

Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 *et seq.*).

#### *Regulatory Flexibility Act*

The Department of the Interior has determined that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon corresponding Federal regulations for which an economic analysis was prepared and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a

substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, this rule will ensure that existing requirements previously promulgated by OSM will be implemented by the State. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the corresponding Federal regulations.

#### *Unfunded Mandates*

OSM has determined and certifies pursuant to the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1502 *et seq.*) that this rule will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on local, state, or tribal governments or private entities.

#### **List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 924**

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: June 6, 1998.

**Brent Wahlquist,**

*Regional Director, Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center.*

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 30 CFR Part 924 is amended as set forth below:

#### **PART 924—MISSISSIPPI**

1. The authority citation for Part 924 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*

2. Section 924.15 is amended in the table by adding a new entry in chronological order by "Date of final publication" to read as follows:

#### **§ 924.15 Approval of Mississippi regulatory program amendments.**

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Original amendment sub- mission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
* March 26, 1998 .....	* June 25, 1998 .....	* MSCMRL 53-9-26; 45(4)(b); 69(1)(c)(i) and (4); 77(5).

#### **§ 924.16 [Amended]**

3. Section 924.16 is amended by removing and reserving paragraphs (b), (c), and (d).

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## **POSTAL SERVICE**

### **39 CFR Part 232**

#### **Conduct on Postal Service Property**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule amends United States Postal Service regulations concerning conduct on postal property to: prohibit smoking in postal buildings; prohibit soliciting of signatures on petitions, polls, or surveys on postal property except as otherwise authorized by Postal Service regulations; prohibit impeding ingress to or egress from post offices; add regulations for voter registration activities on postal property to reflect current postal policy; prohibit unauthorized leafleting, picketing, demonstrating, public assembly, and public address in lobbies and other interior areas of postal buildings open to the public; prohibit placement of tables, chairs, freestanding signs or posters, structures, or furniture of any type on postal property except as part of postal activities or as otherwise permitted by

these regulations; permit, in addition to guide dogs, other animals used to assist persons with disabilities on postal property; prohibit the storage of weapons and explosives on postal property except for official purposes; clarify the meaning of terms; change references to other postal directives; and provide that Office of Inspector General Criminal Investigators and other persons designated by the Chief Postal Inspector may also enforce Postal Service property regulations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This final rule is effective June 25, 1998.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 18, 1997, the Postal Service published a proposed rule to amend its conduct on postal property regulations, 62 FR 61481. Comments concerning the proposed rule were received from one organization, the National Newspaper Association (NNA), before the comment period closed on December 18, 1997. NNA objected to the language in proposed § 232.1(h)(1) prohibiting the vending of newspapers on postal property. NNA believes the language is too broad and may be misinterpreted in the future as prohibiting the placement of newspaper racks in nonpostal property locations that are contiguous to postal property. NNA also objected to

the language in proposed § 232.1(h)(1) prohibiting the impeding of ingress to or egress from post offices. NNA recommended deleting the language, stating there are certain post offices in which the sidewalks leading to and from the postal property are public walkways that would qualify as public fora exempt from Postal Service regulation under *United States v. Kokinda*. Finally, NNA suggested the proposed amendments should be changed to make clear that they apply only to postal property.

In response to the NNA comments, the Postal Service acknowledges that it has no authority to regulate conduct on nonpostal property, including public property that is contiguous to postal property. Current § 232.1(a) provides that the regulations apply only to real property under the charge and control of the Postal Service. In those cases where post offices are accessible only through nonpostal public or private property, state and local laws and regulations apply to the nonpostal public or private property. These final regulations do not extend, nor is it the intent to extend, Postal Service conduct on property regulations to nonpostal property.

#### **List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 232**

Federal buildings and facilities, Penalties, Postal Service.

Accordingly, 39 CFR part 232 is amended as set forth below.

**PART 232—CONDUCT ON POSTAL PROPERTY**

1. The authority citation for part 232 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 18 U.S.C. 13, 3061; 21 U.S.C. 802, 844; 39 U.S.C. 401, 403(b)(3), 404(a)(7); 40 U.S.C. 318, 318a, 318b, 318c; Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 1060.

2. Section 232.1(b) is amended by revising the phrase "section 115 of the Domestic Mail Manual" to read "section 274 of the Administrative Support Manual."

3. Section 232.1 is amended by revising the heading of paragraph (g) and designating its existing text as (g)(1), revising the first sentence of paragraph (g)(1), and adding paragraph (g)(2) to read as follows:

**§ 232.1 Conduct on postal property.**

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(g) *Alcoholic beverages, drugs, and smoking.*

(1) A person under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or any drug that has been defined as a "controlled substance" may not enter postal property or operate a motor vehicle on postal property. \* \* \*

(2) Smoking (defined as having a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other smoking material) is prohibited in all postal buildings and office space, including public lobbies.

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4. Section 232.1(h)(1) introductory text is revised to read as follows:

(h) \* \* \*

(1) Soliciting alms and contributions, campaigning for election to any public office, collecting private debts, soliciting and vending for commercial purposes (including, but not limited to, the vending of newspapers and other publications), displaying or distributing commercial advertising, soliciting signatures on petitions, polls, or surveys (except as otherwise authorized by Postal Service regulations), and impeding ingress to or egress from post offices are prohibited. These prohibitions do not apply to:

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5. Section 232.1(h)(1)(i) is amended by adding the phrase "or nonprofit" after the word "Commercial."

6. Section 232.1(h)(3), (4), and (5) are added to read as follows:

(h) \* \* \*

(3) Leafleting, distributing literature, picketing, and demonstrating by members of the public are prohibited in lobbies and other interior areas of postal buildings open to the public. Public assembly and public address, except when conducted or sponsored by the

Postal Service, are also prohibited in lobbies and other interior areas of postal building open to the public.

(4) *Voter registration.* Voter registration may be conducted on postal premises only with the approval of the postmaster or installation head provided that all of the following conditions are met:

(i) The registration must be conducted by government agencies or nonprofit civic leagues or organizations that operate for the promotion of social welfare but do not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate or political party for any public office.

(ii) Absolutely no partisan or political literature may be available, displayed, or distributed. This includes photographs, cartoons, and other likenesses of elected officials and candidates for public office.

(iii) The registration is permitted only in those areas of the postal premises regularly open to the public.

(iv) The registration must not interfere with the conduct of postal business, postal customers, or postal operations.

(v) The organization conducting the voter registration must provide and be responsible for any equipment and supplies.

(vi) Contributions may not be solicited.

(vii) Access to the workroom floor is prohibited.

(viii) The registration activities are limited to an appropriate period before an election.

(5) Except as part of postal activities or activities associated with those permitted under paragraph (h)(4) of this section, no tables, chairs, freestanding signs or posters, structures, or furniture of any type may be placed in postal lobbies or on postal walkways, steps, plazas, lawns or landscaped areas, driveways, parking lots, or other exterior spaces.

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7. Section 232.1(j) is revised to read as follows:

(j) *Dogs and other animals.* Dogs and other animals, except those used to assist persons with disabilities, must not be brought upon postal property for other than official purposes.

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8. Section 232.1(l) is revised to read as follows:

(l) *Weapons and explosives.* No person while on postal property may carry firearms, other dangerous or deadly weapons, or explosives, either openly or concealed, or store the same on postal property, except for official purposes.

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9. Section 232.1(q)(3) is revised to read as follows:

(q) \* \* \*

(3) Postal Inspectors, Office of Inspector General Criminal Investigators, and other persons designated by the Chief Postal Inspector may likewise enforce regulations in this section.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 52**

[IA 048-1048a; FRL-6113-1]

**Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Approval Under Section 112(l); State of Iowa**

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

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is approving revisions to the Iowa State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the state of Iowa. This approval incorporates Iowa rule revisions which are necessary to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). These revisions improve the state's permitting programs and strengthen the SIP with respect to attainment and maintenance of established air quality standards, and with respect to control of hazardous air pollutants (HAP).

**DATES:** This direct final rule is effective on August 24, 1998 without further notice, unless the EPA receives adverse comment by July 27, 1998. If adverse comment is received, the EPA will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule did not take effect.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Wayne A. Kaiser, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the: Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101; and the EPA Air & Radiation Docket and Information Center, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.