mailing address. Your comments also must be made in English, be legible, and be written in language acceptable for public disclosure. TTB does not accept anonymous comments, does not acknowledge receipt of comments, and considers all comments as originals.

If you are commenting on behalf of an association, business, or other entity, your comment must include the entity’s name as well as your name and position title. If you comment via Regulations.gov, please enter the entity’s name in the “Organization” blank of the comment form. If you comment via mail, please submit your entity’s comment on letterhead.

You may also write to the Administrator before the comment closing date to ask for a public hearing. The Administrator reserves the right to determine whether to hold a public hearing.

Confidentiality

All submitted comments and attachments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Do not enclose any material in your comments that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

Public Disclosure

On the Federal e-rulemaking portal, Regulations.gov, TTB will post, and the public may view, copies of this notice and any electronic or mailed comments we receive about it. A direct link to the Regulations.gov docket containing this notice and the posted comments received on it is available on the TTB Web site at http://www.ttb.gov/spirits/spirit-rulemaking.shtml under Notice No. 126. You may also reach the docket containing this notice and its related comments through the Regulations.gov search page at http://www.regulations.gov.

All posted comments will display the commenter’s name, organization (if any), city, and State, and, in the case of mailed comments, all address information, including email addresses. TTB may omit voluminous attachments or material that the Bureau considers unsuitable for posting.

You and other members of the public may view copies of this notice and any electronic or mailed comments TTB receives on it by appointment at the TTB Information Resource Center, 1310 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20005. You may also obtain copies at 20 cents per 8.5 x 11-inch page. Contact the TTB information specialist at the above address or by telephone at 202–453–2270 to schedule an appointment or to request copies of comments or other materials.

Regulatory Analysis and Notices

Executive Order 12866

It has been determined that this proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6), TTB certifies that this notice of proposed rulemaking will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The propose rule would clarify the statute of Pisco under the standards of identity for distilled spirits and, if promulgated, will not impose, or otherwise cause, a significant increase in reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance burdens on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

Drafting Information

Karen Welch of the Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, drafted this notice.

List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 5

Advertising, Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Labeling, Liquors, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Trade practices.

Amendment to the Regulations

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, TTB proposes to amend 27 CFR part 5 as follows:

PART 5—LABELING AND ADVERTISING OF DISTILLED SPIRITS

1. The authority citation for part 5 continues to read as follows:


2. Section 5.22 is amended by:

a. In paragraph (d) introductory text, removing the words “paragraph (d)(1) through (8)” and adding, in their place, the words “paragraphs (d)(1) through (9)”;

b. In paragraph (k)(3), by removing the words “Cognac,” and “Pisco brandy”,; and

c. Adding new paragraph (d)(9) to read as follows:

§ 5.22 The standards of identity.

* * * * *

(d) * * * * *

(9) “Pisco” is grape brandy manufactured in Peru or Chile in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the manufacture of Pisco of the country of manufacture. (i) “Pisco Peru” (or “Pisco Peru”) is Pisco manufactured in Peru in accordance with the laws and regulations of Peru governing the manufacture of Pisco.

(ii) “Pisco Chileno” or “Chilean Pisco” is Pisco manufactured in Chile in accordance with the laws and regulations of Chile governing the manufacture of Pisco.

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John J. Manfreda,
Administrator.

Approved: February 27, 2012.

Timothy E. Skud,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax, Trade, and Tariff Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 926

[ATS No. MT–033–FOR; Docket ID OSM–2011–0012]

Montana Regulatory Program

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

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

SUMMARY: We are announcing receipt of Montana’s response to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement’s (OSM) November 22, 2011, letter pertaining to a previously proposed amendment to the Montana regulatory program (hereinafter, the “Montana program”) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). Montana proposes changes to the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act (MSUMRA) that pertain to coal prospecting. Montana intends to revise its program to comply with changes made in the 2011 Montana Legislature as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 286.

This document gives the times and locations that the Montana 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
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Montana Program

Section 503(a) of the Act permits a State to assume primacy for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on non-Federal and non-Indian lands within its borders by demonstrating that its State program includes, among other things, “a State law which provides for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the requirements of this Act * * *; and rules and regulations consistent with rules issued by the Secretary pursuant to this Act.” See 30 U.S.C. 1253(a)(1) and (7). On the basis of these criteria, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Montana program on April 1, 1980. You can find background information on the Montana program, including the Secretary’s findings, the disposition of comments, and conditions of approval of the Montana program in the April 1, 1980, Federal Register (45 FR 21560). You can also find later actions concerning Montana’s program and program amendments at 30 CFR 926.15, 926.16, and 926.30.

II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated July 20, 2011, Montana sent us a proposed amendment to its program (Administrative Record Docket ID No. OSM–2011–0012) under SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.). Montana submitted the amendment to include changes made to the MSUMRA as a result of the 2011 Montana Legislature passage of Senate Bill 286 relating to coal prospecting.

Specifically, Montana proposes to amend the MSUMRA to modify the coal prospecting procedures to allow for a new type of coal prospecting permit when prospecting is conducted to determine the location, quantity, and quality of coal that is (1) outside an area designated as unsuitable, (2) does not remove more than 250 tons, and (3) does not substantially disturb the natural land surface. The effect of the modified procedures causes MSUMRA to have three tiers of prospecting regulation, rather than the currently approved two tiers. The full text of the program amendment is available for you to read at the locations listed above under ADDRESSES.

We announced receipt of the proposed amendment in the October 17, 2011, Federal Register (200 FR 64047; Administrative Record No. OSM 2011–0012–0001), provided an opportunity for a public hearing or meeting on its substantive adequacy, and invited public comment on its adequacy. Because no one requested a public hearing or meeting, none was held. The public comment period ended on November 17, 2011. We received comments from the Mine Safety and Health Administration stating that it agreed with the proposed revisions. We did not receive any comments from the general public.

During our review of the amendment, we identified areas needing clarification at MSUMRA Section 82–4–226. We notified Montana of our concerns by letter dated November 22, 2011 (Administrative Record No. OSM–2011–0012–0005). Montana responded in a letter dated December 22, 2011, by submitting additional explanatory information (Administrative Record No. OSM–2011–0012–0006). Specifically, Montana clarified when prospecting operations would be regulated under proposed MSUMRA Section 82–4–226(7), and that prospecting operations conducted under proposed MSUMRA Sections 82–4–226(7)(b) and (8) would not be allowed to substantially disturb the natural land surface. Finally, Montana clarified that proposed MSUMRA Section 82–4–226(7) would be interpreted and implemented based upon legislative history and the rules of statutory construction so that when operations are permitted under MSUMRA Section 82–4–226(8), subsections (1) and (2) would not apply, but subsections (3) through (6) would apply.

III. Public Comment Procedures

Under the provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), we are seeking your comments on whether the submission satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15. If we approve the amendment, it will become part of the Montana program.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email 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 may 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. 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.

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 would appreciate all comments relating to this specific issue, 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 analysis 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 other relevant publications.

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 April 11, 2012. If you are disabled and need reasonable accommodations 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.

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.

Public Meeting

If there is only limited interest in participating in a public hearing, we may hold a public meeting rather than a public hearing. If you wish to meet with us to discuss the amendment, please request a meeting by contacting the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. All such meetings are open to the public and, if possible, we will post notices of meetings at the locations listed under ADDRESSES. We will make a written summary of each meeting a part of the administrative record.

VI. Procedural Determinations

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).

Other Laws and Executive Orders Affecting Rulemaking

When a State submits a program amendment to OSM for review, our regulations at 30 CFR 732.17(h) require us to publish a notice in the Federal Register indicating receipt of the proposed amendment, its text or a summary of its terms, and an opportunity for public comment. We conclude our review of the proposed amendment after the close of the public comment period and determine whether the amendment should be approved, approved in part, or not approved. At that time, we will also make the determinations and certifications required by the various laws and executive orders governing the rulemaking process and include them in the final rule.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 950

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: January 6, 2012.

Allen D. Klein,
Director, Western Region.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 155

[Docket No. USCG–2011–0430, Formerly CGD 90–068]

RIN 1625–AA02, Formerly 2115–AD66

Discharge Removal Equipment for Vessels Carrying Oil

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of intent to finalize with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is advising the public of its intent to finalize regulations previously published as an interim final rule on December 22, 1993. The interim final rule was published to reduce the risk of oil spills, improve vessel oil spill response capabilities, and minimize the impact of oil spills on the environment, but certain portions of the interim final rule were never published as a final rule. Because of the lapse in time since the interim final rule’s publication, the Coast Guard is seeking comments from the public before finalizing those portions of the interim final rule.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2011–0430 using any one of the following methods:


(2) Fax: 202–493–2251.


(4) 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.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call or email Mr. David Du Pont, Office of Standards Evaluation and Development (CG–523), U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 202–372–1497, email David.A.DuPont@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

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