

Montana now proposes adding a new ARM 17.24.905, which specifies that the ARMs pertaining to air pollution control plans, monitoring for settlement of regraded areas, augering and re-mining do not apply to in situ coal gasification. Montana also proposes ministerial changes to ARM 17.24.902 and ARM 17.24.903 that reflect these exemptions. Finally, Montana proposes to allow the regulatory authority to apply other rules, which are not routinely applied to all in situ operations, on a mine-specific basis.

The full text of the program amendment is available for you to read at the locations listed above under **ADDRESSES** or at www.regulations.gov.

III. Public Comment Procedures

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

Electronic or Written Comments

If you submit written or electronic comments on the proposed rule during the 30-day comment period, 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 state 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 (see **ADDRESSES**) will be included in the docket for this rulemaking and considered.

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 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 4:00 p.m., m.d.t. on May 23, 2018. 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 a hearing.

To assist the transcriber and ensure an accurate record, we request, if possible, that each person who speaks at the 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 only one person requests an opportunity to speak, 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.

IV. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review

This rulemaking is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866.

Other Laws and Executive Orders Affecting Rulemaking

When a state submits a program amendment to OSMRE 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 926

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: April 18, 2018.

David Berry,

Regional Director, Western Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 938

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Pennsylvania Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the public comment period and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are reopening the public comment period and will be holding a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's approved regulatory program (the Pennsylvania program) published on March 12, 2018. The comment period is being reopened in order to afford the public additional time to comment and to allow for a public hearing. Approximately sixty citizens asked to both extend the comment period and for a public hearing. We are also notifying the public of the date, time, and location for the public hearing. Through this proposed amendment, Pennsylvania seeks to revise its Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act (BMSLCA) to include language clarifying the circumstances where a finding of presumptive evidence of pollution is not warranted under the Commonwealth's Clean Streams Law.

DATES: We will accept written comments until 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST), June 7, 2018. The public hearing will be held on May 1,

2018, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “PA–166–FOR; Docket ID: OSM–2017–0008”, by either of the following two methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. The proposed rule has been assigned Docket ID: OSM–2017–0008. 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. Ben Owens, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Three Parkway Center, Second Floor, 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 March 12, 2018.

Public Hearing: The public hearing will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205; phone number: 412–922–8400, on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST. Those wishing to provide oral testimony need to register between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Docket: For access to the docket to review copies of the Pennsylvania regulations, the relevant amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document, you must go to the address listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. You may receive one free copy of the amendment by contacting OSMRE’s Pittsburgh Field Division; or the full text of the program amendment is available at www.regulations.gov.

In addition, you may review a copy of the amendment during regular business hours at one of the following locations:

Mr. Ben Owens, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Appalachian Regional Office, 3 Parkway Center, Second Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, Telephone: (412) 937–2827, Email: bowens@osmre.gov.

Mr. William Allen, Chief, Permitting and Compliance, Bureau of Mining and Reclamation, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 8461, Harrisburg, PA 17105–8461, Telephone: (717) 783–9580, E-Mail: wallen@pa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ben Owens, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Telephone: (412) 937–2827. Email: bowens@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 12, 2018, we published a proposed rule that would revise the Pennsylvania program. By letter dated August 4, 2017 (Administrative Record No. PA 899.00), Pennsylvania sent us an amendment to its program under SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*). The Pennsylvania General Assembly recently amended the BMSLCA to include language clarifying the circumstances where a finding of presumptive evidence of pollution is not warranted under the Commonwealth’s Clean Streams Law.

A. By way of State Bill 624, Pennsylvania proposes additional language to the BMSLCA, Section 5(i) that states: “In a permit application to conduct bituminous coal mining operations, subject to this act, planned subsidence in a predictable and controlled manner which is not predicted to result in the permanent disruption of premining existing or designated uses of surface waters of the Commonwealth shall not be considered presumptive evidence that the proposed bituminous coal mining operations have the potential to cause pollution as defined in section 1 of the act of June 22, 1937 (Pub. L. 1987, No. 394), known as “The Clean Streams Law”.

B. Further, Pennsylvania proposes additional language to BMSLCA, Section 5(j) as follows: “The provisions of subsection (i) shall only apply if: (1) A person submits an application to conduct bituminous mining operations subject to this act to the department that provides for the restoration of the premining range of flows and restoration of premining biological communities in any waters of this Commonwealth predicted to be adversely affected by subsidence. The restoration shall be consistent with the premining existing and designated uses of the waters of this Commonwealth; and (2) the application is approved by the department.”

During the initial comment period, (Administrative Record Number PA 899.05), we received multiple citizen requests to extend the comment period and to hold a public hearing on the amendment. We are reopening 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**.

The hearing 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. Those wishing to provide oral testimony need to register between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the hearing location. Other attendees are not required to register. Written testimony will also be accepted. The hearing officer will 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: April 5, 2018.

Thomas D. Shope,

Regional Director, Appalachian Region .

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Amendments to Federal Implementation Plan for Managing Air Emissions From True Minor Sources in Indian Country in the Oil and Natural Gas Production and Natural Gas Processing Segments of the Oil and Natural Gas Sector

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.
