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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kumkum Ray, Engineering and Operations Division, at (703) 787-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS published a proposed rulemaking on May 17, 2002 (67 FR 35372), to completely reorganize and update the 30 CFR 250, subpart B, regulations that describe plan submittals for oil and gas exploration and development and production on the OCS. In addition, MMS prepared a companion draft Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) for the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOM OCS Region). The draft NTL further interprets the proposed rule regarding information required to be submitted for MMS determinations, analyses, and approvals of plans in the GOM OCS Region. The draft NTL is posted on our MMS web site with the proposed rule for comment. Both the proposed rule and the NTL are very extensive and detailed. Therefore, the Offshore Operators Committee (OOC) requested that we extend the comment period in a letter to MMS dated June 6, 2002. The OOC stated that the additional time was necessary to allow reviewers to prepare comprehensive written comments on the proposed rule and NTL. We have agreed to their request and this notice extends the comment period to December 13, 2002.

Public Comments Procedures: Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent’s identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: June 18, 2002.

E.P. Danenberger,

Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Parts 773, 780, 784 and 800

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Bonding and Other Financial Assurance Mechanisms for Treatment of Long-Term Pollutational Discharges and Acid/Toxic Mine Drainage (AMD) Related Issues

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

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period for the advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) published in the May 17, 2002, **Federal Register**. The comment period was originally scheduled to close on July 16, 2002, and is now being extended for 90 days. In the ANPRM, we are seeking comments on what types of financial guarantees will best ensure adequate funding for the treatment of unanticipated long-term pollutational discharges, including acid or toxic mine drainage (collectively referred to as AMD), that develop as a result of surface coal mining operations.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your comments on or before October 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry comments to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 101, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Stokes, Program Support Directorate, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, on 202-208-2611.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to requests from three parties, we are extending the public comment period for the proposed rule published on May 17, 2002 (67 FR 35071). In the ANPRM, we are seeking comments on what types of financial guarantees will best ensure adequate funding for the treatment of unanticipated long-term pollutational discharges, including acid or toxic mine drainage (collectively referred to as AMD), that develop as a result of surface coal mining operations. Specifically, we are interested in views from all parties on how we can best address the proper level of treatment and number of years to use in calculating financial assurance amounts

for AMD, appropriate financial mechanisms to cover treatment costs, and suggestions on appropriate enforcement in cases where financial assurance is not fully adequate for the long term, but AMD is still being treated. Also, we invite comment on whether codification of our AMD policy statement would be helpful. We are extending the comment period to allow additional time for all interested parties to participate in formulating ideas and approaches on ways to address this important issue.

Dated: July 3, 2002.

Mary Josie Blanchard,

Assistant Director, Program Support.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[TN-121; TN-205-200206b; FRL-7245-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to Tennessee Implementation Plan.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State implementation plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Tennessee for the purpose of revising the regulations for definitions and visible emission in the Tennessee SIP. In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State’s SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives 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 rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Steven M. Scofield at the EPA, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61