

govern requests and establish fee structures for special census services and studies. The regulations at part 50 purport to implement 15 U.S.C. 1525, which generally authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to perform special services and furnish special records “upon the payment of the actual or estimated cost of such special work,” and 13 U.S.C. 8, which similarly authorizes the Secretary to furnish transcripts or copies of reports in connection with surveys and censuses “upon payment of the actual or estimated cost of searching the records and furnishing such transcripts or copies.” The regulatory framework established by part 50 was first promulgated by final rule on January 4, 1963 (28 FR 120), and was subsequently amended several times between then and 2004 (January 20, 1971, 36 FR 905; February 1, 1984, 49 FR 3980; July 29, 1991, 56 FR 35815; July 18, 2003, 68 FR 42586; July 30, 2004, 69 FR 45580). This action amends part 50 again in three ways.

First, this action removes § 50.1(a). That subsection currently reads as follows: “Fee structure for age search and citizenship service, special population censuses, and for foreign trade and shipping statistics.” Upon review, the Department has determined that this incomplete introductory sentence creates a risk of confusion and also is unnecessary, given the sufficiently explanatory contents of § 50.1(b) and other subsequent sections.

Second, this action removes § 50.30. That section established a fee structure for foreign trade and shipping statistics. However, that section is now obsolete, as the Census Bureau no longer charges fees for such services. The removal of § 50.30 will therefore ensure that the Census Bureau’s regulations are accurate and up-to-date.

Third, this action removes § 50.40. That section established a fee structure for statistics for city blocks for the 1980 census of population and housing. That section is now plainly obsolete and no longer serves any meaningful purpose. The removal of § 50.40 will simplify part 50 and reduce the possibility of unnecessary confusion and/or distraction.

Overall, these three changes will simplify and streamline part 50 and reduce the possibility of public confusion—thereby promoting efficiency—without substantively altering any obligations of the Census Bureau or public rights.

Regulatory Classifications

A. Administrative Procedure Act

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Department finds good cause to waive the prior notice and opportunity for public participation requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act for this final rule. The Department has determined that prior notice and opportunity for public participation is unnecessary because this rule only removes regulatory language that is not required by statute and that is plainly obsolete and/or clearly poses an unnecessary risk of public confusion; the obsolete and unnecessary nature of the regulatory language at issue will not be cured by any public comment. The Department has also determined that delaying the removal of this regulatory language for the sake of carrying out the notice and comment process would be contrary to the public interest, as the language being removed no longer serves any meaningful function but does pose a risk of confusion and distraction. The Department therefore finds good cause to waive the public notice and comment period under 553(b)(B) and, for the same reason, to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness under 553(d).

B. Executive Orders 12866, 14192, 13132

The Office of Management and Budget has determined this rule is not significant pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 12866. This rule is an E.O. 14192 deregulatory action. This rule does not contain policies having federalism implications as the term is defined in E.O. 13132.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

Because a notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public participation are not required to be given for this rule by 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are not applicable. Accordingly, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required, and none has been prepared.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule will not impose additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 50

Administrative practice and procedure, Census data, Citizenship and naturalization, Fees, Foreign trade, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, State and local governments, Statistics.

George M. Cook, Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Director of the Census Bureau, approved the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Census Bureau amends 15 CFR part 50 to read as follows:

PART 50—SPECIAL SERVICES AND STUDIES BY THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

- 1. The authority citation for part 50 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1525–1527 and 13 U.S.C. 3 and 8.

§ 50.1 [Amended]

- 2. Amend § 50.1 by removing and reserving paragraph (a).

§ 50.30 [Removed and Reserved]

- 3. Remove and reserve § 50.30.

§ 50.40 [Removed and Reserved]

- 4. Remove and reserve § 50.40.

Dated: February 17, 2026.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

29 CFR Part 2700

Procedural Rules; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: On Friday, January 17, 2025, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission (the “Commission”) revised the Commission’s procedural rules governing administrative trial and appellate review of cases arising under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the “Mine Act”). That document contains an incorrect date and a typographical error. This document corrects the final regulations.

DATES: Effective February 20, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rory P. Smith, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC, 20004 (202)525–8649.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document corrects two of the final rules

published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2025, 90 FR 5610. In 29 CFR 2700.5(e)(6), a typographical error is corrected to change the word “sealing” to “unsealing.” In 29 CFR 2700.8(e)(1), a day of the week set forth is changed to correctly correspond with a date.

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 2700

Administrative practice and procedure, Confidential business information, Mine safety and health, Penalties, Whistleblowing.

Accordingly, 29 CFR part 2700 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 2700—PROCEDURAL RULES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 2700 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 815, 820, and 823.

Subpart A—General Provisions

■ 2. Amend § 2700.5 by revising the third sentence of paragraph (e)(6) to read as follows:

§ 2700.5 General requirements for pleadings and other documents; filing requirements; status or informational requests.

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(6) * * * Prior to unsealing a filing, the Commission shall provide the party that submitted the filing a reasonable opportunity to object to the unsealing or to withdraw the filing. * * *

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■ 3. Amend § 2700.8 by revising the first sentence of paragraph (e)(1) to read as follows:

§ 2700.8 Computation of time.

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(e)(1) * * * A motion is filed with the Commission on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. * * *

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Dated: February 18, 2026.

Rory P. Smith,

Attorney-Advisor, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 948

[SATS No. WV-120-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2014-0006; S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 256S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 25XS01520]

West Virginia Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Final rule; cooperative agreement.

SUMMARY: We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are publishing this final rule to amend the existing Federal Lands Cooperative Agreement between West Virginia and the U.S. Department of the Interior (Department). The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act) and the Federal regulations authorize a State with an approved permanent regulatory program to enter into an agreement for the State regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands. West Virginia’s existing cooperative agreement with the Department was adopted in February 1984, to allow for the State regulation of SMCRA on Federal lands within West Virginia under its approved permanent regulatory program (the West Virginia program).

DATES: The effective date is March 23, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Justin Adams, Field Office Director, Charleston Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1027 Virginia Street East, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, Telephone: (304) 400-2377, Email: chfo@osmre.gov.

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I. Background on the Cooperative Agreement

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 program includes, among other things, State laws and regulations that govern surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the Act and consistent with the Federal regulations. See 30 U.S.C. 1253(a)(1) and (7). On the basis of the criteria outlined in Section 503(a) of SMCRA, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the West Virginia program on January 21, 1981. Background information on the West Virginia program, including the Secretary’s findings, the disposition of comments, and conditions of approval, is found in the January 21, 1981, **Federal Register** (46 FR 5915). Later actions concerning the West Virginia program and program amendments can be found at 30 CFR 948.10 (State regulatory program approval), 948.12 (State statutory, regulatory, and proposed program amendment provisions not approved), 948.13 (State statutory and regulatory provisions set aside), 948.15 (Approval of West Virginia’s regulatory program amendments), and 948.16 (Required regulatory program amendments).

Section 523(c) of the Act permits a State with a permanent regulatory program to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands within the State. 30 U.S.C. 1273(c). West Virginia sent a request, received by us on August 26, 1981, proposing to enter into a Federal Lands Cooperative Agreement (herein referred to as the existing cooperative agreement) between the Department and the State of West Virginia to grant West Virginia the ability to administer its approved regulatory program on Federal lands within West Virginia. West Virginia’s existing cooperative agreement was approved on February 24, 1984, and the final rule notice was published in the March 9, 1984, **Federal Register** (49 FR 8913). Several years have passed since the original agreement was adopted, and West Virginia proposed to amend the