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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

NORTHEAST DAIRY COMPACT COMMISSION

7 CFR Part 1301

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Northeast Dairy Compact Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Compact Commission will hold its monthly meeting to consider whether to adopt as a Final Rule the Proposed Rule to exempt from the compact over-order price regulation fluid milk utilized for child nutrition programs and distributed by handlers during the 1998–1999 contract year. The Commission will also deliberate and make a final ruling on a handler petition for exemption from the price regulation. Certain matters relating to administration will also be considered and acted upon.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for January 16, 1998 commencing at 10:00 a.m. to adjournment.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Capitol Room, 172 North Main Street, Concord, NH (exit 14 off Interstate 93).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Smith, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 43 State Street, PO Box 1058, Montpelier, VT 05601. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Compact Commission will deliberate and act upon whether to adopt as a Final Rule the Proposed Rule to exempt from the regulation fluid milk distributed by handlers during the 1998–1999 contract year under competitive bid contracts with School Food Authorities in New England for Child Nutrition Programs qualified for reimbursement under the National School Lunch Act of 1946 and the Child Nutrition Act. See 62 FR 65226

(December 11, 1997). The Commission will also deliberate and make a final ruling on Horizon Organic Dairy's petition for exemption from the price regulation. Docket #HEP-97-009. Certain matters relating to administration, including final approval of the contract with participating universities to conduct the market impact study required by the price regulation, will also be considered and acted upon.

(Authority: (a) Article V, Section 11 of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, and all other applicable Articles and Sections, as approved by Section 147, of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (FAIR ACT), Pub. L. 104-127, and as thereby set forth in S.J. Res. 28(1)(b) of the 104th Congress; Finding of Compelling Public Interest by United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, August 8, 1996 and March 20, 1997. (b) Bylaws of the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, adopted November 21, 1996)

Daniel Smith,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 904

[SPATS No. AR-031-FOR]

Arkansas 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 Arkansas regulatory program (hereinafter the "Arkansas program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment consists of revisions to and additions of regulations pertaining to revegetation success standards and selective husbandry practices that would not extend the period of responsibility for revegetative success and bond liability. The amendment is intended to revise the Arkansas program to be consistent with the corresponding

Federal regulations and improve operational efficiency.

This document sets forth the times and locations that the Arkansas program and proposed amendment to that program are available for public inspection, the comment period during which interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendment, and the procedures that will be followed regarding the public hearing, if one is requested.

DATES: Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., c.s.t. on February 9, 1998. If requested, a public hearing on the proposed amendment will be held on February 3, 1998. Requests to speak at the hearing must be received by 4:00 p.m., c.s.t. on January 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to speak at the hearing should be mailed or hand delivered to Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office, at the address listed below.

Copies of the Arkansas 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 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 Tulsa Field Office.

Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 5100 East Skelly Drive, Suite 470, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135-6547, Telephone: (918) 581-6430.

Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology, Surface Mining and Reclamation Division, 8001 National Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913. Telephone (501) 682-0744.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office, Telephone: (918) 581-6430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Arkansas Program

On November 21, 1980, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Arkansas program. Background information on the Arkansas program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval can be found in