

1.1287-1. The proposed regulations appeared in the *Federal Register* for Wednesday, August 22, 1984 (49 FR 33276).

The second subject of the public hearing is proposed regulations under Treasury Regulations § 35a.9999-5. The proposed regulations appeared in the *Federal Register* for Wednesday, August 22, 1984 (49 FR 33275).

The rules of § 601.601(a)(3) of the "Statement of Procedural Rules" (26 CFR Part 601) shall apply with respect to the public hearing. Persons who have submitted comments within the time prescribed in the notice of proposed rulemaking and who also desire to present oral comments at the hearing on the proposed regulations should submit, not later than Monday, January 14, 1985, an outline of the oral comments to be presented at the hearing and the time they wish to devote to each subject.

Each speaker will be limited to 10 minutes for an oral presentation exclusive of the time consumed by questions from the panel for the government and answers to these questions.

Because of controlled access restrictions, attendees cannot be admitted beyond the lobby of the Internal Revenue Building until 9:45 a.m.

An agenda showing the scheduling of the speakers will be made after outlines are received from the speakers. Copies of the agenda will be available free of charge at the hearing.

By direction of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

George H. Jelly,

Director, Legislation and Regulations Division.

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26 CFR Parts 41 and 48

Heavy Vehicle Use Tax; Credits and Refunds of the Tax on Diesel Fuel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Correction to proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the *Federal Register* publication beginning at 49 FR 44300 of the proposed regulations relating to the imposition of tax on the use of heavy vehicles and relating to credits and refunds of the tax imposed on the sale of diesel fuel.

DATES: The proposed amendments that are the subject of this correction are proposed to be effective after June 30, 1984, except as otherwise provided. This

correction is to be effective with respect to the same dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: B. Faye Easley of the Legislation and Regulations Division, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20224, Attention: CC:LR:T, telephone 202-566-3935 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 6, 1984, the *Federal Register* published proposed amendments to the Excise Tax Regulations (26 CFR Part 41) under sections 4481, 4482, and 4483 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. These amendments were proposed to conform the regulations to section 513 of the Highway Revenue Act of 1982 (Title V of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982) (Pub. L. 97-424, 98 Stat. 2177) and sections 901, 902, and 903 of the Tax Reform Act of 1984 (Division A of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984) (Pub. L. 98-369, 98 Stat. 1003). The document also contained proposed amendments to the Excise Tax Regulations (26 CFR Part 48) under section 6427(b)(2) of the Code relating to an exemption from the tax imposed by section 4041 of the Code in the case of fuel used in certain buses, and under section 6427 (g) of the Code relating to a credit or refund to original purchasers of diesel-powered automobiles and light trucks. These last two amendments were proposed to conform the regulations to section 911 (b) and 915 of the Tax Reform Act of 1984, respectively.

Need for Correction

As published, the notice of proposed rulemaking incorrectly states the year "1984" rather than the year "1985" in designated § 41.4481-2(a)(2), in the seventh line under the heading "Example", in the first column of page 44304.

Correction of Publication

§ 41.4481-2 [Corrected]

Accordingly, the publication of the notice of proposed rulemaking which was the subject of FR Doc. 29182, is corrected by removing the language "1984" from the seventh line under the heading "Example", in designated § 41.4481-2(a)(2), in the first column of

page 44304 and adding the language "1985" in its place.

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Director, Legislation and Regulations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

30 CFR Part 251

Exploration for Nonenergy Minerals on the Outer Continental Shelf

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) is considering the desirability of issuing new regulations to govern exploration on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) for minerals other than oil, gas, and sulphur under the authority of the OCS Lands Acts. Comments and recommendations are requested from interested parties. The Minerals Management Service will consider relevant comments in determining the terms and conditions, benefits, costs, and probable consequences of such regulations.

This request is made in response to comments received from industry, environmental groups, interested parties, and other Federal Agencies on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Corda Ridge, and from the Federal-State Task Forces which have been formed to evaluate the environmental, economic, and engineering potential of various areas.

DATE: Comments in response to this request should be postmarked or hand delivered no later than the close of business April 8, 1985.

ADDRESS: Comments may be mailed or delivered to Reid T. Stone, Assistant Associate Director for Strategic International Minerals, Department of the Interior, 11 Golden Shore, Suite 260, Long Beach, California 90802, telephone (213) 548-2901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Bailey, Office of Strategic and Internal Minerals, Minerals Management Service 12203 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 22091, (703) 860-6823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Pursuant to the OCS Lands Act, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to grant leases for minerals other than oil, gas, and sulphur on the OCS based on competitive bids and under such terms, conditions, royalties, and rentals as he/she may prescribe.

On March 10, 1983, President Reagan proclaimed an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for the ocean area within 200 nautical miles of the baseline from which the territorial sea of the United States including its territories is measured. The EEZ includes areas that may be favorable for a variety of strategic and critical materials including phosphates and minerals containing copper, lead, zinc, cobalt, nickel, silver, cadmium, titanium, and manganese. Recognizing the potential for the development of these domestic resources, the President declared in his State of the Union address of January 26, 1984, that the Department will encourage careful, selective exploration and production of our vital resources in the EEZ within the 200-mile limit off our coasts, but with strict adherence to environmental laws and with full State and public participation.

To aid in the evaluation of the environmental and management aspects of exploration for strategic, critical, and other minerals on the OCS the Department is reviewing the desirability of promulgating new regulations to govern these activities.

Although the regulations in 30 CFR Part 251 now govern exploration activities for nonenergy minerals, as well as oil, gas, and sulphur, separate regulations may enable the Department to better evaluate the environmental, economic, and management implications of possible exploration for nonenergy minerals on the OCS. Such action was requested in the public hearings on the Gorda Ridge draft EIS individuals, environmental, organizations, and State and Federal Agencies.

Comments are consequently requested as to whether regulations separate from those in 30 CFR Part 251 should be developed for prelease exploration for strategic, critical, and other minerals on the OCS and, if so, should they differ from 30 CFR Part 251. In particular, comments, suggestions, data, and recommendations are requested with respect to the inclusion and treatment in such regulation of the following:

- (a) Area to be covered by a permit;
- (b) Term of a permit;
- (c) Terms and conditions;
- (d) Applications requirements;
- (e) Application fees;
- (f) Exploration plans;

(g) Availability of data and information to MMS;

(h) Availability of data and information to the public;

(i) Appropriate role of adjacent States;

(j) Public participation;

(k) Limitations on exploration activities;

(l) Environmental considerations;

(m) Drilling, coring, and sampling activities;

(n) Inspection and observation of exploration activities;

(o) Suspension or cancellation of exploration permits;

(p) Violation of permit terms and enforcement of requirements; and

(q) Penalties and appeals.

Permits to conduct preliminary geological and geophysical (G&G) exploration activities for nonenergy minerals and materials on the OCS, using methods similar to those used in the exploration for oil, gas, and sulphur, may be obtained under the regulations at 30 CFR Part 251 *Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Explorations of the Outer Continental Shelf*. Permits obtained under that part authorize G&G exploration including bottom sampling, core and test drilling, and under certain conditions, deep stratigraphic test drilling.

Further information concerning exploration for strategic, critical, and other minerals and permits available under 30 CFR Part 251 may be obtained as follows:

(a) For the OCS off the Atlantic OCS Coast—the Regional Supervisor for Offshore Resource Evaluation, Atlantic Region, Minerals Management Service, 1951 Kidwell Drive, Suite 601, Vienna, Virginia 22180, telephone (703) 285-2165.

(b) For the OCS in the Gulf of Mexico—the Regional Supervisor for Offshore Resource Evaluation, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 7944, Metairie, Louisiana 70010, telephone (504) 837-4720.

(c) For the OCS off the coast of the States of California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington—the Regional Supervisor for Offshore Resource Evaluation, Pacific OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, Room 160, 1340 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California 90017, telephone (213) 688-6857.

(d) For the OCS off the State of Alaska—the Regional Supervisor for Offshore Resource Evaluation, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 101159, Anchorage, Alaska 99510, telephone (907) 271-4361.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 251

Continental shelf, Freedom of information, Public lands/minerals resources, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Science and technology.

(43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

[CGD13 84-12]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Duwamish Waterway, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is considering a change to the regulations governing the operation of the highway drawbridge across the Duwamish West Waterway at Southwest Spokane Street and the highway drawbridge across the Duwamish Waterway at First Avenue South, both in Seattle, Washington, by decreasing the three hour morning and evening closed periods by one hour each and providing exemptions to the closed periods for certain classes of vessels. This change will provide that, subject to certain exceptions, the draws of these bridges need not open for the passage of vessels between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and between 3:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for federal holidays. The draws of the Southwest Spokane Street bridge will open at any time for a vessel of 1,000 gross tons and over, a vessel towing a vessel of 1,000 gross tons and over, and a vessel proceeding to pick up a vessel of 1,000 gross tons and over for towing. The draws of the First Avenue South bridge will open at any time for a vessel of 5,000 gross tons and over, a vessel towing a vessel of 5,000 gross tons and over, and a vessel proceeding to pick up a vessel of 5,000 gross tons and over for towing. This proposal is being made because the opening to traffic of all lanes of the new West Seattle Freeway bridge provides an alternate route for uninterrupted vehicular traffic to and from West Seattle and destinations across the Duwamish Waterway to the east. This action should accommodate the needs of vehicular traffic and reduce the burden of lengthy closed periods on marine traffic.