

for approving the State's request is set forth in the immediate final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to that immediate final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second **Federal Register** document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect.

The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule will take effect as scheduled. The 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:** Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before January 28, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be mailed to Alima Patterson, Region 6 Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address listed below. Copies of the materials submitted by LDEQ may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6 Library, 12th Floor, Wells Fargo Bank Tower at Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, Phone number: (214) 665-6444. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, H.B. Garlock Building, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, Phone number: (504) 765-0617.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alima Patterson (214) 665-8533.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the immediate final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

#### Authority

This document is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006 and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, 6974(b).

Dated: December 10, 1997.

**Lynda F. Carroll,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region VI.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### 43 CFR Part 3820

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#### Surface Management of Mineral Activities Within the Bodie Bowl Under the Bodie Protection Act of 1994

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is withdrawing the proposed rule concerning mineral development in the Bodie Bowl which was previously proposed to implement the Bodie Protection Act of 1994. Because this Act closed the area to location of mining claims, and the state of California and the Nature Conservancy have acquired all existing unpatented mining claims and mill sites so that they may be reconveyed to BLM, the development of locatable minerals will not occur on Federal lands within the Bodie Bowl. Thus, regulations are no longer necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Fontecchio, Regulatory Affairs Group, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 452-5012 (Commercial or FTS).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bodie Protection Act of 1994 (108 Stat. 4471, 4509), withdrew Federal lands within the Bodie Bowl to protect and preserve the historic mining town of Bodie. The withdrawal closed the area to further mineral location, and the Act compelled the Secretary of the Interior to manage those existing claims in accordance with rules which would minimize adverse effects on historic, cultural, recreational and natural resource values of the Bodie Bowl. Specifically, the Secretary was ordered to promulgate rules for management of mineral activities within the Bodie Bowl that are no less stringent than the rules promulgated by the National Park Service under the Mining in the Parks Act (16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*), now codified at 36 CFR part 9. In consultation with the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, which administers the Bodie Historic Park, BLM issued proposed rules designed to carry out the terms of the Act on November 8, 1996 (61 FR 57837).

Since these rules were proposed, the State of California and the Nature Conservancy have acquired the

remaining mining claims and mill sites in the Bodie Bowl. BLM expects that the final stages of the agreement, whereby the State and the Nature Conservancy will quitclaim all unpatented mining claims and mill sites back to the United States, will be completed sometime in the near future. As a result, there will be no future mineral development activities in the Bodie Bowl, making BLM regulations of mining in the Bodie Bowl unnecessary. Therefore, the proposed regulations are withdrawn. If for some unforeseen reason development of locatable minerals becomes possible on Federal lands in the Bodie Bowl in the future, BLM would take appropriate action to promulgate any needed rules.

Date: December 17, 1997.

**Bob Armstrong,**

*Assistant Secretary for Land Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

#### 49 CFR Parts 191, 192, 193, 194, and 195

[Docket PS-153, Notice 3]

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#### Metric Equivalents

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to amend the pipeline safety regulations to provide metric equivalents. The metric equivalents are being provided for informational purposes only. Operators would continue to use the English measures for purposes of compliance and enforcement. No changeover to the metric system of measurement is being contemplated at this time. This may be reconsidered in the future.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments in duplicate by February 27, 1998. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. Interested persons should submit as part of their written comments all the material that is relevant to any statement of fact or argument.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the subject of this notice may be submitted to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special