

completed? (We are particularly interested in information on vessel characteristics and trends, including traffic volume, the size and types of vessels involved, potential interference with the flow of commercial traffic, the presence of any unusual cargoes, etc.).

3. Are modifications to existing vessel routing measures needed to address existing or future hazards and strains and improve traffic management efficiency in the study area? If so, please describe. What positive and negative impacts would changes to existing routing measures or new routing measures have on the study area (consider proximity of fishing grounds, oil and gas drilling and production operations, environmental impact, affect on local practices, or any other potential or actual conflicting activity)?

4. Do you have any specific recommendations regarding aids to navigation design for the lengthened approach channels? If so, please describe.

Dated: March 4, 1999.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[DE041-1019b; FRL-6238-6]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware—Definitions of VOCs and Exempt Compounds

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing approval of revisions to the Delaware State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revisions amend the definitions of the terms "volatile organic compounds" (VOCs) and "exempt compounds." EPA is proposing to approve these revisions because they make Delaware's definitions consistent with the federal definition of VOCs. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final

rule. If EPA receives no adverse comments, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone and Mobile Sources Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rose Quinto, (215) 814-2182, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at quinto.rose@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action with the same title that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: February 25, 1999.

Thomas J. Maslany,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[IA 058-1058b; FRL-6308-4]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the state of Iowa pertaining to a sulfur dioxide (SO₂) control strategy for the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, area. Approval of this SIP revision will make Federally enforceable source emission reduction requirements and

achieve attainment and maintenance of the SO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no relevant adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If the EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Wayne Kaiser, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Kaiser at (913) 551-7603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 25, 1999.

Diane K. Callier,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VII.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

43 CFR Part 428

RIN 1006-AA38

Information Requirements for Certain Farm Operations In Excess of 960 Acres and the Eligibility of Certain Formerly Excess Land

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, DOI.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation is reopening the comment period on our proposed rule entitled "Information Requirements for Certain Farm Operations In Excess of 960 Acres and the Eligibility of Certain Formerly Excess Land."

DATES: We must receive your comments at the address below on or before April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to: Administrative Record, Commissioner's Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240. You may also comment via the Internet to epetacchi@usbr.gov (see Public Comment Procedures under

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION in the November 18, 1998, notice at 63 FR 64154). In addition, you may hand-deliver comments to Commissioner's Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Petacchi, (202) 208-3368, or Richard Rizzi, (303) 445-2900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We originally published the proposed rule on November 18, 1998, at 63 FR 64154-64165. We asked for public comments until January 19, 1999, but because several people requested an extension of that deadline, we accepted comments until February 18, 1999. After the close of the extended comment period, we again received requests for an extension. We are now reopening the comment period for an additional 30 days.

In the proposed rule, we asked for comments on the proposal to collect information from certain farm operators. We published an additional notice in the January 4, 1999, issue of the **Federal Register** (64 FR 174) to collect comments on this proposal, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). While the comment period on the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 forms in general closes on March 5, 1999, we will continue to accept comments specific to the proposed information collection for farm operators and the possible new form that we have developed as part of the comment period on the proposed rule that now closes on April 12, 1999.

You can find a full description of the information collection proposal for farm operators in either the Paperwork Reduction Act statement in the preamble of the proposed rule, at 63 FR 64163; or in the separate **Federal Register** notice mentioned above, at 64 FR 174.

Dated: March 8, 1999.

Patricia J. Beneke,

Assistant Secretary—Water and Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Parts 3400 and 3420

[WO-320-3420-24 1A]

RIN 1004-AD27

Public Participation in Coal Leasing

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing this rule as a result of a settlement agreement and the passage of a new law. In the settlement agreement, BLM agreed to establish, by regulation, the points where the public may participate in the regional coal leasing process. This proposed rule would also amend the regulations to conform to statutory changes made by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 which exempted several types of meetings from Federal Advisory Committee Act requirements. BLM is proposing that Regional Coal Team meetings are no longer subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act under the new law. The proposed changes do not substantially alter current BLM policy on public participation in coal leasing, they simply establish that policy by regulation.

DATES: You should submit your comments by May 10, 1999. BLM may not consider comments postmarked or received by electronic mail after the above date in the decision-making process on the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may hand-deliver comments to Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C., or mail comments to Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401LS, 1849 C St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240. You may also transmit comments electronically to WOCComment@wo.blm.gov; in that case please submit comments as an ASCII file to minimize computer problems, and please include "attn.:AD27." If you do not receive confirmation from the system that we received your Internet message, contact us directly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Allard, Solid Minerals Group, (202) 452-5195. For assistance in reaching the above contact, individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00

p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Public Comment Procedures
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- III. Discussion of Proposed Rule
- IV. Procedural Matters

I. Public Comment Procedures

How do I comment on the proposed rule?

Please submit your comments on the proposed rule in writing. Please confine your comments to issues related to the proposed rule and explain the need for any changes you recommend. Where possible, your comment should refer to the specific section or paragraph of the proposal you are addressing.

Will my comments be available to others?

Yes. BLM will make your comments, including your name and address, available for public review at the "L Street" address listed in **ADDRESSES** above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays). BLM will also post all comments on its home page (<http://www.blm.gov>) at the end of the comment period.

Can BLM keep my identity confidential?

Yes, under certain conditions BLM can keep your personal information confidential. You must request confidentiality and prominently state your request at the beginning of your comment. BLM will consider withholding your name, street address, and other identifying information on a case-by-case basis to the extent allowed by law.

BLM will make publically available all submissions from organizations and businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

II. Background

Why are we proposing to change the coal leasing regulations?

BLM is proposing this rule for two reasons: to respond to a settlement agreement entered into in July 1997 and to respond to a new law passed in March 1995.

What was the settlement agreement about?

The Department of the Interior's coal leasing regulations were challenged in a lawsuit, *Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., et al. v. Jamison, et al.*, Civil No. 82-2763 (D. D.C.). In December 1992, the court decided that