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**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the semiannual agenda of Department of the Interior (Department) rules scheduled for review or development between spring 2017 and spring 2018. The

Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** Unless otherwise indicated, all agency contacts are located at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please direct all comments and inquiries about these rules to the appropriate agency contact. Please direct general comments relating to the agenda to the Office of Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, at the address above or at (202) 208-5257.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With this publication, the Department satisfies the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that the Department publish an agenda of rules that we have issued or expect to issue and of currently effective rules that we have scheduled for review.

Simultaneously, the Department meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) to publish an agenda in April and October

of each year identifying rules that will have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. We have specifically identified in the agenda rules that will have such effects.

In some cases, the Department has withdrawn rules that were placed on previous agendas for which there has been no publication activity or for which a proposed or interim rule was published. There is no legal significance to the omission of an item from this agenda. Withdrawal of a rule does not necessarily mean that the Department will not proceed with the rulemaking. Withdrawal allows the Department to assess the action further and determine whether rulemaking is appropriate. Following such an assessment, the Department may determine that certain rules listed as withdrawn under this agenda are appropriate for promulgation. If that determination is made, such rules will comply with Executive Order 13771.

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**BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT—PROPOSED RULE STAGE**

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**OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT—FINAL RULE STAGE**

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT—COMPLETED ACTIONS

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**151. Cost Recovery Adjustment**

*Legal Authority:* 31 U.S.C. 9701

*Abstract:* This supplemental proposal will seek additional comments on the proposed adjustments to 31 cost recovery fees to allow the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to recover the full costs of the services it provides to the oil and gas industry. It complies with the Independent Office Appropriations Act of 1952, which established that government services should be self-sustaining to the extent possible, and with OMB Circular A-25, which requires federal agencies to biannually review user charges and to determine whether new fees should be established for agency services. Rulemaking is the only method available to update these fees and comply with the intent of Congress to recover government costs when a special benefit is bestowed on an identifiable recipient.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/17/16	81 FR 81033
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/16/17	82 FR 1284
Supplemental NPRM.	08/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1014-AA31

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**152. Migratory Bird Hunting; 2018–2019 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations**

*Legal Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 703 to 711; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

*Abstract:* We propose to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2018–2019 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks), within which States may select hunting seasons. This proposed rule provides the regulatory schedule, describes the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2018–2019 duck hunting seasons, requests proposals from Indian tribes that wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands, and requests proposals for the 2018 spring and summer migratory bird subsistence season in Alaska. Migratory game bird hunting seasons provide opportunities for recreation and sustenance; aid Federal, State, and tribal governments in the management of migratory game birds; and permit harvests at levels compatible with migratory game bird population status and habitat conditions.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/00/17	
Supplemental .....	08/00/17	
NPRM; Proposed Frameworks.	12/00/17	
NPRM; Proposed Tribal Regulations.	01/00/18	
Final Rule; Final Frameworks.	03/00/18	
Final Rule; Final Tribal Regulations.	05/00/18	
Final Rule; Final Season Selections.	05/00/18	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1018-BB73

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)*

Completed Actions

**153. National Wildlife Refuge System; Management of Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights**

*Legal Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 668dd to 668ee; 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1131 to 1136

*Abstract:* We published regulations that ensure that all operators conducting oil or gas operations within a National Wildlife Refuge System unit do so in a manner that prevents or minimizes damage to National Wildlife Refuge System resources, visitor values, and management objectives. These regulations will not result in a taking of a property interest, but rather impose reasonable controls on operations that affect federally owned or controlled lands, and/or waters.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM .....	02/24/14	79 FR 10080
ANPRM Comment Period End.	04/25/14	
ANPRM Comment Period Re-opened.	06/09/14	79 FR 32903
ANPRM Comment Period Reopening End.	07/09/14	
NPRM .....	12/11/15	80 FR 77200
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/09/16	
NPRM; Final Environmental Impact Statement.	08/22/16	81 FR 56575
Supplemental NPRM.	11/14/16	81 FR 79408
Final Action .....	11/14/16	81 FR 79948
Final Action Effective.	12/14/16	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 1018-AX36

**154. Migratory Bird Permits; Incidental Take of Migratory Birds**

*Legal Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*

*Abstract:* This rule would establish regulations to govern the incidental take of migratory birds from activities under which migratory birds are killed incidental to otherwise lawful activities, including requirements for individual permits and programmatic agreements with Federal agencies. This agenda item is being withdrawn at the present time to allow the Department to assess the action further and determine whether rulemaking is appropriate. Following such an assessment, the Department may determine that certain rules listed as withdrawn under this agenda are appropriate for promulgation. If that determination is made, such rules will be included in a succeeding semiannual agenda under new RINs.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice .....	05/26/15	80 FR 30032
Comment Period End.	07/27/15	
Withdrawn .....	04/11/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1018-BA69

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*National Park Service (NPS)*

Completed Actions

**155. Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights**

*Legal Authority:* 54 U.S.C. 100101; 54 U.S.C. 100301; 54 U.S.C. 100302; 54 U.S.C. 100731; 54 U.S.C. 100732

*Abstract:* This rule would update National Park Service (NPS) regulations governing the exercise of non-Federal oil and gas rights within NPS unit boundaries outside of Alaska. It would accommodate new technology and industry practices, eliminate regulatory exemptions, update requirements, remove caps on bond amounts, and allow NPS to recover administrative costs. The changes make the regulations more effective and efficient and maintain the highest level of protection compatible with park resources and values.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM .....	11/25/09	74 FR 61596
ANPRM Comment Period End.	01/25/10	
NPRM .....	10/26/15	80 FR 65571
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/28/15	
Final Action .....	11/04/16	81 FR 77972
Final Action Effective.	12/05/16	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1024-AD78

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)*

Final Rule Stage

**156. Stream Protection Rule**

*Legal Authority:* 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*

*Abstract:* The final rule published December 20, 2016 (81 FR 93066) and became effective January 19, 2017. The final rule was nullified by a joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act, signed by the President on February 16, 2017 (Pub. L. 115-5). This action conforms to Public Law 115-5 by changing the Code of Federal Regulations to reflect the regulations as they existed before the effective date of the final rule that was nullified under the Congressional Review Act.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM .....	11/30/09	74 FR 62664
ANPRM Comment Period End.	12/30/09	
NPRM .....	07/27/15	80 FR 44436
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	09/10/15	80 FR 54590
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/25/15	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	10/26/15	
Final Action .....	12/20/16	81 FR 93066
Final Action Effective.	01/19/17	
Final Rule; CRA Revocation.	07/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1029-AC63

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*Bureau of Land Management (BLM)*

Completed Actions

**157. Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation**

*Legal Authority:* 25 U.S.C. 396d; 25 U.S.C. 2107; 30 U.S.C. 189; 30 U.S.C. 306; 30 U.S.C. 359; 30 U.S.C. 1751; 43 U.S.C. 1732(b); 43 U.S.C. 1733; 43 U.S.C. 1740

*Abstract:* The rule would update decades-old standards to reduce wasteful venting, flaring, and leaks of natural gas from onshore wells located on Federal and Indian oil and gas leases. The proposed standards would establish requirements and incentives to reduce waste of gas and clarify when royalties apply to lost gas. This action will enhance our energy security and economy by boosting America's natural gas supplies, ensuring that taxpayers receive the royalties due to them from development of public resources, and reducing emissions.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/08/16	81 FR 6616
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	04/04/16	81 FR 19110
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/08/16	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	04/22/16	
Final Action .....	11/18/16	81 FR 83008
Final Action Effective.	01/17/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 1004-AE14

**158. Onshore Oil and Gas Order 4: Oil Measurement**

*Legal Authority:* 25 U.S.C. 396(d); 25 U.S.C. 2107; 30 U.S.C. 189; 30 U.S.C. 306; 30 U.S.C. 359; 30 U.S.C. 1751; 43

U.S.C. 1732(b); 43 U.S.C. 1733; 43 U.S.C. 1740

*Abstract:* Onshore Order 4 establishes minimum standards to ensure liquid hydrocarbons are accurately measured and reported. This Order was last updated in 1989, and since then changes in technology have allowed for more accurate fluid measurement. This order will incorporate current industry standards and allow for the use of new technology.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	09/30/15	80 FR 58952
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	11/23/15	80 FR 72943
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/30/15	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	12/14/15	
Final Action .....	11/17/16	81 FR 81462
Final Action Effective.	01/17/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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