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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the semiannual agenda of rules scheduled for review or development between October 1998 and April 1999. The

Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With this publication, the Department satisfies the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that the Department publish an agenda of rules that we have issued or expect to issue and of currently effective rules that we have scheduled for review.

Simultaneously, the Department meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) to publish an agenda in April and October of each year identifying rules that will have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. We have specifically identified in the agenda rules that will have such effects.

For this edition of the Department's regulatory agenda, we have included the most important significant regulatory actions in The Regulatory Plan, which appears in part II of today's **Federal Register**. The table of contents below lists the Regulatory Plan entries and denotes them by a bracketed bold reference that directs the reader to the appropriate sequence number in part II.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget (ASPMB)

**1582. NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS: TYPE B PROCEDURES**

**Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 9651(c)

**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 11

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** CERCLA and the Clean Water Act allow natural resource trustees to

bring a claim against a potentially responsible party for resources that have been injured by a release of a hazardous substance. CERCLA requires that natural resource damage assessment regulations be promulgated and that the regulations be reviewed, and revised as appropriate, every two years. This rulemaking is the biennial review of the administrative process for conducting assessments as well as the so-called "type B" procedures for

determining injury and damages through scientific and economic studies. This rulemaking will also address the calculation of lost non-use values of natural resources, in compliance with State of Ohio v. Department of the Interior, 880 F.2d 432 (D.C. Cir. 1989), which ordered the Department to allow for the assessment of all reliably calculated values lost as a result of a natural resource injury.

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Completed Actions

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Prerule Stage

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

**1818. • EXPLORATION OR DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION PLANS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**Unfunded Mandates:** This action may affect State, local or tribal governments and the private sector.

**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 250

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** MMS requires companies to submit for approval their exploration and development plans for activities on

the Outer Continental Shelf. The companies must submit these plans before they can begin any activities, except preliminary activities. This rule would rewrite the requirements into clearer language and organize them into discrete sections by topic, to make them easier to follow.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/00/98	
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

**1819. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROCESS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 30 USC 189; 30 USC 285; 30 USC 359; 30 USC 1023; 30 USC 1702 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1334; 43 USC 1335

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 290; 30 CFR 241; 30 CFR 243; 30 CFR 250; 43 CFR 4

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule will eliminate the current regulations for MMS appeals and replace them with new regulations for appeals to the IBLA of actions taken by MMS officials. The rule will establish requirements for developing the administrative record, holding settlement consultations, paying a processing fee, and presenting arguments and documentation for use in deciding appeals.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/96	61 FR 55607

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	03/27/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/98	
Comment Period End	12/00/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC21

**1820. REFUNDS AND RECOUPMENT OF OVERPAYMENTS ON OCS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 25 USC 181 et seq; 25 USC 351 et seq; 25 USC 1001 et seq; 25 USC 1701 et seq; 25 USC 1735; 25 USC 3716; 25 USC 3720a; 25 USC 9701; 25 USC 1301 et seq; 25 USC 1331 et seq; 25 USC 1801 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 206; 30 CFR 218; 30 CFR 230

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule allows MMS to pay interest on Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas royalty overpayments and makes interest charges more equitable between the payor and the recipient. Interest will be paid on overpayments related to royalty, rent and estimates resulting from sales of Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas production.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC27

**1821. TAKES VS. ENTITLEMENTS REPORTING**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1735

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 205

**Legal Deadline:** None

## DOI—MMS

## Proposed Rule Stage

**Abstract:** This rule addresses reporting and payment requirements for production removed and sold from a Federal lease, unit participating area, or communitization agreement beginning September 1996.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal

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**RIN:** 1010-AC29

**1822. ACCOUNTING RELIEF FOR MARGINAL PROPERTIES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1735

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 204

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule allows reporters to seek accounting, reporting, and auditing relief for their marginal properties in accordance with section 117(c) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 as amended by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/98	
Final Rule	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	08/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal

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**RIN:** 1010-AC30

**1823. PREPAYMENT OF ROYALTIES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1735

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 204

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule allows payors to prepay royalty in lieu of monthly royalty payments for their marginal properties with approval from the affected States. It will establish the criteria used by payors, States, and MMS to calculate, report, and monitor royalty prepayments.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal

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**RIN:** 1010-AC31

**1824. CHRONIC ERRONEOUS REPORTING**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 216; 30 CFR 218

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule eliminates assessments for late reporting and failure to report and modify incorrect assessments. The new rule will define what is considered a chronic erroneous reporter and applicable assessments. Penalties for failure to report are also addressed.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal

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**RIN:** 1010-AC34

**1825. TRAINING LESSEE AND CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 133

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule would require operators and lessees to ensure that their workers (including contractors) are properly trained and can demonstrate their proficiency to MMS. Operators and lessees will determine the type of training, teaching methods, training length, and frequency. MMS will develop appropriate performance measures and indicators. These measures may include: written testing; hands-on and simulator testing; audits, interviews, or cooperative reviews; and incidence of noncompliance for civil penalty and events data.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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Proposed Rule Stage

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**1826. REVIEWING EXPLORATION PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION PLANS FOR COASTAL ZONE CONSISTENCY**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250  
**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule proposes to amend provisions specifying how States will review exploration plans and development and production plans for coastal zone consistency.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal

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**1827. OIL AND GAS DRILLING OPERATIONS**

**Priority:** Other Significant  
**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250  
**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The rule will be written in plain English, substantive changes will be incorporated, and the rule will reflect the results of the blowout preventer study.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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**1828. FILING FEES FOR REQUIRED RECORDS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 256  
**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The rule will address administrative changes pertaining to the former Atlantic OCS region and will require filing fees for certain lease transfer documents.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**1829. • PROSPECTING FOR MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, AND SULPHUR IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant.  
 Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.  
**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 280  
**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule will expand the provisions governing research by

requiring everyone conducting geological and geophysical scientific research without a permit to file a notice with MMS. These revisions respond to changes in technology and practice.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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**1830. • LEASING SULPHUR OR OIL AND GAS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Unfunded Mandates:** This action may affect the private sector under PL 104-4.

**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 280

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule would update and clarify sections dealing with notices of sale, submission of bids, and lease awards.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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## DOI—MMS

## Proposed Rule Stage

**1831. • CHANGE TO DELEGATED STATE AUDIT FUNCTIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1735; PL 104-185; PL 104-200**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 227**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The revised rule would allow States to conduct audits and investigations of all or selected Federal oil and gas leases within State boundaries.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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Phone: 303 231-3432**RIN:** 1010-AC51**1832. • ROYALTY IN KIND FOR OIL AND GAS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 192; 43 USC 1353**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 218**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This revision will establish a process for the Federal Government

to accept oil and gas in lieu of royalty payments from selected Federal leases.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

## Final Rule Stage

## Minerals Management Service (MMS)

**1833. ROYALTY PAYMENT LIABILITY****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 211**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Responsibilities of Minerals Management Service include the collection of royalties, bonuses, rentals, and related revenues from Federal and Indian mineral leases. These monies are, for the most part, collected from the current designated payor on the lease. However, if MMS is unable to collect from the current payor, it must pursue collections from (a) prior payor(s), the lessee, or an assignee of the lease. Existing regulations are unclear as to the responsibilities and liabilities of the parties involved. Therefore, MMS is amending its regulations to clarify payor, lessee, and assignee requirements and responsibilities for Indian mineral leases and Federal solid mineral and geothermal leases.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/13/94	59 FR 17504

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/09/95	60 FR 30492
Comment Period Extended	08/30/95	60 FR 45112
Comment Period Extended	10/03/95	60 FR 56033
Final Action	04/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** David S. Guzy, Chief Rules and Publications Staff, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service  
Phone: 303 231-3432**RIN:** 1010-AB45**1834. VALUATION OF GAS FROM INDIAN LEASES****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 206**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The rule will amend the regulations governing the valuation of gas produced from Indian leases. The primary purpose of these amendments

is to ensure that Indian mineral lessors receive maximum revenues from mineral resources on their land consistent with the Department's trust responsibility and lease terms.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/04/94	59 FR 39712
NPRM	09/23/96	61 FR 49894
NPRM Comment Period End	04/04/97	62 FR 10247
Final Action	10/00/98	
Final Action Effective	02/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal**Additional Information:** This rule was developed using the negotiated rulemaking process which included representatives of MMS, Indian tribes, States, and industry.**Agency Contact:** David S. Guzy, Chief Rules and Publications Staff, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service  
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Final Rule Stage

**1835. VALUATION OF OIL FROM FEDERAL MINERAL LEASES**

**Regulatory Plan:** This entry is Seq. No. 46 in Part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**RIN:** 1010-AC09

**1836. VALUATION OF OIL FROM INDIAN LEASES**

**Regulatory Plan:** This entry is Seq. No. 47 in Part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**RIN:** 1010-AC24

**1837. POSTLEASE OPERATIONS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1334

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250.1 to 250.29; 30 CFR 218.154; 30 CFR 256.1; 30 CFR 256.4; 30 CFR 256.55; 30 CFR 256.73

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule is a complete rewrite in plain English and changes the current regulation by both adding and deleting language. Although some of these changes could be considered significant when compared to the current regulations, they support the policies and procedures now in place. The proposed rule is revised to be as broad and general in scope as feasible.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/13/98	63 FR 7335

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment	06/17/98	
Period End		
Final Rule	03/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**1838. ELECTRONIC REPORTING**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 3101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701 et seq; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 210; 30 CFR 216

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule would modify the requirements governing forms that MMS requires for reporting sales, royalties, and production information. The revisions will specify the media required for submission of reports and broaden the use of electronic commerce reporting.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/08/98	63 FR 17133
NPRM Comment	06/08/98	
Period End		
Final Rule	01/00/99	
Final Action Effective	03/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC40

**1839. • UPDATE OF INDUSTRY ELECTRICAL STANDARDS**

**Priority:** Routine and Frequent

**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule would update a document incorporated by reference that pertains to electrical installations at petroleum facilities.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/98	
Final Action Effective	01/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

**Long-Term Actions**

**Minerals Management Service (MMS)**

**1840. CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 218

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule will limit adjustments on royalty payments and determine the use of administrative offset for certain collections. This rule was expanded to include post-Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 impacts on credit adjustments and administrative offsets after the initial proposed rule was

published, so a new proposed rule will be issued.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/93	58 FR 43588
NPRM Comment	11/01/93	58 FR 50301
Period End		
NPRM	02/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** Yes

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## Long-Term Actions

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses  
**Government Levels Affected:** None  
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**RIN:** 1010-AB73

**1841. ● OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION RATES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule eliminates obsolete and burdensome requirements and eliminates items on three MMS forms. In addition, the rule is rewritten into plain English.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC53

**1842. ● DEEP WATER EMERGENCY WELL CONTROL OPERATIONS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule would require an operator to have available a drilling unit capable of drilling a relief well in deep water. This unit could be available either through direct control or contractual arrangement. The rule would also require an operator to provide evidence of financial capability to carry out emergency operations in deep water.

**Timetable:** Next Action Undetermined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC54

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

## Completed Actions

## Minerals Management Service (MMS)

**1843. SEISMIC REASSESSMENT OF CALIFORNIA OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF PLATFORMS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250.145

**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No Further Action Will Be Taken	07/31/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC17

**1844. AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDS FOR REPORTING AND PAYING ROYALTIES ON GAS AND THE GAS ANALYSIS REPORT**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 202; 30 CFR 216

**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/12/98	63 FR 26362
Final Action Effective	06/29/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC23

**1845. SUSPENSION OF ORDERS OR DECISIONS PENDING APPEAL TO ALLOW FOR SELF-BONDING BASED UPON FINANCIAL SOLVENCY**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 243

**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN 1010-AC21	07/31/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Yes

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal, Federal

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**RIN:** 1010-AC28

**1846. OIL SPILL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFSHORE FACILITIES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 253

**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/11/98	63 FR 42699

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC33

**1847. BLOWOUT PREVENTER TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250.57

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Completed Actions

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/01/98	63 FR 29604
Final Action Effective	06/30/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC37

**1848. PIPELINES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/17/98	63 FR 43876

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC39

**1849. REDESIGNATION OF 30 CFR PART 250**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/29/98	63 FR 29478
Final Action Effective	06/30/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1010-AC45

**1850. • UPDATE OF DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Unfunded Mandates:** This action may affect State, local or tribal governments and the private sector.

**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule updates two documents incorporated by reference in regulations governing oil, gas, and sulphur operations in the outer continental shelf.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/09/98	63 FR 37066
Final Action Effective	08/10/98	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)

**1851. ABANDONED COAL REFUSE SITES—TITLE I**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1201 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 785; 30 CFR 829; 30 CFR 830; 30 CFR 845; 30 CFR 870

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** OSM will propose new regulations governing permitting and performance standards for on-site processing of abandoned coal refuse piles and operations for removal of abandoned coal refuse piles. The rules are required to implement section 2503(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1029-AB70

**1852. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION**

**Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1201 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 816; 30 CFR 780; 30 CFR 773

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule will amend regulations to ensure that coal mine operators reclaim their operations in a

contemporaneous manner using site-based contemporaneous standards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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**RIN:** 1029-AB79

**1853. INDIAN LANDS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1201 et seq

**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 200; 30 CFR 700