that comments received after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or sent to an address other than the two listed above will be included in the docket for this rulemaking and considered.

For additional information on the rulemaking process and the public availability of comments, see "III. Public Comment Procedures" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

You may receive one free copy of this amendment by contacting OSM's Casper Field Office. You may access this amendment's docket, review copies of the Crow Plan and this amendment, find a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and review all written comments received in response to this document during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at the following addresses:

*Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. The notice has been assigned Docket ID: OSM-2007-0019.

Jeffrey Fleischman, Director, Casper Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 150 East "B" Street, Room 1018, Casper, Wyoming 82601, (307) 261-6550, [jfleischman@osmre.gov](mailto:jfleischman@osmre.gov).

Carl Venne, Chairman, Crow Tribe Executive Branch, Bacheitche Avenue, Crow Agency, Montana 59022, (406) 638-3715.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Fleischman, Casper Field Office Director, Telephone: (307) 261-6550, Internet address: [jfleischman@osmre.gov](mailto:jfleischman@osmre.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background on the Crow Plan
- II. Description of the Proposed Amendment
- III. Public Comment Procedures
- IV. Procedural Determinations

## I. Background on the Crow Plan

The Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program was established by Title IV of the Act (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*) in response to concerns over extensive environmental damage caused by past coal mining activities. The program is funded by a reclamation fee collected on each ton of coal that is produced. The money collected is used to finance the reclamation of abandoned coal mines and for other authorized activities. Section 405 of the Act allows States and Indian tribes to assume exclusive responsibility for reclamation activity within the State or on Indian lands if they develop and submit to the Secretary of the Interior for approval, a program (often referred to as a plan) for the reclamation of abandoned coal mines.

On January 4, 1989, the Secretary of the Interior approved the Crow Tribe's AMLR Plan. You can find general background information on the Crow Plan, including the Secretary's findings and the disposition of comments, in the January 4, 1989, **Federal Register** (54 FR 116). You can also find later actions concerning Crow Tribe's Plan and plan amendments at 30 CFR 756.20.

## II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated May 29, 2007, the Crow Tribe indicated to OSM that all high priority coal-related hazards on the Crow Reservation have been successfully addressed. As such, the Crow Tribe seeks certification of completion of all coal-related problems. If this request is approved by OSM it will mark the addressing, for the present, of all known existing coal-related problems within the Crow Reservation eligible for funding under the AMLR program.

If approved, the certificate of completion will be codified at 30 CFR 756.20. In accordance with 30 CFR 875.13(c), the Crow Tribe may then implement a program under Section 411 of SMCRA.

OSM is seeking public comment on the adequacy of the Crow Tribe's certification that it has addressed all reclamation relating to abandoned coal mine lands. In addition, OSM is aware of the potential for problems occurring in the future which relate to pre-August 3, 1977, coal mining. In accordance with 30 CFR 875.13(a)(3), the Crow Tribe agrees to acknowledge and give top priority to any coal-related problem(s) that may be found or occur after submission of the certificate of completion.

The full text of the plan amendment is available for you to read at the locations listed above under **ADDRESSES**.

## III. Public Comment Procedures

Under the provisions of 30 CFR 884.15(a), OSM requests your comments on whether the amendment satisfies the applicable Tribal reclamation plan approval criteria of 30 CFR 884.14. If we approve the amendment, it will become part of the Crow Plan.

*Electronic or Written Comments:* If you submit written comments, they should be specific, confined to issues pertinent to the proposed regulations, and explain the reason for any recommended change(s). We appreciate any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on the final regulations will be those that either involve personal experience or include citations to and analyses of SMCRA, its legislative history, its implementing regulations, case law, other pertinent Tribal or Federal laws or regulations, technical literature, or other relevant publications.

We cannot ensure that comments received after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or sent to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**) will be included in the docket for this rulemaking and considered.

*Public Availability of Comments:* Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available in the electronic docket for this rulemaking at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## Public Hearing

If you wish to speak at the public hearing, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by 4 p.m., m.s.t. on January 2, 2008. If you are disabled and need reasonable accommodation to attend a public hearing, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. We will arrange the location and time of the hearing with those persons requesting the hearing. If no one requests an opportunity to speak, we will not hold the hearing. If only one person expresses an interest, a public meeting rather than a hearing may be held, with the results included in the docket for this rulemaking.

To assist the transcriber and ensure an accurate record, we request, if possible, that each person who speaks at a public hearing provide us with a written copy of his or her comments. The public hearing will continue on the specified date until everyone scheduled to speak has been given an opportunity to be heard. If you are in the audience and have not been scheduled to speak and wish to do so, you will be allowed to speak after those who have been scheduled. We will end the hearing after everyone scheduled to speak and others present in the audience who wish to speak, have been heard.

## IV. Procedural Determinations

### *Executive Order 13175—Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments*

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, we have identified potential effects on a federally recognized Indian tribe (the Crow Tribe) that will result from this rule which is based on an amendment submitted by the Crow Tribe. This rule will enable the Crow Tribe to utilize AMLR grant monies to implement a program under Section 411 of SMCRA. We have been in consultation with the Crow Tribe and will fully consider tribal views when we develop the final rule.

### *Executive Order 12630—Takings*

This rule does not have takings implications. This determination is based on the analysis of the amendment submitted by the tribe.

### *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 (Regulatory Planning and Review).

### *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 allowable 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 tribal AMLR plans and revisions thereof because each plan is drafted and promulgated by a specific Indian tribe, not by OSM. Decisions on the proposed Crow Tribe AMLR plan and revisions thereof submitted by the Tribe are based on a determination of whether the submittal meets the requirements of Title IV of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1231–1243) and the applicable Federal regulations at 30 CFR Part 884.

*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*

No environmental impact statement is required for this rule since agency decisions on proposed tribal AMLR plans and revisions thereof are categorically excluded from compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) by the Manual of the Department of the Interior (516 DM 13.5(29)).

*Paperwork Reduction Act*

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

*Regulatory Flexibility Act*

The Department of the Interior 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. 601 *et seq.*). The proposed rule, if adopted, would affect only the Crow Tribe and, as previously stated, would allow the tribe to request AMLR funds to pursue projects in accordance with section 411 of SMCRA.

*Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act*

This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. Based on the nature of the amendment submitted by the tribe, we have determined that the 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.

*Unfunded Mandates*

This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or Tribal governments or the private sector of \$100 million or more in any given year. This determination is based on the nature of the amendment submitted by the tribe.

**List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 756**

Abandoned mine reclamation programs, Indian lands, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: November 5, 2007.

**Louis Hamm,**

*Acting Regional Director, Western Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

**30 CFR Part 943**

**[SATS No. TX-058-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2007-0018]**

**Texas Regulatory Program**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing on proposed amendment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Texas regulatory program (Texas program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). Texas proposes revisions to its regulations regarding annual permit fees. Texas intends to revise its program to improve operational efficiency.

This document gives the times and locations that the Texas program and proposed amendment to that program are available for your inspection, the comment period during which you may submit written comments on the amendment, and the procedures that we will follow for the public hearing, if one is requested.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before 4 p.m., c.t., January 16, 2008, to ensure our consideration. If requested, we will hold a public hearing on the amendment on January 11, 2008. We will accept requests to speak at a hearing until 4 p.m., c.t. on January 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the two following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. The proposed rule is listed under the agency name "OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT" and has been assigned Docket ID: OSM-2007-0018.

• *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Alfred L. Clayborne, Director, Tulsa Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1645 South 101st East Avenue, Suite 145, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128-4629. Please include the Docket ID (OSM-2007-0018) with your comments.

If you would like to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and do the following. Find the blue banner with the words "Search Documents" and go to "Optional Step 2." Select "Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement" from the agency drop-down menu, then click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page. The next screen will have the title "Document Search Results." The proposed rule is listed under the Docket ID as OSM-2007-0018. If you click on OSM-2007-0018, you can view and print a copy of the amendment, the proposed rule, add comments, and view any comments submitted by other persons.

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You may receive one free copy of the amendment by contacting OSM's Tulsa Field Office. See below **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

You may review a copy of the amendment during regular business hours at the following locations:

Tulsa Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1645 South 101st East Avenue, Suite 145, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128-4629, Telephone: (918) 581-6430.

Surface Mining and Reclamation Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Capitol Station, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, Telephone: (512) 463-6900.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alfred L. Clayborne, Director, Tulsa Field Office. Telephone: (918) 581-6430. E-mail: [aclayborne@osmre.gov](mailto:aclayborne@osmre.gov).