

Actions and Compliance

(f) Unless already done, do the following actions:

(1) Within the next 100 flight hours or 3 months, whichever occurs first, after the effective date of this AD, and thereafter repetitively during a period not to exceed 12 months, inspect the aileron brackets and bearings and perform the lubrication of the aileron bearings in accordance with REIMS AVIATION INDUSTRIES Service Bulletin No. F406-59, dated October 24, 2005.

(2) If corrosion is found during any inspection required in paragraph (f)(1) of this AD, before further flight, replace the damaged parts in accordance with REIMS AVIATION INDUSTRIES Service Bulletin No. F406-59, dated October 24, 2005.

Note 1: We established the repetitive inspection times of this AD so that they may coincide with annual inspections.

Note 2: We encourage you to put Reims temporary revision No. 6 into the maintenance program of the F406 airplane (chapter 5 of the maintenance manual).

FAA AD Differences

Note 3: This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows: We added repetitive inspection requirements in this proposed AD to coincide with the maintenance requirement in the service bulletin.

Other FAA AD Provisions

(g) The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, Standards Staff, FAA, ATTN: Mike Kiesov, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4144; fax: (816) 329-4090, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) Airworthy Product: For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer or other source, use these actions if they are FAA-approved. Corrective actions are considered FAA-approved if they are approved by the State of Design Authority (or their delegated agent). You are required to assure the product is airworthy before it is returned to service.

(3) Reporting Requirements: For any reporting requirement in this AD, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements and has assigned OMB Control Number 2120-0056.

Related Information

(h) Refer to Direction générale de l'aviation civile AD No F-2005-177, dated November 9, 2005; and REIMS AVIATION INDUSTRIES Service Bulletin No F406-59, dated October 24, 2005, for related information.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 1, 2007.

Kim Smith,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****18 CFR Part 358**

[Docket No. RM07-1-000]

Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers; Notice of Extension of Time

February 28, 2007.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On February 28, 2007, the Commission issued a notice of proposed rulemaking proposing permanent regulations regarding the standards of conduct consistent with the decision of the United States Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in *National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation v. FERC*, 468 F.3d 831 (2006), regarding natural gas pipelines. The Commission is extending the comment period on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking at the request of the American Gas Association, the American Public Power Association, the Edison Electric Institute, the Electric Power Supply Association, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, the Large Public Power Council and the Natural Rural Electric Cooperative Association. **DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before March 30, 2007. Reply comments must be filed on or before April 30, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eric Ciccchetti, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Telephone: (202) 502-8493, E-mail: eric.ciccchetti@ferc.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Notice Extending Comment and Reply Comment Period**

On February 27, 2007, the American Gas Association, the American Public Power Association, the Edison Electric Institute, the Electric Power Supply Association, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, the Large Public Power Council, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, filed jointly for an extension of time to file comments and reply comments in response to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued January 18, 2007 in the above-captioned proceeding. Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers, 118 FERC ¶ 61,031, 72 FR 3958 (Jan. 29, 2007), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,611 (2007).

Upon consideration, the date for filing comments in this proceeding is extended to and including March 30, 2007 and the date for filing reply comments is extended to and including April 30, 2007.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement****30 CFR Part 920**

[MD-055-FOR]

Maryland Regulatory Program

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

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

SUMMARY: We are announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Maryland regulatory program (the Maryland program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). The program amendment consists of changes to the Maryland Annotated Code (MAC) to increase the end of month balance cap of the Bond Supplement Reserve (Reserve) within the Bituminous Coal Open-Pit Mining Reclamation Fund. Maryland submitted these proposed amendments on its own initiative to improve the ability of the Maryland Department of the Environment to

finance reclamation projects by increasing the amounts available in the Reserve.

DATES: We will accept written comments on this amendment until 4 p.m. (local time), on April 9, 2007. If requested, we will hold a public hearing on the amendment on April 2, 2007. We will accept requests to speak at a hearing until 4 p.m. (local time), on March 23, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by "MD-055-FOR," by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* grieger@osmre.gov. Include "MD-055-FOR" in the subject line of the message;
- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Mr. George Rieger, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 415 Market Street, Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17101; Telephone: (717) 782-4849 ext. 11;
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency docket number "MD-055-FOR" for this rulemaking. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the "Public Comment Procedures" Section in this document. You may also request to speak at a public hearing by any of the methods listed above or by contacting the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Docket: You may review copies of the Maryland program, this submission, 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 also receive one free copy of the submission by contacting OSM's Pittsburgh Field Division Office.

Mr. George Rieger, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 415 Market Street, Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17101, Telephone: (717) 782-4849 ext. 11. E-mail: grieger@osmre.gov.

Mr. C. Edmon Larrimore, Program Manager, Mining Program, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230, Telephone: (410) 537-3557 or 1-800-633-6101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. George Rieger, Telephone: (717) 782-4849 ext. 11. E-mail: grieger@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background on the Maryland Program
- II. Description of the Proposed Amendment
- III. Public Comment Procedures

IV. Procedural Determinations

I. Background on the Maryland 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 the 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 Maryland program on December 1, 1980. You can find background information on the Maryland program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and conditions of approval in the December 1, 1980, **Federal Register** (45 FR 79431). You can also find later actions concerning Maryland's program and program amendments at 30 CFR 920.12, 920.15, and 920.16.

II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

By an undated letter received on January 29, 2007 (Administrative Record Number MD-587-00), Maryland sent us an amendment to revise its program under SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*). The amendment revises MAC provisions to increase the end of month balance cap of the Bond Supplement Reserve within the Bituminous Coal Open-Pit Mining Reclamation Fund. Maryland submitted these proposed amendments on its own initiative to improve the ability of the Maryland Department of the Environment to finance reclamation projects by increasing the amounts available in the Reserve.

In its submittal of this amendment, Maryland stated that this action will improve the ability of the Maryland Department of the Environment to finance reclamation projects by increasing the amounts available in the Reserve. It also addresses findings and recommendations found in the Actuarial Study approved by OSM in the **Federal Register** dated May 13, 1998 (63 FR 26451).

This Bond Supplement Reserve Fund was established for reclamation purposes when the original bond is not sufficient to reclaim the site for which it was posted in the event of forfeiture. A surcharge is assessed for each ton of coal removed by the open-pit or strip

method. Part of that surcharge is deposited into the Bituminous Coal Open-Pit Mining Reclamation Fund and another part is remitted to the county. These funds are used to supplement forfeited bonds to enable the mine site to be reclaimed. An additional surcharge for each ton is assessed and credited to the county in which the mining is occurring.

A summary of the proposed changes follows:

1. *MAC 15-517(c)*

Subsection (c) provides as follows:

(c) When the amount of money in the bond supplement reserve equals or exceeds \$300,000 at the end of the month, deposits into the reserve of the amounts provided in subsection (b)(1) and (2) of this section shall end temporarily.

Maryland proposes to revise Subsection (c) by increasing the end-of-month balance cap of the Bond Supplement Reserve Fund from \$300,000 to \$750,000.

As amended, Subsection (c) provides as follows:

(c) When the amount of money in the bond supplement reserve equals or exceeds \$750,000 at the end of the month, deposits into the reserve of the amounts provided in subsection (b)(1) and (2) of this section shall end temporarily.

2. *MAC 15-517(d)(1)*

Subsection (d)(1) provides as follows:

(1) The amount of money in the bond supplement reserve equals or exceeds \$300,000 at the end of the month;

Maryland proposes to raise the end-of-month balance cap of the Bond Supplement Reserve Fund from \$300,000 to \$750,000.

As amended, Subsection (d)(1) provides as follows:

(1) The amount of money in the bond supplement reserve equals or exceeds \$750,000 at the end of the month;

3. *MAC 15-517(e)*

Subsection (e) reads as follows:

(e) At the end of any month when the amount of money in the bond supplement reserve is reduced below \$200,000:

Maryland proposes to raise the amount from \$200,000 to \$500,000 because the end-of-month balance cap that triggers the resumption of surcharges and deposits needed to be increased as well.

As amended, Subsection (e) provides as follows:

(e) At the end of any month when the amount of money in the bond supplement reserve is reduced below \$500,000:

III. Public Comment Procedures

Under the provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), we are seeking your comments on whether the submission satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15. If we approve the amendment, it will become part of the Maryland 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 may 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 attempt to log all comments into the administrative record, but comments delivered to an address other than the Pittsburgh Field Division Office may not be logged in.

Electronic Comments

Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII or Word file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: MD-055-FOR" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your Internet message, contact the Pittsburgh Field Division Office at (717) 782-4849 ext. 11.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Public Hearing

If you wish to speak at the public hearing, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by 4 p.m. (local time), on March 23, 2007. If you are disabled and need special accommodations to attend a public hearing, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. We will arrange the location and time of the hearing with those persons requesting the hearing. If no one requests an opportunity to speak, we will not hold a hearing.

To assist the transcriber and ensure an accurate record, we request, if possible,

that each person who speaks at the public hearing provide us with a written copy of his or her comments. The public hearing will continue on the specified date until everyone scheduled to speak has been given an opportunity to be heard. If you are in the audience and have not been scheduled to speak and wish to do so, you will be allowed to speak after those who have been scheduled. We will end the hearing after everyone scheduled to speak and others present in the audience who wish to speak, have been heard.

Public Meeting

If only one person requests an opportunity to speak, we may hold a public meeting rather than a public hearing. If you wish to meet with us to discuss the amendment, please request a meeting by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All such meetings will be open to the public and, if possible, we will post notices of meetings at the locations listed under **ADDRESSES**. We will make a written summary of each meeting a part of the Administrative Record.

IV. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12630—Takings

This rule does not have takings implications. This determination is based on the analysis performed for the counterpart Federal regulation.

Executive Order 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review

This rule is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 12988—Civil Justice Reform

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 and has determined that 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 because each 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 the Federal regulations at 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.

Executive Order 13132—Federalism

This rule does not have Federalism implications. SMCRA delineates the roles of the Federal and State governments with regard to the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations. One of the purposes of SMCRA is to "establish a nationwide program to protect society and the environment from the adverse effects of surface coal mining operations." Section 503(a)(1) of SMCRA requires that State laws regulating surface coal mining and reclamation operations be "in accordance with" the requirements of SMCRA, and section 503(a)(7) requires that State programs contain rules and regulations "consistent with" regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to SMCRA.

Executive Order 13175—Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, we have evaluated the potential effects of this rule on Federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that the rule does not have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. The basis for this determination is our decision is on a State regulatory program and does not involve a Federal regulation involving Indian lands.

Executive Order 13211—Regulations That Significantly Affect the Supply, Distribution, or Use of Energy

On May 18, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13211 which requires agencies to prepare a Statement of Energy Effects for a rule that is (1) Considered significant under Executive Order 12866, and (2) likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. Because this rule is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866 and is not expected to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy, a Statement of Energy Effects is not required.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule does not require an environmental impact statement because 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 certifies 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. 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.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. This rule: (a) Does not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million; (b) Will not cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; and (c) Does not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. This determination is based upon the analysis performed under various laws and executive orders for the counterpart Federal regulations.

Unfunded Mandates

This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector of \$100 million or more in any given year. This determination is based upon the analysis performed under various laws and executive orders for the counterpart Federal regulations.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 920

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: February 13, 2007.

H. Vann Weaver,
Acting Regional Director, Appalachian Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

32 CFR Part 903

[Docket No. USAF-2007-0001]

RIN 0701-AA72

Air Force Academy Preparatory School

AGENCY: DoD, USAF.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule tells how to apply for the Air Force Academy Preparatory School. It also explains the procedures for selection, disenrollment, and assignment. This rule has been updated to identify USAFA's revised mission statement, new selection criteria and updates of associated Air Force Instructions.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments on or before May 7, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and or RIN number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Scotty Ashley at (703) 695-3594, scotty.Ashley@pentagon.af.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review"

It has been determined that 32 CFR part 903 is not a significant regulatory action. *This rule does not:*

- (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or

adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or state, local, or tribal governments or communities;

(2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency;

(3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs, or the rights and obligations of the recipients thereof; or

(4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (Sec. 202, Pub. L. 104-4)

It has been certified that 32 CFR part 903 does not contain a Federal Mandate that may result in the expenditure by State, local and tribal governments, in aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year.

Public Law 96-354, "Regulatory Flexibility Act" (5 U.S.C. 601)

It has been determined that this rule is not subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601) because it would not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This rule * * *

Public Law 95-511, Paperwork Reduction Act" (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)

It has been certified that 32 CFR part 903 does not impose any reporting or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Federalism (Executive Order 13132)

It has been certified that 32 CFR part 903 does not have federalism implications, as set forth in Executive Order 13132. This rule does not have substantial direct effects on:

- (1) The States;
- (2) The relationship between the National Government and the States; or
- (3) The distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 903

Military academy; military personnel.

Therefore, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, 32 CFR part 903 is proposed to be revised to read as follows:

PART 903—AIR FORCE ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Sec.
903.1 Mission.