

calendar year will be \$210 of which \$50 will be attributable to the returned credit component (\$10 + \$40 = \$50). Because credit amounts allocated to a qualified nonprofit organization in a prior calendar year that are returned in a subsequent calendar year do not retain their nonprofit character, the nonprofit set-aside for calendar year 2003 is \$21 (10% of the \$210 State housing credit ceiling). The \$170 that Agency A allocated during 2003 is first treated as allocated from the unused carryforward component of the State housing credit ceiling. The \$170 of allocated credit exceeds the \$50 attributable to the unused carryforward component by \$120. Because the unused carryforward component is fully utilized no credit will be forfeited by State M to the 2004 National Pool. The remaining \$120 of allocated credit will next be treated as allocated from the \$160 in credit determined by aggregating the population, returned credit, and national pool components (\$110 + 50 + 0 = \$160). The \$40 of unallocated credit (which includes \$4 of unallocated credit from the \$21 nonprofit set-aside) remaining in State M's 2003 housing credit ceiling (\$160 - 120 = \$40) represents the unused carryforward component of State M's 2004 housing credit ceiling. Under paragraph (i)(3) of this section, State M does not qualify for credit from the 2004 National Pool.

(1) *Effective dates—(1) In general.* Except as provided in paragraph (1)(2), the rules set forth in this section are effective January 1, 1994.

(2) *Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 changes.* Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e), (i)(2) and (k) of this section are effective for housing credit dollar amounts allocated after the date these regulations are published as final regulations in the **Federal Register**. However, paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e), (i)(2) and (k) of this section may be applied by Agencies and taxpayers for housing credit dollar amounts allocated after December 31, 2000, and on or before the date these regulations are published as final regulations in the **Federal Register**. Otherwise, subject to the applicable effective dates of the corresponding statutory provisions, the rules that apply for housing credit dollar amounts allocated on or before the date these regulations are published as final regulations in the **Federal Register** are contained in this section in effect on and before these regulations are published as final regulations in the **Federal Register** (see 26 CFR part 1 revised as of April 1, 2003).

Robert E. Wenzel,

Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG-138495-02]

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Depreciation of Vans and Light Trucks

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross reference to temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: In the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, the IRS is issuing temporary regulations that modify the existing regulations promulgated under section 280F(a) of the Internal Revenue Code relating to limitations on the depreciation allowance for passenger automobiles. The temporary regulations, which amend the definition of passenger automobiles for purposes of section 280F(a), affect certain taxpayers that use vans and light trucks in their trade or business. The text of the temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations.

DATES: Written comments and requests for a public hearing must be received by October 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:PA:RU (REG-138495-02), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Alternatively, submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to: CC:PA:RU (REG-138495-02), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the IRS Internet site at www.irs.gov/regs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the regulations, Bernard P. Harvey, (202) 622-3110; concerning submissions and to request a hearing, LaNita Van Dyke, (202) 622-7180 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Explanation of Provisions

The temporary regulations in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register** amend the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR part 1) under section 280F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Code). The text of the temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. The preamble to the temporary regulations explains these proposed regulations.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this notice of proposed rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It also has been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations and, because these regulations do not impose on small entities a collection of information requirement, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply. Therefore, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Code, this notice of proposed rulemaking will be submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small business.

Comments and Requests for a Public Hearing

Before these proposed regulations are adopted as final regulations, consideration will be given to any written comments (preferably a signed original and eight (8) copies) that are submitted timely to the IRS or electronically generated comments that are submitted timely to the IRS. The IRS generally requests any comments on the clarity of the proposed rule and how it may be made easier to understand. All comments will be available for public inspection and copying. A public hearing may be scheduled if requested in writing by a person who timely submits written comments. If a public hearing is scheduled, notice of the date, time, and place for the hearing will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Drafting Information

The principal author of these regulations is Bernard P. Harvey, Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs and Special Industries). However, other personnel from the IRS and Treasury Department participated in their development.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Proposed Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 1 is amended as follows:

PART 1—INCOME TAXES

1. The authority citation for part 1 is amended by adding an entry in numerical order to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

Section 1.280F-6 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 280F. * * *

2. Section 1.280F-6 is amended as follows:

§ 1.280F-6 Special rules and definitions.

[The text of this proposed section is the same as the text of the amendments to § 1.280F-6T published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.]

Robert E. Wenzel,

Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 934

[ND-047-FOR, Amendment No. XXXIV]

North Dakota 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 are announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the North Dakota regulatory program (hereinafter, the "North Dakota program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). North Dakota proposes revisions to its rules about bonding, blasting, and revegetation success standards. North Dakota intends to revise its program to clarify ambiguities, and improve operational efficiency.

This document gives the times and locations that the North Dakota 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., m.d.t. August 6, 2003. If requested, we will hold a public hearing on the amendment on August 1, 2003. We will accept requests to speak until 4 p.m., m.d.t. on July 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You should mail or hand deliver written comments and requests to speak at the hearing to Guy Padgett at the address listed below.

You may review copies of the North Dakota 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 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM's) Casper Field Office.

Guy Padgett, Director, Casper Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 100 East "B" Street, Federal Building, Room 2128, Casper, Wyoming 82601-1918, 307-261-6550, GPadgett@osmre.gov.

James R. Deutsch, Director, Reclamation Division, Public Service Division, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, 701-328-2400, jrd@psc.state.nd.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Guy Padgett, Telephone: 307-261-6550. Internet: GPadgett@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background on the North Dakota Program
- II. Description of the Proposed Amendment
- III. Public Comment Procedures
- IV. Procedural Determinations

I. Background on the North Dakota 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 State 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 the 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 North Dakota program on December 15, 1980. You can find background information on the North Dakota program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and conditions of approval of the North Dakota program in the December 15, 1980 **Federal Register** (45 FR 82214). You can also find later actions concerning North Dakota's program and program amendments at 30 CFR 934.12, 934.13, 934.15, and 934.30.

II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated April 23, 2003, North Dakota sent us a proposed amendment to its program (Amendment number ND-XXXIV), administrative record No.

ND-II-01) under SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*). North Dakota sent the amendment to include changes made at its own initiative. The full text of the program amendment is available for you to read at the locations listed above under **ADDRESSES**.

The provisions of the North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) that North Dakota proposes to revise are: (1) NDAC 69-05.2-01-02, Definitions; (2) NDAC 69-05.2-12-01, Performance bond—General requirements; (3) NDAC 69-05.2-12-04, Performance bond—Collateral bond; (4) NDAC 69-05.2-17-07, Performance standards—Use of Explosives—Records of Blasting operations; and (5) NDAC 69-05.2-22-07, Performance standards—Revegetation—Standards for success.

Specifically, NDAC 69-05.2-01-02 (Definitions) is being revised to add irrevocable letters of credit as one of the financial supports for a collateral bond; NDAC 69-05.2-12-01 (Performance bond—General requirements) is being revised to allow the posting of more than one bond to guarantee specific phases of reclamation within the permit area; NDAC 69-05.2-12-04 (Performance bond—Collateral bond) is being revised to specify that: (1) The permittee obtain prior North Dakota Public Service (Commission) approval of the bank that will issue the letter of credit, (2) the term of the letter must be at least one year, (3) the bank issuing the credit must give the Commission at least 90 days notice if it intends to terminate the credit at the end of the current term, (4) the Commission will not accept letters of credit in excess of 10 percent of the bank's total equity, and (5) the bank must provide the Commission with notice of any pending action that could result in suspension or revocation of the bank's charter or license to do business; NDAC 69-05.2-17-07 is being revised to make a minor editorial change to clarify that other structures (as well as dwellings, schools, churches, and commercial and institutional buildings) may be protected from certain blasting operations; and NDAC-69-05-22-07, minor editorial changes to North Dakota's revegetation success standards that clarify that the standards can be exceeded, as well as met, for demonstrating reclamation success.

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 North Dakota program.