

meandering 200-foot contour line, crossing over to and back off the Newberg Quadrangle map, and then cutting diagonally southwest through Dundee township to Hess Creek, Section 34, T3S, R3W (Dundee Quadrangle); then

(2) Proceed south, followed by west and then northeast, along the meandering 200-foot contour line, twice crossing over to and back off the Dayton Quadrangle map, to its intersection with Abbey Road after the 200-foot contour line passes a quarry and crosses the two forks of Millican Creek in Section 52, T3S, R3W (Dundee Quadrangle); then

(3) Proceed generally north on Abbey Road to Kuehne Road and follow Kuehne Road northeast, returning to the point of beginning.

Signed: August 5, 2003.

Arthur J. Libertucci,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1926

[Docket No. S-030]

RIN 1218-AC01

Safety Standards for Cranes and Derricks

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of the second meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announces the second meeting of the Crane and Derrick Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee (C-DAC). The Committee will review summary notes of the first meeting, adopt ground rules (including a definition of consensus) and continue to address substantive issues. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be on September 3, 4, 5, 2003. It will begin each day at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The September 3rd session will be in conference room C5310-1A/B. The September 4th and 5th sessions will be in conference room N3437 A, B and C.

Written comments to the Committee may be submitted in any of three ways: by mail, by fax, or by e-mail. Please include "Docket No. S-030" on all submissions.

By mail, submit three (3) copies to: OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. S-030, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-2625, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-2350. Note that receipt of comments submitted by mail may be delayed by several weeks.

By fax, written comments that are 10 pages or fewer may be transmitted to the OSHA Docket Office at fax number (202) 693-1648.

Electronically, comments may be submitted through OSHA's Web page at <http://ecomments.osha.gov>. Please note that you may not attach materials such as studies or journal articles to your electronic comments. If you wish to include such materials, you must submit three copies to the OSHA Docket Office at the address listed above. When submitting such materials to the OSHA Docket Office, clearly identify your electronic comments by name, date, subject, and Docket Number, so that we can attach the materials to your electronic comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Buchet, Office of Construction Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3468, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; Telephone: (202) 693-2345.

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I. Background

On July 16, 2002, OSHA published a notice of intent to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee, requesting comments and nominations for membership (Volume 67 of the **Federal Register**, page 46612). In subsequent notices the Department of Labor announced the establishment of the Committee (Volume 68 of the **Federal Register**, page 35172, June 12, 2003), requested comments on a list of proposed members (68 FR 9036, February 27, 2003), published a final membership list (68 FR 39877, July 3, 2003), and announced the first meeting, (68 FR 39880, July 3, 2003), which was held July 30-August 1, 2003.

II. Agenda

The Committee will address the schedule for future meetings, adopt

ground rules, review draft text prepared by the Agency on issues discussed at the first meeting, and address additional issues.

III. Anticipated Key Issues for Negotiation

OSHA anticipates that key issues to be addressed will include:

1. The identification/description of what constitutes "cranes and derricks" for purposes of determining the equipment that will be covered by the proposed rule.
2. Qualifications of individuals who operate, maintain, repair, assemble, and disassemble cranes and derricks.
3. Work zone control.
4. Crane operations near electric power lines.
5. Qualifications of signal-persons and communication systems and requirements.
6. Load capacity and control procedures.
7. Wire rope criteria.
8. Crane inspection/certification records.
9. Rigging procedures.
10. Requirements for fail-safe, warning, and other safety-related devices/technologies.
11. Verification criteria for the structural adequacy of crane components.
12. Stability testing requirements.
13. Blind pick procedures.

IV. Public Participation

All interested parties are invited to attend this public meeting at the time and place indicated above. Note, however, that a government issued photo ID card (State or Federal) is required for entry into the Department of Labor building. No advanced registration is required. The public must enter the Department of Labor for this meeting through the 3rd and C Street, NW entrance. Seating will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals with disabilities wishing to attend should contact Luz Delacruz by telephone at 202-693-2020 or by fax at 202-693-1689 to obtain appropriate accommodations no later than Wednesday, August 20, 2003. The C-DAC meeting is expected to last two and a half days.

In addition, members of the general public may request an opportunity to make oral presentations to the Committee. The Facilitator has the authority to decide to what extent oral presentations by members of the public may be permitted at the meeting. Oral presentations will be limited to statements of fact and views, and shall not include any questioning of the

committee members or other participants.

Minutes of the meetings and materials prepared for the Committee will be available for public inspection at the OSHA Docket Office, N-2625, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210; Telephone (202) 693-2350.

The Facilitator, Susan Podziba, can be reached at Susan Podziba and Associates, 21 Orchard Road, Brookline, MA 02445; telephone (617) 738-5320, fax (617) 738-6911.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of August, 2003.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 943

[TX-050-FOR]

Texas Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing on proposed amendment.

SUMMARY: We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Texas regulatory program (Texas program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). Texas proposes revisions to its regulations regarding annual permit fees. Texas intends to revise its program to improve operational efficiency.

This document gives the times and locations that the Texas program and proposed amendment to that program are available for your inspection, the comment period during which you may submit written comments on the amendment, and the procedures that we will follow for the public hearing, if one is requested.

DATES: We will accept written comments on this amendment until 4 p.m., c.d.t., September 15, 2003. If requested, we will hold a public hearing on the amendment on September 9, 2003. We will accept requests to speak at a hearing until 4 p.m., c.d.t. on September 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You should mail or hand deliver written comments and requests

to speak at the hearing to Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office, at the address listed below.

You may review copies of the Texas program, this amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. You may receive one free copy of the amendment by contacting OSM's Tulsa Field Office.

Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 5100 East Skelly Drive, Suite 470, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135-6547, Telephone: (918) 581-6430, Internet address: mwolfrom@osmre.gov

Surface Mining and Reclamation Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Capitol Station, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, Telephone: (512) 463-6900

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office. Telephone: (918) 581-6430. Internet address: mwolfrom@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background on the Texas Program
- II. Description of the Proposed Amendment
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I. Background on the Texas Program

Section 503(a) of the Act permits a State to assume primacy for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on non-Federal and non-Indian lands within its borders by demonstrating that its program includes, among other things, "a State law which provides for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the requirements of this Act * * *; and rules and regulations consistent with regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to this Act." See 30 U.S.C. 1253(a)(1) and (7). On the basis of these criteria, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Texas program effective February 16, 1980. You can find background information on the Texas program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval of the Texas program in the February 27, 1980, **Federal Register** (45 FR 12998). You can also find later actions concerning the Texas program and program amendments at 30 CFR 943.10, 943.15 and 943.16.

II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated July 10, 2003 (Administrative Record No. TX-655), Texas sent us an amendment to its program under SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*). Texas sent the amendment at its own initiative. Below is the full text of the proposed revised regulation.

§ 12.108 Permit Fees.

(a) Each application for a surface coal mining and reclamation permit or renewal or revision of a permit shall be accompanied by a fee. The initial application fee and the application fee for renewal of a permit may be paid in equal annual installments during the term of the permit. The fee schedule is as follows:

(1) application for a permit"—\$5,000.00

(2) application for revision of a permit—\$500.00

(3) application for renewal of a permit—\$3,000.00

(b) In addition to application fees required by this section, each permittee shall pay to the Commission an annual fee in the amount of \$300 for each acre of land within the permit area on which the permittee actually conducted operations for the removal of coal and lignite during the calendar year. The total amount of this fee is due and payable not later than March 15th of the year following the year of removal operations. For calendar year 2003 only, the annual fee shall be calculated as follows: for each acre of land on which the permittee actually conducted operations for the removal of coal and lignite during the period January 1, 2003 through August 31, 2003, the permittee shall pay to the Commission an annual fee of \$120 per acre. For each acre of land on which the permittee actually conducted operations for the removal of coal and lignite during the period September 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, the permittee shall pay to the Commission an annual fee of \$300 per acre.

(c) Fees paid to the Commission under this section shall be deposited in the State treasury and credited to the general revenue fund.

III. Public Comment Procedures

Under the provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), we are seeking your comments on whether the amendment satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15. If we approve the amendment, it will become part of the State program.

Written Comments

Send your written or electronic comments to OSM at the address given above. Your written comments should be specific, pertain only to the issues proposed in this rulemaking, and include explanations in support of your recommendations. We will not consider or respond to your comments when developing the final rule if they are received after the close of the comment period (*see DATES*). We will make every