

(Procedure and Administration) at (202) 622-0392 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations and notice of public hearing (REG-138707-06) that appeared in the **Federal Register** on Monday, June 25, 2007 (72 FR 34650), announced that a public hearing was scheduled for October 24, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The subject of the public hearing is under section 883 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The public comment period for these regulations expired on September 24, 2007. The notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations and notice of public hearing instructed those interested in testifying at the public hearing to submit a request to speak and an outline of the topics to be addressed by September 24, 2007. As of September 28, 2007, no one has requested to speak and therefore, the public hearing scheduled for October 24, 2007, is cancelled.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Parts 780, 784, 816, and 817

[Docket Number OSM-2007-0007]

RIN 1029-AC04

Excess Spoil, Coal Mine Waste, and Buffers for Waters of the United States

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearings and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are announcing a 30-day extension of the comment period on a proposed rule published in the August 24, 2007, **Federal Register** and the accompanying draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). This notice also provides notice of the dates and locations for the public hearings that we

will hold on the proposed rule and DEIS. The proposed rule concerns buffer zones, stream diversions, siltation structures, impoundments, and the creation and disposal of excess spoil and coal mine waste.

DATES: We will accept written comments on the proposed rule and DEIS on or before November 23, 2007. We will hold public hearings on the proposed rule and DEIS on October 24, 2007, at the locations listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments by one of the methods listed below. We cannot guarantee that comments submitted by other means or to other addresses will be included in the docket for this rulemaking.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. The proposed rule and DEIS are listed under the agency name "Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement." The proposed rule has been assigned Docket ID: OSM-2007-0007. The DEIS has been assigned Docket ID: OSM-2007-0008.

If you would like to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, go to www.regulations.gov and do the following. Find the blue banner with the words "Search Documents" and go to "Optional Step 2." Select "Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement" from the agency drop-down menu, then click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page. The next screen will have the title "Document Search Results." The proposed rule is listed under the Docket ID as OSM-2007-0007. If you click on OSM-2007-0007, you can view the proposed rule, add comments, and view comments submitted by other persons. The DEIS is listed under the Docket ID as OSM-2007-0008. If you click on OSM-2007-0008, you can view the DEIS, add comments, and view comments submitted by other persons.

- *Mail/Hand-Delivery/Courier:* Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 252 SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

Reviewing a Copy of the DEIS

You may review the DEIS at any of the public libraries listed in the notice of availability published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 2007 (72 FR 48678-48679) or at the following locations:

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 101 SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20240, 202-208-4264

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Appalachian Regional Office, Three Parkway Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, 412-937-2909

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Mid-Continent Regional Office, Alton Federal Building, 501 Belle Street, Room 216, Alton, IL 62002, 618-463-6460

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Regional Office, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, CO 80201-6667, 303-844-1401

Public Hearing Locations

See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for the addresses at which we will hold public hearings on the proposed rule and DEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis G. Rice, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: 202-208-2829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 24, 2007 (72 FR 48890), we published a proposed rule proposing to amend our regulations concerning stream buffer zones, stream diversions, siltation structures, impoundments, and the creation and disposal of excess spoil and coal mine waste. Among other things, this proposed rule would require that surface coal mining operations be designed to minimize the creation of excess spoil and the adverse environmental impacts of fills constructed to dispose of excess spoil and coal mine waste. It would apply the buffer requirement to all waters of the United States, not just perennial and intermittent streams. The rule would clearly specify the activities to which that requirement does and does not apply and the limitations on conducting activities within the buffer, either under a variance or an exception. It also would specify requirements to protect aquatic and other resources when an activity is conducted under either a variance or an exception.

The comment period on the proposed rule and the DEIS was scheduled to close October 23, 2007. However, we received numerous requests to extend the comment period. After reviewing the requests, we are extending the deadline for submission of comments by 30 days. The comment period for both the proposed rule and the DEIS will now close November 23, 2007.

We also received numerous requests to hold public hearings on the proposed

rule and DEIS. After reviewing the requests, we have decided to hold four public hearings on October 24, 2007, at the following locations:

- Holiday Inn Charleston (Charleston House), 600 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia.
- Hazard Community & Technical College, Hazard Campus, Jolly Center, Room 208, One Community College Drive, Hazard, Kentucky.
- Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Goins Auditorium, 10915 Hardin Valley Road, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Ramada Inn Washington, 1170 West Chestnut Street, Washington, Pennsylvania.

All hearings are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. They will be open to anyone who would like to attend or testify. If you do not sign up to testify initially, but later decide that you wish to do so, you will be allowed to testify after all scheduled speakers have finished.

The primary purpose of the hearings is to obtain input on the proposed rule and DEIS. A public hearing is not an adversarial process. Therefore, we encourage you to limit your testimony to the merits of the provisions of the proposed rule and DEIS.

At the hearing, a court reporter will record and make a written record of the statements presented. This written record will be made part of the docket for the rule. If you have a written copy of your testimony, we encourage you to provide a copy to assist the court reporter in preparing the written record. Please do not feel intimidated by either the reporter or the formal structure of the hearing.

If you are a disabled individual who needs reasonable accommodation to attend a public hearing, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: October 1, 2007.

Foster L. Wade,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

New Address Requirements for Automation, Presorted, and Carrier Route Rate Letters

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service proposes new type size and spacing requirements for delivery addresses on all automation, presorted, and carrier route rate letters.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before December 10, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Mailing Standards, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Room 3436, Washington, DC 20260-3436. You may inspect and photocopy all written comments at Postal Service Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., 11th Floor N, Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carrie Witt, 202-268-7279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are proposing revisions to the address standards for letter-size pieces mailed at automation, presorted, or carrier route rates. Under the new standards, all letters mailed at discount rates must be addressed using a minimum of 8-point type. In addition, for automation rate letters, the lines and the characters in the address must not touch or overlap, and each element on the address line may be separated by no more than three blank character spaces.

We are proposing these changes to improve address readability for our high-speed processing systems and for our letter carriers during delivery. Legible, standardized address information enhances the processing and delivery of mail, reduces undeliverable-as-addressed mail, and provides mutual cost reduction opportunities through improved efficiency. We can better ensure effective, accurate, and timely delivery when letter carriers receive mailpieces clearly addressed in a readable format.

Many postal processing systems rely on optical character readers that require standardized, high-quality addresses for efficient processing. Even barcoded pieces must include a readable address for systems like the Postal Automated Redirection System (PARS). PARS relies on the printed address to identify and redirect forwardable mail during processing, and pieces read by PARS are instantly routed to their new address for the most efficient delivery.

We recently proposed similar address requirements for flat-size mail in preparation for the new Flats Sequencing System technology. These revisions for letters will further promote consistent addressing for both letters and flats and ensure that address standards are met when letters are used as label carriers for flat-size pieces.

To mitigate the larger type size requirements in the address block, we are looking at ways to shorten optional endorsement lines and allow mailers to place mailer-specified information (such as customer numbers) to the left of the optional endorsement line when OneCode ACS is used. We are also planning to reduce the amount of clear space required under the Intelligent Mail barcode. We will publish these changes in a future revision.

Mailers can also take advantage of the Intelligent Mail barcode to save valuable space on letter-size pieces. One Intelligent Mail barcode can include all tracking and routing information, including ACS and CONFIRM, for that mailpiece. For other ways to reduce address block size, we encourage mailers to refer to Publication 28, *Postal Addressing Standards* (available on Postal Explorer at pe.usps.com; click on "Address Quality" in the left frame, then "Address Management Publications"). Publication 28 also provides tips and best practices to help mailers address all of their mailpieces successfully.

Although we are exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)] regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), we invite public comments on the following proposed revisions to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR 111.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

Accordingly, 39 CFR part 111 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 111—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 414, 416, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Revise the following sections of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), as follows:

200 Discount Mail: Letters and Cards

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202 Elements on the Face of a Mailpiece

1.0 All Mailpieces

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[Revise 1.2 as follows:]