

Finally, Colorado is proposing to update section VIII to reflect the current organizational structure of the Department of Natural Resources, which contains the Division of Minerals and Geology, the designated agency managing the IMRP, as well as eight other divisions. These other divisions contribute directly or indirectly to the overall inactive mine reclamation effort. Included in this section are Table VI-9, "Department of Natural Resources Organizational Chart" and Table VI-10, "Division of Minerals and Geology Organizational Chart."

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. If the amendment is deemed adequate, it will become part of the Colorado 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 Denver Field Division 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 4:00 p.m., m.s.t., December 4, 1996. 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 12988

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 (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 determination 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 for 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.

6. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

This rule will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on any governmental entity or private sector.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 906

Abandoned mine reclamation programs, Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 202

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Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs)

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Cleanup), DOD.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On Tuesday, August 6, 1996, the Department of Defense published a proposed rule (61 FR 40764-40772) regarding Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs). Public comments on the proposed rule were required by November 4, 1996. The comment period on the proposed rule is being extended until January 20, 1997, in order to allow

the public additional opportunity to comment.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule must now be submitted on or before January 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the RAB proposed rule should be sent to the following address: Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Cleanup), 3400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3400. The public should send comments in writing, and whenever possible, a 3.5 inch computer disk containing comments in a common word processing format such as WordPerfect version 6.1. Comments may also be forwarded electronically to: readmw@acq.osd.mil. This will facilitate DOD's response to comments and reduce the associated costs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marcia Read, Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Cleanup), (703) 697-9793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A list of individuals providing comments on the RAB proposed rule can be viewed at the following Universal Resource Locator: http://www.dtic.mil/envirodod/rab_fedr.html.

Dated: November 13, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Parts 155 and 159

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[CGD 95-028]

RIN 2115-AF10

Harmonization With International Safety Standards

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: As part of its ongoing response to the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative, the Coast Guard proposes to amend its regulations for both inspected and uninspected vessels

by removing obsolete, unnecessary and excessive provisions and to harmonize regulations with international safety standards. The Coast Guard expects these amendments will reduce the regulatory burden to industry by removing differences between requirements that apply to U.S. vessels in international trade and those that apply to similar vessels in international trade that fly the flag of responsible foreign nations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA/3406) (CGD 95-028), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

A copy of the material listed in "Incorporation by Reference" of this preamble is available for inspection at room 1300, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ENS Maggie McGowan, Project Manager, LCDR R. K. Butturini, Project Engineer, Office of Design and Engineering Standards (G-MSE), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-2206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD 95-028) and the specific section of this proposal to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8 by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment

period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments.

A public meeting was held on April 20, 1995 (60 FR 16423) to discuss the Coast Guard's overall regulations and the regulatory process. The relevant comments received at the hearing or in response to the hearing notice have been considered for the changes included in this document. The Coast Guard held another public meeting on February 9, 1996 (60 FR 65988) to further discuss Coast Guard regulations and the changes discussed in a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) of December 20, 1995 (60 FR 65988). As that NPRM also related to removal or revision of obsolete, unnecessary or excessive regulations and harmonization with international safety standards, relevant comments received at that hearing were considered in drafting the changes proposed in this document. Another public meeting to discuss the proposed changes in this rulemaking is not planned at this time.

Background and Purpose

This proposal has been sparked by several calls for regulatory review and reform. For example, on March 4, 1995, the President issued a memorandum calling on executive agencies to review regulations with the goals of: (1) Cutting obsolete regulations; (2) focusing on results instead of process and punishment; (3) convening meetings with the regulated community; and (4) expanding efforts to promote consensual rulemaking. The President's memorandum coincided with U.S. maritime industry requests for greater alignment of Coast Guard regulations with internationally accepted standards to reduce cost disadvantages and thereby improve the competitiveness of the U.S. industry.

The ongoing National Performance Review effort, which stresses reducing red tape and maximizing results, provides an impetus for the harmonization of regulations with appropriate, successful international safety standards. Additionally, the Coast Guard recognizes the need to eliminate outdated regulations and to increase available compliance options for the regulated community. In the May 31, 1995 Federal Register (60 FR 28376), the Coast Guard reiterated its intention to harmonize Coast Guard regulations with international safety standards.

To accomplish these goals and respond to calls for regulatory reform, the Coast Guard expanded its ongoing Coast Guard Regulatory Reform (CGRR) initiative. Under CGRR, the Coast Guard is examining ways to remove disincentives for ship owners to fly the