

or physical inspection. The facility evaluation must identify all CCR management units at the facility regardless of when the CCR management unit came into existence.

(2) An owner or operator subject to the facility evaluation requirements may either:

(i) Complete the facility evaluation in two consecutive steps with separate deadlines to prepare Facility Evaluation Report Part 1 and Part 2. The deadline to complete Facility Evaluation Reports Part 1 and Part 2 is specified in paragraphs (c)(1) and (d)(1) of this section, respectively; or

(ii) Complete the facility evaluation such that Facility Evaluation Report Part 1 and Part 2 are completed no later than the deadline specified in paragraph (d)(1) of this section.

(c) \* \* \*

(1) Except for an owner or operator complying with the timeframes provided by paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, no later than Monday, February 9, 2026, the owner or operator of an active facility or a facility with a legacy CCR surface impoundment must prepare a Facility Evaluation Report Part 1, which shall contain, to the extent reasonably and readily available, the information specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (xiv) of this section. The owner or operator has prepared the Facility Evaluation Report Part 1 when the report has been placed in the facility's operating record as required by § 257.105(f)(25).

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(4) No later than Monday, February 8, 2027, or the date the Facility Evaluation Report Part 1 is prepared, whichever is earlier, the owner or operator must notify the Agency of the establishment of a CCR website using the procedures in § 257.107(a) via the "contact us" form on EPA's CCR website.

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■ 3. Amend § 257.90 by revising paragraphs (b)(3) introductory text and (e) introductory text to read as follows:

**§ 257.90 Applicability.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(3) *CCR management units.* No later than Wednesday, August 8, 2029, the owner or operator of the CCR management unit must be in compliance with the following groundwater monitoring requirements:

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(e) *Annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report.* For existing CCR landfills and existing CCR surface impoundments, no later than January 31, 2018, and annually

thereafter, the owner or operator must prepare an annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report. For new CCR landfills, new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units, the owner or operator must prepare the initial annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report no later than January 31 of the year following the calendar year a groundwater monitoring system has been established for such CCR unit as required by this subpart, and annually thereafter. For CCR management units, the owner or operator must prepare the initial annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report no later than January 31, 2030, and annually thereafter. For the preceding calendar year, the annual report must document the status of the groundwater monitoring and corrective action program for the CCR unit, summarize key actions completed, describe any problems encountered, discuss actions to resolve the problems, and project key activities for the upcoming year. For purposes of this section, the owner or operator has prepared the annual report when the report is placed in the facility's operating record as required by § 257.105(h)(1). At a minimum, the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report must contain the following information, to the extent available:

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■ 4. Amend § 257.95 by revising paragraph (b)(1)(ii) to read as follows:

**§ 257.95 Assessment monitoring program.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(1) \* \* \*

(ii) The owner or operator of a CCR management unit must sample and analyze the groundwater for all constituents listed in appendix IV to this part no later than Wednesday, August 8, 2029.

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■ 5. Amend § 257.101 by revising paragraph (f)(1) to read as follows:

**§ 257.101 Closure or retrofit of CCR units.**

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(f) \* \* \*

(1) No later than Friday, August 8, 2030, an owner or operator of a CCR management unit must initiate the closure of the CCR management unit in accordance with the requirements of § 257.102.

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■ 6. Amend § 257.102 by revising paragraph (b)(2)(iii) to read as follows:

**§ 257.102 Criteria for conducting the closure or retrofit of CCR units and closure of CCR management units.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \*

(iii) *CCR management units.* Except as provided for in paragraph (b)(2)(v) of this section, no later than Friday, February 8, 2030, the owner or operator of the CCR management unit must prepare an initial written closure plan consistent with the requirements specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

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■ 7. Amend § 257.104 by revising paragraph (d)(2)(iii) to read as follows:

**§ 257.104 Post-closure care requirements.**

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(d) \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \*

(iii) *CCR management units.* No later than Friday, February 8, 2030, the owner or operator of a CCR management unit must prepare an initial written post-closure care plan as set forth in paragraph (d)(1) of this section.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### 43 CFR Part 3730

[PO #4820000251; Order #02412-014-004-047181.0]

RIN 1004-AF25

#### Rescission of Regulations Regarding Surface Protection Requirements

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This direct final rule rescinds a portion of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) regulations that address mining in powersite withdrawals.

**DATES:** The final rule is effective on September 22, 2025, unless significant adverse comments are received by August 21, 2025. If significant adverse comments are received, notice will be published in the **Federal Register** before the effective date either withdrawing the rule or issuing a new final rule which responds to significant adverse comments.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter the Docket Number “BLM–2025–0009” and click the “Search” button. Follow the instructions at this website.

• *Mail, Personal, or Messenger Delivery:* U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St. NW, Room 5646, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: 1004–AF25.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kirk Rentmeister, National Mining Law Program Lead, telephone: 775–435–5514; email: [krentmei@blm.gov](mailto:krentmei@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

For a summary of the final rule, please see the abstract description of the document in Docket Number BLM–2025–0009 on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Interior’s (Department) regulations implementing certain provisions of the Mining Claims Restoration Act of 1955, Public Law 84–359, 69 Stat. 797, are contained in 43 CFR subpart 3738. These regulations address bonding requirements for lands withdrawn for powersites. The regulations in § 3738.1 describe when a bond is required, and the nature of the bond to be provided. The regulations in § 3738.2 describe the actions the BLM will take if the locator fails to restore the surface of the lands, including forfeiting the bond provided in compliance with § 3738.1 to be used by the BLM to restore the surface. Upon reviewing these regulations, the BLM has determined that they should be rescinded as they are duplicative of the bonding requirements in 43 CFR 3809.500.

The Department has determined that this reason, independently and alone, justifies rescission of 43 CFR 3738.1 and 3738.2. The BLM has no interest in maintaining rules that are redundant.

The Department is issuing this rule as a direct final rule. Although the Administrative Procedure Act (APA, 5 U.S.C. 551 through 559) generally requires agencies to engage in notice and comment rulemaking, section 553 of the APA provides an exception when an agency “for good cause finds” that notice and comment are “impracticable,

unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Id. section 553(b)(B). The Department has determined that notice and comment are unnecessary, because this rule is noncontroversial; of a minor, technical nature; involves little agency discretion; and is unlikely to receive any significant adverse comments. Significant adverse comments are those that oppose the rescission of the rule and raise, alone or in combination, (1) reasons why the rescission of the rule is inappropriate, including challenges to the rescission’s underlying premise; or (2) serious unintended consequences of the rescission. A comment recommending an addition to the rule will not be considered significant and adverse unless the comment explains how this direct final rule would be ineffective without the addition.

#### Procedural Matters

*Executive Order (E.O.) 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review and E.O. 13563—Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review*

E.O. 12866 provides that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will review all significant rules. OIRA has determined that this rule is not significant.

E.O. 13563 reaffirms the principles of E.O. 12866, while calling for improvements in the Nation’s regulatory system to promote predictability, reduce uncertainty, and use the best, most innovative, and least burdensome tools for achieving regulatory ends. E.O. 13563 directs agencies to consider regulatory approaches that reduce burdens and maintain flexibility and freedom of choice for the public where these approaches are relevant, feasible, and consistent with regulatory objectives. E.O. 13563 emphasizes further that agencies must base regulations on the best available science and that the rulemaking process must allow for public participation and an open exchange of ideas. The Department developed this rule in a manner consistent with these requirements.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA, 5 U.S.C. 601 through 612) requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis for all rules unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The RFA applies only to rules for which an agency is required to first publish a proposed rule. See 5 U.S.C. 603(a) and 604(a). As the Department is not required to publish a notice of proposed

rulemaking for this direct final rule, the RFA does not apply.

#### Congressional Review Act

This rule is not a major rule under the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 804(2). Specifically, the direct final rule: (a) will not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; (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) will not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets.

#### Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

This rule does not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or Tribal governments, or the private sector, of more than \$100 million per year. The rule does not have a significant or unique effect on State, local, or Tribal governments, or the private sector. The rule merely revises the Federal regulations to remove an obsolete provision that is no longer used. Therefore, a statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is not required.

#### E.O. 12630—Governmental Actions and Interference With Constitutionally Protected Property Rights

This rule does not result in a taking of private property or otherwise have regulatory takings implications under E.O. 12630. The rule rescinds an obsolete regulatory provision; therefore, the rule will not result in private property being taken for public use without just compensation. A takings implication assessment is therefore not required.

#### E.O. 13132—Federalism

Under the criteria of section 1 of E.O. 13132, this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement. This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. A federalism summary impact statement is not required.

*E.O. 12988—Civil Justice Reform*

This direct final rule complies with the requirements of E.O. 12988. Among other things, this rule:

(a) Meets the criteria of section 3(a) requiring that all regulations be reviewed to eliminate errors and ambiguity and be written to minimize litigation;

(b) Meets the criteria of section 3(b)(2) requiring that all regulations be written in clear language and contain clear legal standards.

*E.O. 13175—Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments*

The Department of the Interior strives to strengthen its government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes through a commitment to consultation with Tribes and recognition of their right to self-governance and Tribal sovereignty. The Department evaluated this direct final rule under E.O. 13175 and the Department's consultation policies and determined that it has no substantial, direct effects on federally recognized Indian tribes and that consultation under the Department's Tribal consultation policies is not required. The rule merely revises the Federal regulations to remove unnecessary regulatory language.

*Paperwork Reduction Act*

This rule does not contain new or materially revised information collection requirements, and a submission to the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) is not required.

*National Environmental Policy Act*

This direct final rule does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. A detailed statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) is not required because this rule is covered by a categorical exclusion applicable to regulatory functions “that are of an administrative, financial, legal, technical, or procedural nature.” 43 CFR 46.210(i). In addition, the Department has determined that this rule does not involve any of the extraordinary circumstances listed in 43 CFR 46.215 that would require further analysis under NEPA.

*E.O. 13211—Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use*

This direct final rule is not a significant energy action as defined in E.O. 13211. Therefore, a Statement of Energy Effects is not required.

**Adam G. Suess,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.*

**List of Subjects in 43 CFR Part 3730**

Administrative practice and procedure, Mines, Public lands—mineral resources, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Bureau of Land Management amends 43 CFR part 3730 as follows:

**PART 3730—PUBLIC LAW 359; MINING IN POWERSITE WITHDRAWALS: GENERAL**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 3730 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 30 U.S.C. 22 *et seq.*; 30 U.S.C. 28f–k; 30 U.S.C. 621–625; 43 U.S.C. 1201; 43 U.S.C. 1740; 43 U.S.C. 1744.

**Subpart 3738—[Removed]**

■ 2. Remove subpart 3738.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****43 CFR Part 3820**

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**RIN 1004–AF06**

**Rescission of Regulations Regarding Prospecting Within National Forest Wilderness for the Purpose of Gathering Information About Mineral Resources**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This direct final rule rescinds a portion of the Bureau of Land Management's regulations that address prospecting for mineral resources on National Forest System lands.

**DATES:** The final rule is effective on September 22, 2025, unless significant adverse comments are received by

August 21, 2025. If significant adverse comments are received, notice will be published in the **Federal Register** before the Effective Date either withdrawing the rule or issuing a new final rule that responds to significant adverse comments.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter the Docket Number “BLM–2025–0011” and click the “Search” button. Follow the instructions at this website.
- **Mail, Personal, or Messenger Delivery:** U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St. NW, Room 5646, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: 1004–AF06.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kirk Rentmeister, National Mining Law Program Lead, telephone: 775–435–5514; email: [krentmei@blm.gov](mailto:krentmei@blm.gov).

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For a summary of the final rule, please see the abstract description of the document in Docket Number BLM–2025–0011 on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Interior's (Department) regulations governing mineral prospecting within National Forest System lands are contained in 43 CFR 3823.1(a) and (b). Paragraph (a) authorizes prospecting for minerals within National Forest System lands under the terms set out in the regulation. Paragraph (b) directs those persons wishing to conduct activities under paragraph (a) to review the regulations of the United States Forest Service applicable to the lands within which such activities would be undertaken. The Department is rescinding these regulations as they are unnecessary and duplicative of the regulations issued by the United States Forest Service that can be found at 36 CFR 228.15.

The Department has determined that this reason, independently and alone, justifies rescission of 43 CFR 3823.1. The Department has no interest in maintaining a rule that is needlessly duplicative of other existing regulations.

The Department is issuing this rule as a direct final rule. Although the