

interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Donald Dahl, Air Permits Program, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-New England, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-New England, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and the Bureau of Air Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State Office Building, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Dahl, (617) 918-1657.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 8, 2001.

Mindy S. Lubber,

Regional Administrator, EPA-New England.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 52 and 70

[MO 112-1112; FRL-6956-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Part 70 Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed action.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve revisions to the Missouri State Implementation Plan (SIP) and part 70 Operating Permits Program. EPA is approving revisions to Missouri's Definitions and Common Reference Tables rule and Operating Permits rule. These revisions will strengthen the SIP with respect to attainment and

maintenance of established air quality standards, ensure consistency between the state and Federally approved rules, and ensure Federal enforceability of the state's air program rule revisions pursuant to both section 110 and part 70.

In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the state's submittals as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no relevant adverse comments to this action. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this action. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed action. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by April 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Wayne Kaiser, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Kaiser at (913) 551-7603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 17, 2001.

Dennis Grams,

Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Parts 2090, 2200, 2710, 2740, 3800 and 9260

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RIN 1004-AD22

Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws; Surface Management

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; proposed suspension of rules.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to suspend final regulations published on November 21, 2000, that amended the rules governing mining operations involving metallic and some other minerals on public lands. A suspension would provide the BLM an opportunity to review some of the new requirements in light of issues plaintiffs raise in four lawsuits challenging the rules and in light of issues the Governor of Nevada and others have raised since the final rules were published. BLM has concerns about substantial policy and legal issues raised in the lawsuits and wants to resolve such concerns before implementing a new regulatory program. To avoid a regulatory vacuum that would result from a suspension, BLM proposes to republish and reinstate as a final rule the rules that were in place on January 19, 2001, the day before the revised rules became effective.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below on or before May 7, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date in making its decisions on the final rule.

ADDRESSES:

Mail: Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401 LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

Personal or messenger delivery: Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Internet e-mail: WOCComment@blm.gov. (Include "Attn: AD22").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael H. Schwartz, at 202-452-5198. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Comment Procedures
- II. Background and Proposed Action
- III. Procedural Matters

I. Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Comment on the Proposed Rule?

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401 LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

You may deliver comments to Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

You may also comment via the Internet to WOCComment@blm.gov.