DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

30 CFR Parts 70, 71, 72, 75, and 90

RIN 1219–AB64

Lowering Miners’ Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is extending the comment period on the proposed rule addressing Lowering Miners’ Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors. This extension gives commenters additional time to review and comment on the proposed rule.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published on October 19, 2010 (75 FR 64412), extended January 14, 2011 (76 FR 2617) and May 4, 2011 (76 FR 25277), is further extended. All comments must be received or postmarked by midnight Eastern Daylight Saving Time on June 20, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be identified with “RIN 1219–AB64” and may be sent by any of the following methods:


(2) Facsimile: 202–693–9441. Include “RIN 1219–AB64” in the subject line of the message.


(4) Mail or Hand Delivery: MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia. Sign in at the receptionist’s desk on the 21st floor.


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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Extending of Comment Period

On October 19, 2010 (75 FR 64412), MSHA published a proposed rule, Lowering Miners’ Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors, twice extending the comment period now set to close May 31, 2011. On May 19, 2011, MSHA posted historical information and data on respirable coal mine dust on its End Black Lung—ACT NOW! Single Source Web page. Although MSHA does not believe this information is necessary to comment on the proposed rule, MSHA is providing additional time for interested parties to submit comments. MSHA is extending the comment period from May 31, 2011 to June 20, 2011. All comments and supporting documentation must be received or postmarked by June 20, 2011.

Dated: May 24, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Natural Resources Revenue

30 CFR Parts 1202 and 1206

[Docket No. ONRR–2011–0005]

RIN 1012–AA01

Federal Oil and Gas Valuation

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Interior.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) requests comments and suggestions from affected parties and the interested public before proposing changes to the existing regulations governing the valuation of oil and gas produced from Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas leases, for royalty purposes. The existing Federal oil valuation regulations have been in effect since 2000, with a subsequent amendment relating primarily to the use of index pricing in some circumstances. The existing Federal gas valuation regulations have been in effect since March 1, 1988, with various subsequent amendments relating primarily to the transportation allowance provisions. These regulations have not kept pace with significant changes that have occurred in the domestic gas market during the last 20-plus years. This notice is intended to solicit comments and suggestions for possible new methodologies to establish the royalty value of oil and gas produced from Federal leases. The ONRR plans to hold public workshops to discuss possible changes to the oil and gas valuation regulations after the written comment period closes and ONRR has had a reasonable time to review and analyze the comments. The ONRR will announce any public workshops in a future Federal Register notice.

Getting feedback upfront and involving all affected stakeholders in the rulemaking process are the hallmarks of good government and smart business practice. The intention of this rulemaking process is to provide regulations that would offer greater simplicity, certainty, clarity, and consistency in production valuation for mineral lessees and mineral revenue recipients; be easy to understand; decrease industry’s cost of compliance; and provide early certainty to industry and ONRR that companies have paid every dollar due. The ONRR intends that the final regulations will be revenue neutral.