with proposed ground rules and agendas prior to the first meeting.

III. Public Participation

Since this will be a negotiated rulemaking, there are many opportunities for an individual who is interested in the outcome of the rule to participate. As a first step in response to this notice of intent to negotiate, OSHA recommends that potential participants study the two lists contained in this notice: the lists of significantly affected interests and the lists of potential participants. After analyzing for completeness or over or underinclusiveness, parties should examine the lists for the purpose of coalition building. Potential parties should try to identify others, whether on the lists or not, who share a similar viewpoint and who be affected in a similar way by the rule. Communication with these parties of similar interest should follow, and the organization of coalitions to support the interest should begin. It is only after the formation of these coalitions and extensive intra-constituency discussion that decisions should be made as to which individuals should represent the interest and in which capacity. As indicated above, an interested party may participate in a variety of ways such as being a committee member, working within the coalition (promoting communication, providing expert support in a workgroup or otherwise, helping to develop internal ranges of acceptable alternatives, etc.), attending committee meetings in order to caucus with the interest's member of address the Committee at the appropriate times, or submitting written comments or materials.

Persons who will be significantly affected by the subpart P rulemaking, whether or not listed above in this document, may apply for or nominate another person for membership on the Committee to represent such interests. Such requests should be submitted, in quadruplicate, to OSHA Docket Office, Rm N-2625, 200 Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20210; Telephone (202) 219–7894, no later than July 8, 1996. OSHA notes that the NRA addresses the concerns of potential members for whom the expenses of participation may not be affordable (See 5 U.S.C. 568 (c)). Each application or nomination shall include:

- (1) The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of the interest such person shall represent;
- (2) Evidence that the applicant or nominee is authorized to represent parties having the shared interest the person proposes to represent; and

(3) A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the development of the rule under consideration.

All other written comments, including comments on the appropriateness of using negotiated rulemaking to develop a proposed rule to revise the existing safety provisions in 29 CFR Part 1915 subpart P, should be directed to Docket No. S–051, and sent in quadruplicate to the following address: OSHA Docket Office, U.S. Department of Labor, Rm. N–2625, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; Telephone (202) 219–7894.

IV. Authority

This document was prepared under the direction of Joseph A. Dear, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, pursuant to section 3 of the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990, 104 Stat. 4969, Title 5 U.S.C. 561 et seq.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 30th day of May, 1996.

Joseph A. Dear,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

30 CFR Part 218

RIN 1010-AC01

Amendments To Regulations Governing Collection of Royalties, Rentals, Bonuses, and Other Monies Due the Federal Government

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

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

SUMMARY: MMS hereby gives notice that it is extending the public comment period on a Notice of proposed rule, which was published in the Federal Register on April 19, 1996 (61 FR 17266). The proposed rule would amend the regulations that specify how payments are made for mineral lease royalties, rentals, and bonuses. In response to requests for additional time, MMS will extend the comment period from June 18, 1996, to July 19, 1996.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, suggestions or objections regarding this proposed amendment should be sent to the following addresses.

For comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service use: Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Procedures Staff, P.O. Box 25165 MS 3101, Denver, Colorado 80225–0165.

For comments via courier or overnight delivery service use: Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Procedures Staff, MS 3101 Building 85, Denver Federal Center, Room A–212, Denver, Colorado 80225–0165.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Procedures Staff, phone (303) 231–3432, FAX (303) 231–3194, e–Mail David Guzy@smtp.mms.gov.

Dated: May 31, 1996.

Robert E. Brown,

Associate Director for Royalty Management. [FR Doc. 96–14218 Filed 6–5–96; 8:45 am]

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

37 CFR Part 202

[Docket No. RM 95-7A]

Registration of Claims to Copyright, Group Registration of Photographs

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

summary: The U.S. Copyright Office issues this notice to inform the public that the Office will hold a public hearing in the course of an ongoing rulemaking proceeding in which it is proposing changes in the manner in which copyright claimants may register photographs. This notice invites participation in a public hearing intended to elicit additional comments to assist the Office in its review of proposed registration procedures.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Anyone desiring to testify should contact the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress, at (202) 707–8380 by Wednesday, June 19, 1996. Written comments are also invited from both those who wish to testify and those who wish only to file either initial or supplemental written comments. All written comments must be received on or before Monday, July 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments and requests to present oral testimony BY MAIL to Marilyn J. Kretsinger, Acting General Counsel, Copyright GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024, or BY HAND delivery to the Office of the General Counsel, Copyright Office, James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM 407, First Street and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. The hearing will be held on June 26, 1996, in the Register's Conference Room, Room LM 407, located on the fourth floor of the Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, First Street and Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn J. Kretsinger, Acting General Counsel, Copyright GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. Telephone: (202) 707–8380. Facsimile: (202) 707–8366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Office's Current Rulemaking Proceeding

Recently the Copyright Office initiated a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) concerning group registration of photographs. Over the years photographers and photography businesses have told the Office that they were not able to take advantage of the benefits of registration because Office practices were too burdensome, in terms of both effort and finances.

On December 4, 1995, the Office published a NPRM with a request for comments in the Federal Register. 60 FR 62057 (Dec. 4, 1995). This NPRM sought public comment on proposed regulations that would permit a single registration for a group of unpublished and published related photos that met specified conditions. The proposed deposit would be a general written description of the subject matter of the photos, e.g., "photos of 1996 blizzard in Washington, DC."

In seeking public comment, the Office published nine questions to elicit comment and information about the potential effects of the proposed regulations. See 60 FR 62057. The comment period was originally scheduled to close January 18, 1996, with reply comments due by February 2, 1996; however, due to the inordinate number of government and business closures that occurred during December 1995 and January 1996, the Office extended these deadlines. Comments were requested by February 9, 1996, and reply comments by March 1, 1996. The Office is in the process of carefully reviewing all of these comments.

Subject Matter To Be Addressed at the Public Hearing

In the course of such review, certain additional issues and concerns have been brought to the Office's attention. Therefore, in order to supplement the information the Office has already received in response to the NPRM, the Office will hold a public hearing on June 26, 1996, to solicit additional comments on the proposed regulations regarding group registration of photographs. This hearing will provide an opportunity to obtain more information on the concerns expressed during the original comment period by allowing individuals and organizations who wish to comment to address further the issues set out in the NPRM, as well

- (1) Innocent infringement. Is there a greater likelihood that those who innocently use photographs may be sued and may be found liable for copyright infringement if the proposed regulations are put into effect? Are existing provisions of the copyright law concerning innocent infringers adequate or should those provisions be modified? If so, in what way?
- (2) Frivolous law suits. If the proposed regulations were put into effect, would they lead to an increase in the filing of frivolous law suits?
- (3) Industry guidelines. Do the proposed regulations affect the development of industry guidelines? If so, how? Would they affect compliance with agreed upon guidelines? If so, how?

Filing of Written Comments

All of the comments filed in response to the NPRM 60 FR 62057 (Dec. 4, 1995), are already part of the record for this rulemaking. Anyone who wishes to file initial comments or supplemental comments addressing either the issues raised in this notice or those set out in the NPRM may do so. All written comments must be received in the Copyright Office at the address given above by close of business on Monday, July 15, 1996.

Dated: June 3, 1996.
Marybeth Peters,
Register of Copyrights.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 73

[FRL-5513-5]

RIN 2060-AG41

Acid Rain Program; Elimination of Direct Sale and IPP Written Guarantee Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Title IV of the Clean Air Act, as amended by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (the Act), authorized the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish the Acid Rain Program to reduce the adverse health and ecological effects of acidic deposition. Title IV mandates that EPA hold yearly auctions and direct sales of allowances for a small portion of the total allowances allocated each year. EPA is also required to issue to Independent Power Producers (IPPs) guarantees to purchase allowances in the direct sale. The direct sale and IPP provisions were designed to help ensure that units, including new IPPs, have a public source of allowances beyond those already allocated initially. Because no allowances have been sold through the direct sale program since it began in 1993, EPA is proposing to revise its regulations in order to terminate the direct sales. The allowances available previously in the direct sale program will now be available in the annual allowance auctions. In addition, because the IPP written guarantee program is implemented through the direct sale program and no applications for such guarantees have been received, EPA is proposing to terminate the guarantee program. Because the rule revision is not

expected to receive any adverse comments, the revision is also being issued as a direct final rule in the Final Rules section of this Federal Register. DATES: Comments on the regulations proposed by this action must be received on or before July 8, 1996. ADDRESSES: Comments. All written comments must be identified with the appropriate docket number (Docket No. A–96–19) and must be submitted in duplicate to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Air Docket Section (6102), Waterside Mall, Room M1500, 1st Floor, 401 M St. SW.,

Docket. Docket No. A–96–19, containing information considered

Washington, DC 20460.