

(4) The member showed satisfactory evidence of legal efforts to resist the request or other legitimate cause for noncompliance or when other unusual facts or circumstances warrant a denial.

(b) Commanders promptly send to HQ AFLSA/JAJM information supporting a determination that denial may be appropriate. In cases warranting denial, TJAG promptly sends a recommendation and supporting documentation, through SAF/GC and SAF/MI, to USD/P&R for decision.

(c) The fact that a recommendation for denial is pending does not by itself authorize noncompliance or a delay in compliance with any provision of this section, but TJAG may consider a pending request for denial in determining whether to grant a delay.

§ 884.14 Compliance with court orders by civilian employees and family members.

(a) The Air Force expects civilian employees and family members to comply with orders issued by Federal or state court of competent jurisdiction, unless noncompliance is legally justified. Air Force civilian employees who persist in noncompliance are subject to adverse administrative action, including separation for cause as provided in AFI 36-704, Discipline and Adverse Actions (PA).⁶

(b) Air Force officials ensure that civilian personnel and family members do not use assignments or officially sponsored residence outside the United States to avoid compliance with valid orders of Federal or state court of competent jurisdiction.

§ 884.15 Procedures involving a request by Federal or state authorities for custody of an overseas civilian employee or a command-sponsored family member.

(a) The procedures of this section apply to civilian employees, including nonappropriated fund instrumentality (NAFI) employees, who are assigned outside the United States, and to command-sponsored family members residing outside the United States.

(b) This section applies only when Air Force authorities receive a request for assistance from Federal, state, or local authorities involving noncompliance with a court order and when noncompliance is the subject of any of the following: an arrest warrant; indictment, information, or other document used in the jurisdiction to prefer charges; or a contempt citation involving the unlawful or contemptuous removal of a child from the jurisdiction of the court or the lawful custody of a parent or third party.

(c) To the maximum extent possible, consistent with provisions of international agreements and foreign court orders, DoD and military department investigations, and judicial proceedings, commanders comply with requests for assistance. After exhausting all reasonable efforts to resolve the matter without the employee or family member returning to the United States, the commander shall strongly encourage the individual to comply. The commander shall consider imposing disciplinary action (including removal) against the employee or withdrawing command sponsorship of the family member, as appropriate, for failure to comply.

§ 884.16 Reporting requests for assistance and action.

The commander or designee promptly reports each request for assistance and intended action by message. Send reports to HQ AFLSA/JAJM, which submits required reports, through channels, to USD/P&R. HQ AFLSA/JAJM conducts all communications with requesters.

§ 884.17 Commander's instruction letter to member.

Subject: Instructions in Case of Release on Bail or Personal Recognizance

1. You are being delivered to the custody of civilian authorities, pursuant to the provisions of AFI 51-1001. This action does not constitute a discharge from the Air Force. In the event that you are released from civilian custody on bail or on your own recognizance, report immediately in person or by telephone to the (Air Force unit, activity, or recruiting office) for further instructions. Advise the commander of your name, rank, SSN, organization, the circumstances of your release from custody, and the contents of this letter.

2. Certain restrictions may be placed upon you by civilian authorities in connection with your temporary release from custody. Be certain to include in your report what these limitations are.

3. AFI 51-1001, paragraph 4 provides that the authority to whom you report will notify your commander. If that is not possible, request the nearest Air Force base military personnel flight to contact HQ AFPC/DPMARS or DPMRPP2 by the fastest means available. Provide your name, rank, SSN, organization, and the circumstances of your release; further instructions will then be given to you.

(SIGNATURE ELEMENT)

§ 884.18 Civilian Authority's acknowledgment of Transfer of Custody and Agreement to Notify Member's Commander.

1. A warrant for the arrest of (name, rank, and SSN), hereinafter referred to as the "member," and who is charged with (offenses) has been issued by (civilian

authority) and in execution, thereof, I accept his or her custody.

2. In consideration of the delivery of member at (location) to me for trial upon the above charge, pursuant to the authority vested in me as (position), I hereby agree to the following:

a. The commander (name, rank, unit, telephone), will be advised of the disposition of the charges.

b. The member will be immediately returned to the custody of the military upon completion of the trial, if acquitted; or upon satisfying the sentence imposed, if convicted; or upon other disposition of the case.

c. The member's return will be to (location) or to such other place as may be designated by the Department of the Air Force.

3. The member's return will not be required if the member's commander has indicated that return is not appropriate. Instead of actual delivery, transportation for the member may be arranged so long as it is without expense to the United States or to the member.

4. Pending disposition of the charges, the member will remain in the custody of (name of agency and location), unless released on bail or the member's own recognizance, in which event (Air Force unit, activity, or recruiting office nearest place of trial) will be notified.

(SIGNATURE ELEMENT)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of New Mexico and County of Bernalillo, New Mexico; State Boards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions for Board composition and conflict of interest disclosure requirements submitted both by the State of New Mexico and by Albuquerque/Bernalillo County, NM. The SIP revisions were submitted by the County and the State to satisfy the Federal mandate, found in section 128 of the Clean Air Act (Act), and in response to a SIP call letter to the Governor of New Mexico dated July 19, 1989, requiring a cure to identified SIP deficiencies concerning State Boards.

The revisions were submitted by the Governor to EPA on April 20 and July

⁶ See footnote 1 in § 884.1.

16, 1990, for the State portion, and on November 16, 1990, for the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County portion. Supplemental information was submitted for Albuquerque/Bernalillo County on December 18, 1990, October 21, 1991, and November 22, 1991. These revisions correct deficiencies for the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board and the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Board in order to comply with section 128 of the Act. The EPA approval of these New Mexico SIP revisions would make the revisions federally enforceable.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, 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 and anticipates no adverse comments. The rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn, and all public comments received during the 30-day comment period set forth below 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 on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by July 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Mr. Thomas Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section, at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Reference Docket Number: File Code SIP 1-3-10; NM-90-05. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations.

Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 1190 St. Frances Drive, Room So. 2100, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Crocker, P.E., of the EPA Region 6 Air Planning Section at the above address, telephone (214) 665-7596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final action of the same title which is published in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: April 26, 1999.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Parts 3100, 3110, 3120, 3130, 3140, 3150, 3160, 3170, and 3180

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RIN 1004-AC94

Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing and Operations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is extending the public comment period on a Notice of Proposed Rule, published in the **Federal Register** on December 3, 1998 (63 FR 66840). On March 26, 1999, BLM extended the comment period for 60 days (64 FR 14666). The proposed rule would revise BLM's oil and gas leasing and operations regulations. The rule uses performance standards in certain instances in lieu of the current prescriptive requirements. It would also cite industry standards and incorporate them by reference rather than repeat those standards in the rule itself. Also, BLM's onshore orders and national notices to lessees would be incorporated into the regulations to eliminate overlap with existing regulations. The rule would increase certain minimum bond amounts and would revise and replace BLM's current unitization regulations with a more flexible unit agreement process. Finally, the proposed rule would eliminate redundancies, clarify procedures and regulatory requirements, and streamline processes. In response to public requests for additional time, BLM extends the comment period 45 days from the comment period closing date of June 4, 1999, to the extended comment period's closing date of July 19, 1999.

DATES: *Comments.* Send your comments to BLM on or before July 19, 1999. BLM will consider comments received or postmarked on or before this date in preparing the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comments to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401 LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, or hand deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington DC. For information about filing comments electronically, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section under "Electronic access and filing address."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Duletsky of BLM's Fluid Minerals Group at (202) 452-0337 or Ian J. Senio of BLM's Regulatory Affairs Group at (202) 452-5049. If you require a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access and Filing Address

You can view an electronic version of this proposed rule at BLM's Internet home page: www.blm.gov. You can also comment via the Internet at: WOCComment@wo.blm.gov. Please include "Attention: AC94" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from our system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (202) 452-5030.

Written Comments

Written comments on the proposed rule are most helpful if you:

- (A) Are specific;
- (B) Confine comments to issues pertinent to the proposed rule;
- (C) Explain the reason for any recommended change; and
- (D) Reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposal you are addressing.

We welcome suggested regulatory language.

BLM may not necessarily consider or include in the Administrative Record for the final rule comments which BLM receives after the close of the comment period (See **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (See **ADDRESSES**).

You can review comments, including names, street addresses, and other contact information of respondents at this address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you are an individual respondent you may request confidentiality. If you request that BLM consider withholding your name, street address, and other