

mineral resources, Public lands-rights-of-way, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds.

Dated: March 23, 1999.

**Sylvia V. Baca,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.*

For the reasons stated in the preamble, Minerals Management Service (MMS) proposes to amend 30 CFR part 256 as follows:

**PART 256—LEASING OF SULPHUR OR OIL AND GAS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**

1. The authority citation for part 256 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*

2. In § 256.46, revise paragraph (b) to read as follows:

**§ 256.46 Submission of bids.**

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(b) MMS requires a deposit for each bid. The notice of sale will specify the bid deposit amount and method of payment.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

**30 CFR Parts 701, 724, 773, 774, 778, 842, 843, and 846**

**RIN 1029-AB94**

**Application and Permit Information Requirements; Permit Eligibility; Definitions of Ownership and Control; the Applicant/Violator System; Alternative Enforcement Actions**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening and extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is reopening and extending the comment period for the proposed rule published on December 21, 1998 (63 FR 70580). The comment period originally closed on February 19, 1999, and was extended to March 25, 1999 (64 FR 8763; February 23, 1999). We are again reopening and extending the comment period for an additional 15 days.

**DATES:** We will accept written comments on the proposed rule until 5 p.m., Eastern time, on April 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand-deliver comments to the Office of

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 101, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. You may also submit comments to OSM via the Internet at: osmrules@osmre.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Earl D. Bandy, Jr., Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Applicant/Violator System Office, 2679 Regency Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40503. Telephone: (606) 233-2796 or (800) 643-9748. E-Mail: ebandy@osmre.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In response to requests from members of the public, we are reopening and extending the public comment period for the proposed rule published on December 21, 1998 (63 FR 70580). We are extending the comment period an additional 15 days. In the rule, we are proposing revised permit eligibility requirements for surface coal mining operations under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). In particular, we propose to revise how ownership and control of mining operations is determined under section 510(c) of SMCRA so that applicants who are responsible for unabated violations do not receive new permits. We have designed this proposal to be effective, fair, and consistent with a 1997 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit addressing ownership and control issues.

In addition, we are proposing other changes to other aspects of our regulations in response to comments we received when we sought public participation in developing this proposed rule. Our intent is to improve, clarify, and simplify current regulations as well as to reduce duplicative and burdensome permit information requirements.

Dated: March 25, 1999.

**Stephen Sheffield,**

*Acting Assistant Director, Program Support.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 110**

**[CGD01-97-086]**

**Anchorage Grounds: Hudson River, Hyde Park, NY**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard proposes a change to proposed Anchorage 19-A in the Hudson River near Hyde Park, NY. This supplemental proposal is the result of comments received on the Notice of Proposed rulemaking. This proposal restricts vessels less than 20 meters in length from using Anchorage Ground 19-A without prior approval from the Captain of the Port, New York.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before June 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to the Waterways Oversight Branch (CGD01-97-086), Coast Guard Activities New York, 212 Coast Guard Drive, Staten Island, New York 10305, or deliver them to room 205 at the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The Waterways Oversight Branch of Coast Guard Activities New York maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments, and documents as indicated in this preamble, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 205, Coast Guard Activities New York, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant J. Lopez, Waterways Oversight Branch, Coast Guard Activities New York (718) 354-4193.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD01-97-086) and the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposed rule in view of the comments.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Waterways Oversight Branch at the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include the reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will