

failure or the relief of system pressures. The following conditions apply:

(i) Lessees must not flare or vent oil-well gas for more than 48 continuous hours without the approval of the Regional Supervisor. The Regional Supervisor may specify a limit of less than 48 hours when necessary to prevent air quality degradation. Flaring or venting gas from a facility must not continue for more than 144 cumulative hours during any calendar month without the approval of the Regional Supervisor.

(ii) Lessees must not flare or vent gas-well gas beyond the time required to eliminate a temporary emergency without the approval of the Regional Supervisor.

(3) During the unloading or cleaning of a well, drill-stem testing, production-testing, or other well-evaluation testing for periods not to exceed 48 cumulative hours per testing operation on a single completion. The Regional Supervisor may specify a shorter period of time, under prior notice, to prevent air quality degradation.

(b) Lessees may flare or vent oil-well gas for a period not to exceed 1 year when the Regional Supervisor approves the request for one of the following reasons:

(1) The lessee initiated an action which, when completed, will eliminate flaring and venting; or

(2) The lessee submitted an evaluation supported by engineering, geologic, and economic data indicating that the oil and gas produced from the well(s) will not economically support the facilities necessary to save and/or sell the gas, or that sufficient quantities of gas are not available for marketing.

(c) Lessees must not burn produced liquid hydrocarbons without the prior approval of the Regional Supervisor. To burn produced liquid hydrocarbons, the lessee must demonstrate that the amounts to be burned would be minimal, or that the alternatives are infeasible or pose a significant risk to offshore personnel or the environment. Alternatives to burning liquid hydrocarbons include transporting the liquids or storing and re-injecting them into a producible zone.

(d) Lessees must prepare records detailing gas flaring or venting, and liquid hydrocarbon burning, for each facility. The records must include, at a minimum:

(1) Daily volumes of gas flared or vented, and liquid hydrocarbons burned.

(2) Number of hours of flaring, venting, or burning on a daily basis.

(3) Reasons for flaring, venting, or burning.

(4) A list of the wells contributing to flaring, venting, or burning, along with the gas-oil ratio data.

(e) Lessees must keep these records for at least two (2) years. Lessees must make the records available for inspection by Minerals Management Service (MMS) representatives at the lessees' field office that is nearest the Outer Continental Shelf facility, or at other locations conveniently available to the Regional Supervisor. Upon request by the Regional Supervisor, lessees must provide a copy of the records to MMS.

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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[IN-121-FOR; Amendment 94-7]

Indiana Regulatory Program

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Indiana regulatory program (hereinafter referred to as the "Indiana program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment consists of changes to the Indiana Surface Coal Mining rules. The amendment is intended to revise 310 IAC 12-5-54.1 and the timing limitations of backfilling and grading for surface coal mining and reclamation operations under IC 13-4.1.

DATES: Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., E.S.T. March 20, 1995. If requested, a public hearing on the proposed amendment will be held on March 14, 1995. Requests to speak at the hearing must be received by 4:00 p.m., E.S.T. on March 6, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to speak at the hearing should be mailed or hand delivered to Roger W. Calhoun, Director, Indianapolis Field Office at the first address listed below.

Copies of the Indiana program, the proposed amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document will be available for public review at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Each requester may receive one free copy of the proposed

amendment by contacting OSM's Indianapolis Field Office.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Indiana Program

On July 29, 1982, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Indiana program. Background information on the Indiana program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval can be found in the July 26, 1982, **Federal Register** (47 FR 32071). Subsequent actions concerning the conditions of approval and program amendments can be found at 30 CFR 914.10, 914.15, and 914.16.

II. Discussion of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated January 31, 1995 (Administrative Record No. IND-1420), the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) submitted to OSM a State program amendment package consisting of revisions to the Indiana program rules. The amendment revises language at 310 IAC 12-5-54.1 concerning the timing limitations for backfilling and grading of surface coal mining and reclamation operations. The following amendments are being proposed.

1. 310 IAC 12-5-54.1 Backfilling and Grading; Timing Limitations

Subsection (a). The word "commission" is being deleted and is replaced by the word "director." The word "paragraphs" is being deleted and replaced by "subsection." The words "of this rule" are being deleted.

Subsection (a)(1). The word "and" is being deleted immediately before "eight (180)." The words "an average of" are being deleted immediately preceding "four (4)." The words "(by length)" are being deleted immediately following "four (4) spoil ridges." With these changes, backfilling and grading for dragline type operations which deposit the overburden into spoil ridges must be