• BLM will proceed expeditiously with a proposed rule to rescind the final rule entitled “Oil and Gas: Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands,” 80 FR 16128 (March 26, 2015).
• The National Park Service will review the final rule entitled “General Provisions and Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights,” 81 FR 77972 (November 4, 2016);
• The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will review the final rule entitled “Management of Non Federal Oil and Gas Rights,” 81 FR 79948 (November 14, 2016); and
• The BLM will review the final rule entitled “Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation,” 81 FR 83008 (November 18, 2016).

The Office of Natural Resources Revenue has already taken the following actions in accordance with this objective:
• Published a proposed rule to repeal the “Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Rule” published on July 1, 2016 (81 FR 43338). See 82 FR 16323 (April 4, 2017).
• Published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) on April 4, 2017 (82 FR 16325) seeking comments on whether revisions are needed to the regulations governing valuation, for royalty purposes, of oil and gas produced from Federal onshore and offshore leases and coal produced from Federal and Indian lands, and if revisions are appropriate, what specific revisions merit consideration.

Reviewing regulations to determine whether any require revision or rescission based on the mitigation policy review, climate change policy review, and review of other actions affecting energy development required by E.O. 13783.

Interior’s review also gives particular attention to the three Interior rules related to offshore energy that are identified in sections 7, 8, and 11 of E.O. 13795 (Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy). To implement E.O. 13795, Interior issued Secretary’s Order 3350, America-First Offshore Energy, which provides deadlines for review of the rules identified in the E.O. Specifically, the Secretary’s Order directs the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to review:
• The proposed rule “Offshore Air Quality Control, Reporting, and Compliance” published on April 5, 2016. See 81 FR 19717;
• The final rule “Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf—Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control,” published on April 29, 2016. See 81 FR 25887.
• The final rule “Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf—Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf,” published on July 15, 2016. See 81 FR 46478.

Secretary’s Order 3350 also requires identifying other rules that have been adopted or are in the process of being developed that relate to the above rules. As it identifies any other potential deregulatory actions and their cost savings, the Task Force will consider input from the public as guidance for prioritizing its efforts. In the coming months, the Task Force will be working with the affected bureaus to calculate the cost savings from any repeal, replacement, or modification.

Request for Public Input

Interior is seeking public input on how it can best meet the above goals and, specifically, where redundancies and inefficient processes can be eliminated, while ensuring that Interior continues to fulfill our legal obligations, resource stewardship, and Tribal trust responsibilities and minimizes the risk of lengthy and costly appeals and litigation. E.O. 13777 requires the Regulatory Reform Task Force, in performing the evaluation of regulations to seek input and other assistance, as permitted by law, from entities significantly affected by Federal regulations, including State, local, and Tribal governments, small businesses, consumers, non-governmental organizations, and trade associations. See § 3(e), E.O. 13777. To comply with this requirement and promote transparency in regulatory reform efforts, Interior has established a Regulations.gov docket to provide the public with the ability to provide comments on regulatory reform on an ongoing basis. Interior encourages the public, and particularly anyone significantly affected by regulations, to provide input and assistance in identifying regulations for repeal, replacement, or modification that:
• Eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation;
• Are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;
• Impose costs that exceed benefits;
• Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;
• Rely, in part or in whole, on data or methods that are not publicly available or insufficiently transparent to meet the standard for reproducibility; or
• Derive from or implement E.O.s or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.

Periodically, Interior will review the written input to determine whether additional regulations should be targeted for review and considered for suspension, revision, or rescission.

Measuring Future Progress

To measure future progress, Interior will incorporate performance indicators for the regulatory reform initiative into Interior’s annual performance plan under the Government Performance and Results Act. OMB has issued guidance regarding the appropriate performance indicators and established deadlines for setting targets for each of those indicators in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 and FY 2019 annual performance plans.

Authority

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Subtitles A and B

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Evaluation of Existing Regulations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” the Department of Education (Department) is seeking input on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification.

DATES: We must receive your comments no later than August 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. We will not accept comments by fax or email. To ensure that we do not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov to submit your comments electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket is available on the site under the “Help” tab.
Postal Mail, Commercial Delivery, or Hand Delivery: The Department strongly encourages commenters to submit their comments electronically. However, if you mail or deliver your comments in response to this request, address them to Hilary Malawer, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 6E231, Washington, DC 20202.

Privacy Note: The Department’s policy is to make all comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on this document, please contact Hilary Malawer, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 6E231, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 401–6148 or by email: Hilary.Malawer@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 24, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” which established a Federal policy “to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens” on the American people. Section 3(a) of the Executive Order directs Federal agencies to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force (Task Force). One of the duties of the Task Force is to evaluate existing regulations and “make recommendations to the agency head regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification.” The Executive Order further asks that each Task Force “attempt to identify regulations that:

(i) Eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation;

(ii) Are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;

(iii) Impose costs that exceed benefits;

(iv) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;

(v) Are inconsistent with the requirements of section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note), or the guidance issued pursuant to that provision, in particular those regulations that rely in whole or in part on data, information, or methods that are sufficiently transparent to meet the standard for reproducibility; or

(vi) Derive from or implement Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.”

Section 3(e) of the Executive order calls on the Task Force to “seek input and other assistance, as permitted by law, from entities significantly affected by Federal regulations, including State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, consumers, non-governmental organizations, and trade associations” on regulations that meet some or all of the criteria above. A “regulation” for this purpose “means an agency statement of general or particular applicability and future effect designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy or to describe the procedure or practice requirements of an agency . . . .” See Executive Order 13771, section 4.

Through this announcement, the Department is soliciting such input from the public to inform its Task Force’s evaluation of existing regulations and guidance that have a policy impact. The Department’s regulations are codified in subtitles A and B of title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which are available in electronic format at www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=0717200349ac02b730b4600bdaa5ed05&mce=true&fl=ecfrbrowse/Title34/34tab_02.tpl. A list of the Department’s significant guidance documents is available at: www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/significant-guidance.html. Other Department guidance may be accessed at www.ed.gov by program office. The Department requests that commenters be as specific as possible by: Providing a Federal Register (FR) or CFR citation when referencing a specific regulation or, where practicable, a link at which referencing a particular guidance document; including any supporting data or other applicable information; providing specific suggestions regarding repeal, replacement, or modification; and explaining with specificity why the referenced regulation or guidance should be repealed, replaced, or modified. Wherever possible, please list the citations to the specific regulatory sections or titles of guidance documents to which your comments pertain in a subject line or otherwise at the beginning of your comments. We are particularly interested in regulatory provisions that you find unduly costly or unnecessarily burdensome. Although we will not respond to individual comments, the Department values public feedback and will give careful consideration to all input that we receive. Interested program offices of the Department will also be conducting outreach on this same topic.

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Betsy DeVos,
Secretary of Education.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

Air Plan Approval; Delaware; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Standard; Extension of Comment Period; Availability of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period; availability of supplemental information.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for a proposed rule published on June 1, 2017. In the June 1, 2017 proposed rule, EPA proposed to approve portions of the State of Delaware’s December 14, 2015 state implementation plan (SIP) submittal to address the infrastructure requirements for the 2012 fine particulate matter (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). EPA is extending the comment period due to erroneously