

Any questions about the compliance guide should be sent to Jay Guerber at the previously mentioned address in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

A 15-day comment period is provided to allow interested persons to respond to this proposed rule. Fifteen days is deemed appropriate because: (1) The 2008–09 fiscal period began on April 1, 2008, and the order requires that the assessment rate for each fiscal period apply to all assessable apricots handled during such fiscal period; (2) the Washington apricot harvest and shipping season is expected to begin as early as the last week of June; (3) the Committee needs to have sufficient funds to pay its expenses, which are incurred on a continuous basis; and (4) handlers are aware of this action, which was recommended by the Committee at a public meeting and is similar to other assessment rate actions issued in past years.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 922

Apricots, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 922 is proposed to be amended as follows:

#### PART 922—APRICOTS GROWN IN DESIGNATED COUNTIES IN WASHINGTON

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 922 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

2. Section 922.235 is revised to read as follows:

##### § 922.235 Assessment rate.

On or after April 1, 2008, an assessment rate of \$2.00 per ton is established for the Washington Apricot Marketing Committee.

Dated: August 12, 2008.

**Lloyd C. Day,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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

**30 CFR Parts 700, 724, 773, 785, 816, 817, 845, 846, 870, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 879, 880, 882, 884, 885, 886, and 887**

[Docket Id: OSM–2008–0003]

RIN 1029–AC56

##### Abandoned Mine Land Program

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of the comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are extending the comment period on a proposed rule that would revise the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) program. The proposed rule would revise our regulations to be consistent with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA), as amended by the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, Public Law 109–432, signed into law on December 20, 2006.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before August 29, 2008, in order to ensure our consideration.

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

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:*

<http://www.regulations.gov>. The rule is listed under the agency name “OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT.” The proposed rule has been assigned Docket ID: OSM–2008–0003.

If you would like to submit comments through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and do the following. Click on the “Advanced Docket Search” button on the right side of the screen. Type in the Docket ID OSM–2008–0003 and click the “Submit” button at the bottom of the page. The next screen will display the Docket Search Results for the rulemaking. If you click on OSM–2008–0003, you can view the proposed rule and submit a comment. You can also view supporting material and any comments submitted by others.

- *Mail/Hand-Delivery/Courier to:*

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 252–SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Please include the rule Docket ID (OSM–2008–0003) with your comment.

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

For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see “Public Comment Procedures” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

If you wish to comment on the information collection aspects of this proposed rule, you may submit your comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Interior Desk Officer, via e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov), or via facsimile to 202–365–6566.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danny Lytton, Chief, Reclamation Support Division, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone: 202–208–2788.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background on the Reclamation Fee and the Abandoned Mine Land Program

On June 20, 2008, we published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 35214) that would revise our regulations governing the AML program. We have received two requests to extend the comment period on the proposed rule. In response, we are extending the comment period to August 29, 2008.

As discussed in greater detail in the June 20, 2008, **Federal Register** notice, the proposed rule would revise our regulations to be consistent with the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, Public Law 109–432, enacted on December 20, 2006, which included the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2006 (the “2006 amendments”). The proposed rule reflects the extension of our statutory authority to collect reclamation fees for an additional fourteen years and to reduce the fee rates. The proposal also updates the regulations in light of the statutory amendments that change the activities State and Tribal reclamation programs may perform under the AML program, funding for reclamation grants to States and Indian tribes, and transfers to the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) Combined Benefit Fund, the UMWA 1992 Benefit Plan, and the UMWA Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan. Finally, our proposed rule extends

incentives reauthorized by the 2006 amendments pertaining to the remining of certain lands and water adversely affected by past mining.

#### Public Comment Procedures

**Written Comments:** If you submit written comments, they should be specific, confined to issues pertinent to the proposed rule, and explain the reason for any recommended changes. We appreciate all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on any revisions will be those that either involve personal experience or include citations to and analyses of SMCRA, its legislative history, its implementing regulations, the 2006 amendments, case law, or other pertinent State or Federal laws or regulations.

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**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 at any time. 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.

Dated: August 8, 2008.

**C. Stephen Allred,**

*Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0738]

RIN 1625-AA08

#### Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Wrightsville Channel, Wrightsville Beach, NC

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard proposes to establish Temporary special local

regulations for the swim portions of “Beach 2 Battleship Full and Half Iron Distance Triathlon”, to be held on the waters of Banks Channel, adjacent to Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. These special local regulations are necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event. This action is intended to restrict vessel traffic in Wrightsville Channel during the swimming portion of this event.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before September 17, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2008-0738 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(1) *Online:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(4) *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this proposed rule, call Christopher D. Humphrey, Coast Guard Sector North Carolina, Atlantic Beach, NC, (252) 247-4571. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related materials. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation to use the Docket Management Facility.

#### Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG-2008-0738), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. We recommend that you

include your name and a mailing address, an e-mail address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

#### Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Enter the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG-2008-0738) in the Search box, and click “Go >>.” You may also visit either the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; or U.S. Coast Guard Sector North Carolina, 2301 East Fort Macon Rd., Atlantic Beach, North Carolina 28512 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review a Privacy Act system of records notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

#### Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for one to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.