

New subsections (c)(2)(ii) provide that the responsibility period shall be two full years for lands eligible for re-mining included in permits issued before September 30, 2004, or any renewals thereof. To the extent that the success standards are established by paragraph (b)(5) of this section, the lands shall equal or exceed the standards during the growing season of the last year of the responsibility period.

III. Public Comment Procedures

In accordance with the provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), OSM is now seeking comments on whether the amendments proposed by Virginia satisfy the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15. If the amendments are deemed adequate, they will become part of the Virginia program.

Written Comments

Written comments should be specific, pertain only to the issues proposed in this rulemaking, and include explanations in support of the commenter's recommendations. Comments received after the time indicated under **DATES** or at locations other than the Big Stone Gap Field Office will not necessarily be considered in the final rulemaking or included in the Administrative Record.

Public Hearing

Persons wishing to comment at the public hearing should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by close of business on July 5, 1996. If no one requests an opportunity to comment at a public hearing, the hearing will not be held.

Filing of a written statement at the time of the hearing is requested as it will greatly assist the transcriber. Submission of written statements in advance of the hearing will allow OSM officials to prepare adequate responses and appropriate questions.

The public hearing will continue on the specified date until all persons scheduled to comment have been heard. Persons in the audience who have not been scheduled to comment, and who wish to do so, will be heard following those scheduled. The hearing will end after all persons scheduled to comment and persons present in the audience who wish to comment have been heard.

Public Meeting

If only one person requests an opportunity to comment at a hearing, a public meeting, rather than a public hearing, may be held. Persons wishing to meet with OSM representatives to discuss the proposed amendments may

request a meeting at the Big Stone Gap Field Office by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All such meetings will be open to the public and, if possible, notices of meetings will be posted in advance at the locations listed under **ADDRESSES**. A written summary of each public meeting will be made part of the Administrative Record.

Any disabled individual who has need for a special accommodation to attend a public hearing should contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

VI. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12866

This rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review).

Executive Order 12988

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews by section 3 of Executive Order 12778 (Civil Justice Reform) and has determined that, to the extent allowed by law, this rule meets the applicable standards of subsections (a) and (b) of that section. However, these standards are not applicable to the actual language of State regulatory programs and program amendments since each such program is drafted and promulgated by a specific State, not by OSM. Under sections 503 and 505 of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1253 and 1255) and 30 CFR 730.11, 732.15 and 732.17(h)(10), decisions on proposed State regulatory programs and program amendments submitted by the States must be based solely on a determination of whether the submittal is consistent with SMCRA and its implementing Federal regulations and whether the other requirements of 30 CFR Parts 730, 731, and 732 have been met.

National Environmental Policy Act

No environmental impact statement is required for this rule since section 702(d) of SMCRA [30 U.S.C. 1292(d)] provides that agency decisions on proposed State regulatory program provisions do not constitute major Federal actions within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 *et seq.*)

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior has determined that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an economic analysis was prepared and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, this rule will ensure that existing requirements previously promulgated by OSM will be implemented by the State. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the counterpart Federal regulations.

Unfunded Mandates

This rule will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on any governmental entity or the private sector.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 946

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: June 7, 1996.

Allen D. Klein,

Regional Director, Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

31 CFR Part 356

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets; Amendments to the Uniform Offering Circular for the Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time for submission of comments.

SUMMARY: This document extends until July 3, 1996, the deadline for the submission of comments on the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking soliciting comments on the design details, terms and conditions, and other features of a new type of marketable book-entry security the Treasury intends to issue. This security, an inflation-protection note or bond,

would have a return linked to the inflation rate in prices or wages. The advance notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the Federal Register on May 20, 1996 (61 FR 25164) and comments were to be received on or before June 19, 1996.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Government Securities Regulations Staff, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, 999 E Street, NW., Room 515, Washington, DC 20239-0001. Comments received will be available for public inspection and copying at the Treasury Department Library, Room 5030, Main Treasury Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Norman Carleton, Director, Office of Federal Finance Policy Analysis, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets, at 202-622-2680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Treasury (Department or Treasury) announced its intention to issue a new type of marketable book-entry security with a nominal return linked to the inflation rate in prices or wages, as officially published by the United States Government. In the advance notice of proposed rulemaking that was published May 20, 1996, the Treasury specifically requested comments concerning the choice of index, structure of the security, auction technique, offering sizes, and maturities. The Treasury also invited comments on other specific issues raised, as well as on any other issues relevant to the new type of security.

Given the importance of this issue and the desire to provide sufficient time for parties to evaluate and consider Treasury's inflation-protection security proposal, particularly since a series of public meetings to describe further the Department's current thinking on the subject and to obtain potential investor input just concluded on June 12, 1996, the Department believes that additional time is appropriate for market participants and other interested parties to provide written comments. Therefore, the Department is extending the comment period for 14 days until Wednesday, July 3, 1996.

Dated: June 14, 1996.

Roger L. Anderson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Federal Finance.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[LA-16-1-7165b; FRL-5522-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plans; Louisiana; Revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP); Addressing Ozone Monitoring

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve a revision to Louisiana's SIP for ozone. This action is based upon a revision request which was submitted by the State to satisfy the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended November 15, 1990, and the Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) regulations. The PAMS regulations require the State to provide for the establishment and maintenance of an enhanced ambient air quality monitoring network in the form of PAMS by November 12, 1993.

In the final rules section of this 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 amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed 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 the EPA receives 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 on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by July 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Multimedia Planning and

Permitting Division, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7214.

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection, H. B. Garlock Building, 7290 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeanne McDaniels, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final action of the same title which is located in the rules section of the Federal Register.

Dated: June 10, 1996.

Allyn M. Davis,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 180

[PP 2E4042/P661; FRL-5374-6]

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Chlorothalonil; Pesticide Tolerance for Use in or on Asparagus

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to establish a tolerance for combined residues of the fungicide chlorothalonil and its metabolite in or on the raw agricultural commodity asparagus. The proposed regulation to establish a maximum permissible level for residues of the fungicide was requested in a petition submitted by the Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4).

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket number [PP 2E4042/P661], must be received on or before July 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Comments and data may also be submitted to OPP by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an