

(1) You or another party file an action concerning the decision in Federal district court;

(2) The Appeals Council decides to review the decision on its own motion under the authority provided in § 416.1469; or

(3) The decision is revised by the administrative law judge or the Appeals Council under the procedures explained in § 416.1487.

(c) *Notice of the decision of an administrative law judge.* The notice of decision the administrative law judge issues in a case processed under this section will advise you and any other parties to the decision that you may file an action in a Federal district court within 60 days after the date you receive notice of the decision.

(d) *Extension of time to file action in Federal district court.* Any party having a right to file a civil action under this section may request that the time for filing an action in Federal district court be extended. The request must be in writing and it must give the reasons why the action was not filed within the stated time period. The request must be filed with the Appeals Council. If you show that you had good cause for missing the deadline, the time period will be extended. To determine whether good cause exists, we will use the standards in § 416.1411.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

20 CFR Parts 718, 722, 725, 726 and 727

[RIN 1215-AA99]

Regulations implementing the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as Amended; Extension of Comment Period; Additions to the Record

AGENCY: Employment Standards Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period; additions to the record.

SUMMARY: This document extends the period for filing comments regarding the proposed rule to amend and revise the regulations implementing the Black Lung Benefits Act. This action is taken to permit additional comment from interested persons. In addition, this document informs all interested persons that the Department is adding three

medical articles to the official rulemaking record and invites comments on those articles.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on the proposed rule to James L. DeMarce, Director, Division of Coal Mine Worker's Compensation, Room C-3520, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. DeMarce, (202) 219-6692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of January 22, 1997 (62 FR 3338-3435), the Department of Labor published a proposed rule intended to amend and revise the regulations implementing the Black Lung Benefit Act, subchapter IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as amended. Interested persons were requested to submit comments on or before March 24, 1997. In the **Federal Register** of February 24, 1997 (62 FR 8201), the Department extended the comment period through May 23, 1997. The trade association representing coal mine operators has requested that the Department once again extend the comment period. The trade association seeks additional time to analyze existing medical evidence and submit its analysis to peer review. The Department deems it desirable to extend the comment period for all interested persons. Therefore, the comment period for the proposed rule, amending and revising 20 CFR Parts 718, 722, 725, 726 and 727, is extended through August 21, 1997.

In addition, following publication of the proposed rule, the Department learned of three medical articles relevant to its proposed revision of the definition of the term "pneumoconiosis" at 20 CFR 718.201. See 62 FR 3343-44 (discussion), 3376 (definition). Those articles are: Becklake, M., "Occupational Exposures: Evidence for a Causal Association with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease," *American Review of Respiratory Disease*, 140: S85-S91, 1989; "Coal Dust and Compensation," *The Lancet*, Vol. 335, No. 8685, pp. 322-324 (Feb. 10, 1990); and Wright, J. *et al.*, "State of the Art: Diseases of the Small Airways," *American Review of Respiratory Diseases*, 146: 240-262, 1992. The Department gives notice of its inclusion of these articles in the official rule-making record, and invites comments on them. Copies of the articles may be reviewed at the Department of Labor.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 5th day of May, 1997.

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Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

25 CFR Part 181

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Indian Highway Safety Program Competitive Grant Selection Criteria

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) intends to make funds available to federally recognized tribes on an annual basis for financing tribal highway safety projects designed to reduce the incidence of traffic accidents within Indian country. Due to the limited funding available for the Indian Highway Safety Program, the BIA will review and select from proposed tribal projects on a competitive basis. The proposed rule presents the selection criteria.

DATES: Comments must be postmarked by July 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Program Administrator, Indian Highway Safety Program, 505 Marquette Avenue, NW, Suite 1705, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles Jaynes, Chief, BIA Division of Safety Management, (505) 248-5060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed rule sets forth the procedures that will govern the BIA's selection of recipients of the Indian Highway Safety Program grant. The BIA mails grant applications for a given fiscal year to all tribal leaders by the end of February of the preceding fiscal year. Applicants must submit completed applications by the close of business on June 1. The BIA will review and evaluate each complete and timely filed application. BIA seeks to fund as many programs as possible and to the level practicable within the confines of a limited program budget. The scarce amount of resources often forces the BIA to limit funding to select portions of a proposed tribal project.

We are publishing this proposed rule by the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.