

## Background

Under the disability programs in titles II and XVI of the Act, we pay benefits to individuals who meet our rules for entitlement and have medically determinable physical or mental impairments that are severe enough to meet the statutory definition of disability. The rules for determining disability can be very complicated, but some individuals have such serious medical conditions that their conditions obviously meet our disability standards with minimal objective medical evidence alone. To better address the needs of these individuals, we are looking into ways to allow benefits as quickly as possible based on minimal objective medical information.

## Will we respond to your comments?

We will carefully consider your comments, although we will not respond directly to comments sent in response to this notice or the hearing.

## Additional Hearings

You may access the transcripts of our prior hearings at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances/>. We plan to hold additional hearings on other conditions and will announce those hearings with notices in the **Federal Register**.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 96.001, Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.006, Supplemental Security Income.)

Dated: March 3, 2011.

**Michael J. Astrue,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### 30 CFR Part 920

[SATS No. MD-056-FOR; Docket ID: OSM 2010-0008]

#### Maryland Regulatory Program

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period and notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** We are reopening and extending the public comment period and will be holding a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the State of

Maryland's approved regulatory program (the "Maryland program") published on January 28, 2011. The comment period is being reopened and extended in order to afford the public more time to comment and to allow enough time to hold a public hearing requested by a representative of the Sierra Club. We are also notifying the public of the date, time, and location for the public hearing. Maryland is proposing to add provisions to its program to regulate coal combustion byproducts (CCBs) and to establish requirements pertaining to the generation, storage, handling, processing, disposal, recycling, beneficial use, or other use of CCBs within the State.

**DATES:** We will accept written comments until 4 p.m., local time on March 28, 2011. The public hearing will be held on March 21, 2011, at 6 p.m. local time.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by "MD-056-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2010-0008" by either of the following two methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. The proposed rule has been assigned Docket ID: OSM-2010-0008. If you would like to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions.

*Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Mr. George Rieger, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Three Parkway Center, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

*Instructions:* For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see III. Public Comment Procedures in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the proposed rule published on January 28, 2011.

*Public Hearing:* The public hearing will be held at the Annapolis Marriot Waterfront Hotel, 80 Compromise Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 on March 21, 2011, at 6 p.m. local time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Rieger, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Telephone: (412) 937-2153. E-mail: [grieger@osmre.gov](mailto:grieger@osmre.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 28, 2011, (76 FR 5103) we published a proposed rule that would revise the Maryland program. The revisions would add regulations to the Maryland program to regulate coal combustion byproducts and to establish requirements pertaining to the generation, storage, handling, processing, disposal, recycling,

beneficial use, or other use of coal combustion byproducts (CCB) within the State. In total, these regulations pertain to all CCB activities in the State, not just surface coal mining and reclamation operations. However, a section of the added regulations specifically pertains to surface coal mining and reclamation operations and is proposed to be part of Maryland's federally approved state program. The regulation specific to surface coal mining and reclamation operations has been added as a new regulation, Regulation .08 under COMAR 26.20.24, Special Performance Standards.

Specifically, Maryland's Regulation .08 Utilization of Coal Combustion Byproducts, will include paragraphs A-H on the Purpose and Scope, Conditions for Utilization, and Testing and Monitoring. Additionally, Maryland is adding a Coal Combustion Byproducts Utilization Request requirement that will require a solids analysis of the CCBs and a Toxicity Characteristics Leaching Procedure (TCLP) leachate analysis of the CCBs. Maryland may also impose additional controls or conditions on the use of CCBs as it sees fit for the protection of human health and the environment.

On February 14, 2011, (Administrative Record Number MD-588-010), we received a request from an attorney representing the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club to extend the comment period and to hold a public hearing on the amendment. We are granting the request to extend the public comment period to afford the public more time to comment on the amendment and to allow enough time to schedule and hold the hearing. The date, time and location for the public hearing may be found under **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** above.

The hearings will be open to anyone who would like to attend and/or testify. The primary purpose of the public hearing is to obtain your comments on the proposed rule so that we can prepare a complete and objective analysis of the proposal. The purpose of the hearing officer is to conduct the hearing and receive the comments submitted. Comments submitted during the hearing will be responded to in the preamble to the final rule, not at the hearing. We appreciate all comments but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on the final rule will be those that either involve personal experience or include citations to, and analyses of, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, its legislative history, its implementing regulations, case law, other State or Federal laws and regulations, data,

technical literature, or relevant publications.

At the hearing, a court reporter will record and make a written record of the statements presented. This written record will be made part of the administrative record for the rule. If you have a written copy of your testimony, we encourage you to give us a copy. It will assist the court reporter in preparing the written record. Any disabled individual who needs reasonable accommodation to attend the public hearing is encouraged to contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: February 18, 2011.

**Thomas D. Shope,**

*Regional Director, Appalachian Region.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 300**

[EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0057, 0058, 0061, 0062, 0064, 0065, 0066, 0068, 0070, 0072, 0074, 0075, 0076, 0077, 0078; FRL-9277-7]

**RIN 2050-AD75**

**National Priorities List, Proposed Rule No. 54**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA" or "the Act"), as amended, requires that the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan ("NCP") include a list of national priorities among the known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the United

States. The National Priorities List ("NPL") constitutes this list. The NPL is intended primarily to guide the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the Agency") in determining which sites warrant further investigation. These further investigations will allow EPA to assess the nature and extent of public health and environmental risks associated with the site and to determine what CERCLA-financed remedial action(s), if any, may be appropriate. This rule proposes to add 15 sites to the General Superfund section of the NPL. One of the sites included in this proposed rule, MolyCorp, Inc., was previously proposed in May 2000. MolyCorp, Inc. is being re-proposed with a revised HRS score that is based on extensive new sampling data.

**DATES:** Comments regarding any of these proposed listings must be submitted (postmarked) on or before May 9, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Identify the appropriate Docket Number from the table below.

**DOCKET IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS BY SITE**

Site name	City/county, state	Docket ID No.
Blue Ledge Mine .....	Rogue River—Siskiyou National Forest, CA.	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0057.
New Idria Mercury Mine .....	Idria, CA .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0058.
Sandoval Zinc Company .....	Sandoval, IL .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0061.
Gary Development Landfill .....	Gary, IN .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0062.
Sauer Dump .....	Dundalk, MD .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0064.
Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp—Columbus .....	Columbus, MS .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0065.
Red Panther Chemical Company .....	Clarksdale, MS .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0066.
CTS of Asheville, Inc .....	Asheville, NC .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0068.
Garfield Ground Water Contamination .....	Garfield, NJ .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0070.
MolyCorp, Inc .....	Questa, NM .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0072.
New Cassel/Hicksville Ground Water Contamination .....	New Cassel/Hicksville, NY .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0074.
Astoria Marine Construction Company .....	Astoria, OR .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0075.
North Ridge Estates .....	Klamath Falls, OR .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0076.
US Finishing/Cone Mills .....	Greenville, SC .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0077.
Alamo Contaminated Ground Water .....	Alamo, TN .....	EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0078.

Submit your comments, identified by the appropriate Docket number, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail: [superfund.docket@epa.gov](mailto:superfund.docket@epa.gov).*
- *Mail:* Mail comments (no facsimiles or tapes) to Docket Coordinator, Headquarters; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; CERCLA Docket Office; (Mail Code 5305T); 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.; Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery or Express Mail:* Send comments (no facsimiles or tapes) to Docket Coordinator, Headquarters; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; CERCLA Docket Office; 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW.; EPA West,

Room 3334, Washington, DC 20004. Such deliveries are accepted only during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays).

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to the appropriate Docket number (see table above). EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public Docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit

information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system; that means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public Docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any