

rulemaking process and the functions of the notice of intent have either already been met or are provided for in this notice. Moreover, the Negotiated Rulemaking Act specifically provides that its provisions are not mandatory.

The Negotiated Rulemaking Act does anticipate an outreach to ensure that people who were not contacted during the convening process can come forward to explain why they believe they would be significantly affected and yet not represented on the Committee or to argue why they believe the rule should not be negotiated. The MMS believes that the interests who would be significantly affected by this rule will be represented when representatives from Conoco Inc., Meridian Oil Inc., Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and as attorney with clients from the oil and gas industry join the informal study group already in place which includes representatives from the Indian tribes, allottee associations, BIA, and MMS. If anyone believes that their interests will not be adequately represented by these organizations, they must demonstrate and document that assertion through an application submitted no later than 10 calendar days following publication of this notice. You may fax your documentation to (303) 231-3194.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the Indian Gas Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et. seq.*

Dated: January 31, 1995.

**Bruce Babbitt,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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#### POSTAL SERVICE

##### 39 CFR Part 111

#### System Certification Program (SCP)

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Proposed program; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service published in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 60927-60930) on November 29, 1994, a proposal for the System Certification Program. The proposed program would evaluate and recognize the overall ability of mailers to prepare high-quality mailings consistently and to enhance the ability of the Postal Service to verify and accept these mailings efficiently. The Postal Service requested comments

by January 30, 1995. Owing to the needs of the mailing public, from whom several requests for additional time were received, the Postal Service is extending the comment period to March 1, 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 1, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the Manager, Business Mail Acceptance, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, room 8430, Washington, DC 20260-6808. Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Hurst, (202) 268-5232.

**Stanley F. Mires,**

*Chief Counsel, Legislative.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Part 52

[KY-069-2-6785b; FRL-5118-2]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Commonwealth of Kentucky

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to approve the State implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky through the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet approving the redesignation to attainment and maintenance plan of the Paducah area because it meets the maintenance plan and redesignation requirements. EPA also proposes to approve the 1990 baseline emissions inventory of the area. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the Commonwealth's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment 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 that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. 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:** To be considered, comments must be received by March 9, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to Scott Southwick, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460

Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, Air Programs Branch, 345 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30365

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Department for Environmental Protection, Division for Air Quality, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Southwick of the EPA Region IV Air Programs Branch at (404) 347-3555 extension 4207 and at the above address.

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

Dated: November 28, 1994.

**Patrick M. Tobin,**

*Acting Regional Administrator.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Office of the Secretary

##### 43 CFR Part 11

RIN 1090-AA21

#### Natural Resource Damage Assessments: Type A Procedure for Great Lakes Environments

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** On August 8, 1994, the Department of the Interior issued a

notice of proposed rulemaking (59 FR 40319) to revise the natural resource damage assessment regulations. The natural resource damage assessment regulations establish procedures for assessing damages for injury to natural resources resulting from a discharge of oil into navigable waters under the Clean Water Act, or a release of a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. The August 8, 1994, notice proposed a simplified "type A" procedure for assessing damages from relatively minor discharges or releases in the Great Lakes. The Department is extending the period for comment on the proposed rule and making it coextensive with the comment period for a similar proposed type A procedure for coastal and marine environments.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted through July 6, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent in duplicate to the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, ATTN: NRDA Rule—GLE, Room 2340, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240 (regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen F. Specht at (202) 208-3301, or SSPECHT@IOS.DOI.GOV on Internet.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The natural resource damage assessment regulations establish procedures that Federal, State, and Tribal natural resource trustees may use to obtain compensation from liable parties for natural resource injuries under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) and the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). The regulations provide an administrative process for conducting assessments as well as two types of technical procedures for the actual determination of injuries and damages. "Type A" procedures are standard procedures for simplified assessments requiring minimal field observation in cases of minor discharges or releases in certain environments. "Type B" procedures are site-specific procedures for detailed assessments in other cases.

On August 8, 1994, the Department of the Interior published a proposed rule to amend the regulations to include an additional type A procedure for assessing natural resource damages in Great Lakes environments. 59 FR 40319. The proposed procedure incorporates a computer model called the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Model for

Great Lakes Environments Version 1.31 (NRDAM/GLE). The comment period on the August 8, 1994, proposed rule was originally set to close on November 7, 1994, but was extended through February 6, 1995. 59 FR 54877 (November 2, 1994).

On December 8, 1994, the Department published a proposed rule to revise an existing type A procedure for coastal and marine environments. 59 FR 63300. The proposed revised type A procedure for coastal and marine environments incorporates a computer model, called the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Model for Coastal and Marine Environments Version 2.2 (NRDAM/CME), that uses the same computer modelling approach as the proposed NRDAM/GLE. The comment period on the December 8, 1994, proposed rule was originally set to close on February 6, 1995.

The Department has received numerous requests for additional time to comment on the proposed type A procedure for coastal and marine environments. In a separate notice appearing elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, the Department is extending the comment period on the proposed type A procedure for coastal and marine environments through July 6, 1995.

A number of commenters have noted the structural similarities between the proposed NRDAM/CME and the proposed NRDAM/GLE and have requested that they be allowed to review the two type A procedures concurrently. Although the proposed NRDAM/CME and the proposed NRDAM/GLE incorporate distinct geographic databases and information, there are substantial similarities between the two proposed rules and computer models. Therefore, the Department has decided to allow for concurrent public review of the two proposed models and consolidated consideration of the comments received on the proposed rules. The Department is extending the comment period for the proposed type A procedure for Great Lakes through July 6, 1995, to make it coextensive with the extended comment period for the proposed type A procedure for coastal and marine environments. Any comment that is submitted on only one of the proposed rules but that is relevant to both rules will be considered in both rulemakings.

Dated: February 2, 1995.

**Bonnie R. Cohen,**

*Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management, and Budget.*

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## 43 CFR Part 11

RIN 1090-AA23

### Natural Resource Damage Assessments: Type A Procedure for Coastal and Marine Environments

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** On December 8, 1994, the Department of the Interior issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (59 FR 63300) to revise the natural resource damage assessment regulations. The natural resource damage assessment regulations establish procedures for assessing damages for injury to natural resources resulting from a discharge of oil into navigable waters under the Clean Water Act, or a release of a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. The December 8, 1994, notice proposed revisions to a simplified "type A" procedure for assessing damages from relatively minor discharges or releases in coastal and marine environments. The Department is extending the period for comment on the proposed rule and making it coextensive with the comment period for a similar proposed type A procedure for Great Lakes environments.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted through July 6, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent in duplicate to the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, ATTN: NRDA Rule—CME, Room 2340, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240 (regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen F. Specht at (202) 208-3301, or SSPECHT@IOS.DOI.GOV on Internet.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The natural resource damage assessment regulations establish procedures that Federal, State, and Tribal natural resource trustees may use to obtain compensation from liable parties for natural resource injuries under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) and the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). The regulations provide an administrative process for conducting assessments as well as two types of technical procedures for the actual determination of injuries and damages. "Type A" procedures are standard procedures for simplified assessments requiring minimal field