

existing requirements previously promulgated by OSM will be implemented by the State. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the counterpart Federal regulations.

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Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

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North Dakota Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) Plan

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

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

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the North Dakota AMLR plan (hereinafter, the "North Dakota plan") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment consists of addition of a contractor eligibility statutory provision, revision of procurement and contract procedures, revision of procurement and contract policies, and revision of the State agency organizational structure. The amendment is intended to revise the North Dakota plan to meet the requirements of the corresponding Federal regulations and to improve operational efficiency.

DATES: Written comments must be received by 4 p.m., m.d.t., November 15, 1995. If requested, a public hearing on the proposed amendment will be held on November 13, 1995. Requests to present oral testimony at the hearing must be received by 4 p.m., m.d.t., October 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or hand delivered to Guy Padgett at the address listed below.

Copies of the North Dakota plan, the proposed amendment, and all written comments received in response to this document will be available for public review at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Each requester may receive one free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting OSM's Casper Field Office.

Guy Padgett, Director, Casper Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 100 East B Street, Room 2128, Casper, Wyoming 82601-1918

Louis A. Ogaard, Director, AML Division, Public Service Commission, Capitol Building, Bismarck, ND 58505-0165

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Guy Padgett, Telephone: (307) 261-5776.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the North Dakota Plan

On December 23, 1981, the Secretary of the Interior approved the North Dakota plan. General background information on the North Dakota plan, including the Secretary's findings and the disposition of comments, can be found in the December 23, 1981, Federal Register (46 FR 62253). Subsequent actions concerning North Dakota's plan and plan amendments can be found at 30 CFR 934.25.

II. Proposed Amendment

By letter dated September 20, 1995, North Dakota submitted a proposed amendment to its plan (administrative record No. ND-X-02) pursuant to SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*). North Dakota submitted the proposed amendment at its own initiative and in response to a September 26, 1994, letter (administrative record No. ND-X-01) that OSM sent to North Dakota in accordance with 30 CFR 884.15(b). The provisions of its North Dakota plan that North Dakota proposes to add and/or revise are: North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) 38-14.2-03(14), powers and duties of the Commission; procurement procedures; contract procedures; policy 2-01-81(5), procurement policy and contract policy; and State agency organizational structure.

Specifically, North Dakota proposes to add to its statute at NDCC 38-14.2-03(14) a requirement that:

Every successful bidder for an AML contract must be eligible based on available information concerning Federal and State failure-to-abate cessation orders, unabated Federal and State imminent harm cessation orders, delinquent civil penalties issued pursuant to Section 518 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, bond forfeitures where violations upon which the forfeitures were based have not been corrected, delinquent abandoned mine reclamation fees, and unabated violations of Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to air or water environmental

protection incurred in connection with any surface coal mining operation.

North Dakota proposes to rename its "Procurement Policy" as "Procurement Procedures" and make various revisions in:

Section II, definitions and miscellaneous policy provisions, at subsection E, contract execution; subsection H, contractor selection; subsection I, final report; subsection K, preference; subsection M, procurement officer;

Section III, Public Service Commission and public contractor code of conduct, at subsection B, gifts; and

Section IV, procurement procedural requirements, at subsection B, procurement procedures; subsection C, method of procurement; subsection D, unsolicited proposal.

In the "Procurement Procedures," North Dakota also proposes to add appendices at: A, evaluation criteria for request for proposals/competitive negotiations; B, sample scoring system for competitive negotiation type contracts; C, procedures for competitive contract negotiations; D, procedures for sole source procurement; and E, checklist for work statement (specific provisions) contracts and requests for proposals.

North Dakota proposes to rename its "Contract Policy" as "Contract Procedures" and make various revisions in:

Section II, checklist for negotiating contracts; and

Section III, standard contract provisions, at subsection B, construction contracts.

In the "Contract Procedures," North Dakota also proposes to add appendices at: A, sample close-out letter to contractor; B, sample contract transmittal letter; C, sample detailed budget sheet for cost reimbursable contracts; D, checklist for negotiating contracts; E, Public Service Commission contract numbering system; F, conflict of interest disclaimer; G, checklist for work statement (specific provisions) contracts and request for proposals; and H, certification of payment to employees, suppliers, and subcontractors.

North Dakota proposes to revise policy 2-02-81(5), Public Service Commission contract policy and procurement policy.

Lastly, North Dakota submitted a revised organizational chart for the Public Service Commission. The chart indicates that 5.3 employees are devoted to abandoned mine lands.

III. Public Comment Procedures

In accordance with the provisions of 30 CFR 884.15(a), OSM is seeking comments on whether the proposed amendment satisfies the applicable plan approval criteria of 30 CFR 884.14. In the amendment is deemed adequate, it will become part of the North Dakota plan.

1. Written Comments

Written comments should be specific, pertain only to the issues proposed in this rulemaking, and include explanations in support of the commenter's recommendations. Comments received after the time indicated under **DATES** or at locations other than the Casper Field Office will not necessarily be considered in the final rulemaking or included in the administrative record.

2. Public Hearing

Persons wishing to testify at the public hearing should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by 4 p.m., m.d.t., October 31, 1995. Any disabled individual who has need for a special accommodation to attend a public hearing should contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The location and time of the hearing will be arranged with those persons requesting the hearing. If no one requests an opportunity to testify at the public hearing, the hearing will not be held.

Filing of a written statement at the time of the hearing is requested as it will greatly assist the transcriber. Submission of written statements in advance of the hearing will allow OSM officials to prepare adequate responses and appropriate questions.

The public hearing will continue on the specified date until all persons scheduled to testify have been heard. Persons in the audience who have not been scheduled to testify, and who wish to do so, will be heard following those who have been scheduled. The hearing will end after all persons scheduled to testify and persons present in the audience who wish to testify have been heard.

3. Public Meeting

If only one person requests an opportunity to testify at a hearing, a public meeting, rather than a public hearing, may be held. Persons wishing to meet with OSM representatives to discuss the proposed amendment may request a meeting by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All such meetings will be open to the public and, if

possible, notices of meetings will be posted at the locations listed under "ADDRESSES." A written summary of each meeting will be made a part of the administrative record.

IV. Procedural Determinations

1. Executive Order 12866

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

2. Executive Order 12778

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 2 of Executive Order 12778 (Civil Justice Reform) and has determined that this rule meets the applicable standards of subsections (a) and (b) of that section. However, these standards are not applicable to the actual language of Tribe or State AMLR plans and revisions thereof since each such plan is drafted and promulgated by a specific Tribe or State, not by OSM. Decisions on proposed Tribe or State AMLR plans and revisions thereof submitted by a Tribe or State are based on a termination of whether the submittal meets the requirements of Title IV of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1231-1243) and the applicable Federal regulations at 30 CFR parts 884 and 888.

3. National Environmental Policy Act

No environmental impact statement is required for this rule since agency decisions on proposed Tribe or State AMLR plans and revisions thereof are categorically excluded from compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332) by the Manual of the Department of the Interior (516 DM 6, appendix 8, paragraph 8.4B(29)).

4. Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 *et seq.*).

5. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior has determined that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The Tribe or State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon Federal regulations from which an economic analysis was prepared and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, this rule will ensure that existing requirements established by

SMCRA or previously promulgated by OSM will be implemented by the Tribe or State. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions in the analyses for the corresponding Federal regulations.

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Pennsylvania Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Pennsylvania permanent regulatory program (hereinafter referred to as the Pennsylvania program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment (Administrative Record Number PA 933.00) revises the Pennsylvania program to incorporate changes made by Pennsylvania House Bill 1075 and subsequent Pennsylvania law Act 1994-114. The proposed amendment is intended to provide special authorization for refuse disposal in areas previously affected by mining which contain pollutional discharges.

DATES: Written comments must be received by 4 p.m., e.d.t. November 15, 1995. If requested, a public hearing on the proposed amendment will be held on November 13, 1995. Requests to speak at the hearing must be received by 4 p.m., e.d.t. on October 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to speak at the hearing should be mailed or hand delivered to Robert J. Biggi, Director, Harrisburg Field Office at the address shown below.

Copies of the Pennsylvania program, the proposed amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document will be available for public review at the addresses listed