

ADDRESSES. A written summary of each meeting will be made a part of the administrative record.

IV. Procedural Determinations

1. Executive Order 12866

This rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review).

2. Executive Order 12988

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 3 of the Executive Order 12988 (Civil Justice Reform) and has determined that this rule meets the applicable standards of subsections (a) and (b) of that section. However, these standards are not applicable to the actual language of State regulatory programs and program amendments since each such program is drafted and promulgated by a specific State, not by OSM. Under sections 503 and 505 of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1253 and 1255) and the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 730.11, 732.15, and 732.17(h)(10), decisions on proposed State regulatory programs and program amendments submitted by the States must be based solely on a determination of whether the submittal is consistent with SMCRA and its implementing Federal regulations and whether the other requirements of 30 CFR Parts 730, 731, and 732 have been met.

3. National Environmental Policy Act

No environmental impact statement is required for this rule since section 702(d) of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1292(d)) provides that agency decisions on proposed State regulatory program provisions do not constitute major Federal actions within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

4. 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.*).

5. 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 that is the subject of this rule is based upon counterpart 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 counterpart Federal regulations.

6. Unfunded Mandates

This rule will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on any governmental entity or the private sector.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 931

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

Brent T. Wahlquist,

Regional Director, Western Regional Coordinating Center.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Changes in Procedures for Standard Mail Destination Entry Mailings

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposal would amend the Domestic Mail Manual procedures for destination entry mailings of Standard Mail (A) and Standard Mail (B) by changing the current frequency for standing appointments from once a month to once a week.

In addition, this document also proposes that when a mailer requests a standing appointment at a destination delivery unit (DDU) for a Standard Mail (A) or Standard Mail (B) mailing, the ZIP Codes of the mail being deposited must be provided at the time of request. Also, to be consistent with current standards for Standard Mail (A), a change is being made to provide for the redirection of Standard Mail (B) by the Postal Service to a facility other than the one designated by the mailer.

DATES: Comments on the proposed standards must be received on or before January 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the Manager, Mail Preparation and Standards, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 6830, Washington DC 20260-2405. Copies of all written comments will be available at the Postal Service

Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 11-N, Washington DC, for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

RoseMarie Gay (202) 268-7810; or Patricia Bennett, (202) 268-6350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective January 10, 1999, a number of classification and mail preparation changes were made for Standard Mail (B). In order to align the processing of Standard Mail (A) with Standard Mail (B), the Postal Service needs to modify current standards for the frequency at which recurring appointments must be made, the additional information required when depositing DDU rate mailings, and the reasons for redirect by the Postal Service.

For Standard Mail (A) and Standard Mail (B), the frequency at which recurring appointments must be made will be changed from once a month to once a week. This change was recommended by the Drop Shipment Appointment System (DSAS) workgroup of the Mailer's Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC). The Postal Service identified a high percentage of no-shows from mailers holding standing appointments. Changing the frequency to once a week should reduce the number of no-shows and make more appointments available in the DSAS for other mailers.

Since January 10, 1999 there have been instances of DDU rate Standard Mail (B) deposited at the wrong postal facility, forcing the Postal Service to reroute the mail to the proper facility. Asking mailers to provide ZIP Code information will ensure that the mail is being deposited at the correct facility. If the mailing is not for that facility, the DDU can inform the mailer/agent of the correct facility to deposit the mail when the appointment is scheduled. This will save the mailers the added expense of additional stops to reroute the mail to the correct facility. Accordingly, the Postal Service proposes to require mailers to provide the 5-digit ZIP Codes of the mail being deposited when contacting the delivery unit to make an appointment for DDU entry of Standard Mail (A) or Standard Mail (B).

The Domestic Mail Manual will be amended to include language concerning the redirection of Standard Mail (B) to a facility other than the designated bulk mail center (BMC), sectional center facility (SCF), or DDU, to be consistent with current standards for Standard Mail (A). Language will also be added to describe when the Postal Service can redirect the shipment.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)) regarding rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service is seeking comments on the following revisions to the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR part 111.

PART 111—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552 (a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 414, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Amend the Domestic Mail Manual as set forth below:

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E600 Standard Mail

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E650 Destination Entry

E651 Regular, Nonprofit, and
Enhanced Carrier Route Standard
Mail

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3.0 DEPOSIT

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[Redesignate 3.3 through 3.11 as 3.4 through 3.12 respectively; add new 3.3 to read as follows:]

3.3 Appointments

Appointments must be made for destination entry rate mail as follows:

a. Except for a local mailer under 4.0 and mailings of perishable commodities, appointments for deposit of destination entry rate mail at BMCs, ASFs, and SCFs must be scheduled through the appropriate appointment control center at least one business day in advance. Same-day appointments may be granted by a control center on the basis of a telephone request. All appointments for BMC loads must be scheduled by the appropriate BMC control center. Appointments for SCFs and ASFs must be scheduled through the appropriate district control center. Appointments may be made up to 30 calendar days before a desired appointment date. The mailer must adhere to the scheduled mail deposit time and location. The mailer must cancel any appointment by notifying the appropriate control center at least one business day in advance of a scheduled appointment time.

b. Electronic appointments may be made by a mailer or agent using a USPS-issued computer log-on ID. Electronic appointments or cancellations must be made at least 12 hours before the desired time and date. All information

required by the USPS appointment system regarding a mailing must be provided.

c. For deposit of DDU mailings, an appointment must be made by contacting the DDU at least 24 hours in advance. If the appointment must be canceled, the mailer must notify the DDU at least one business day in advance of a scheduled appointment. Recurring appointments are allowed if shipment frequency is once a week or more often.

d. When Periodicals are transported together with Standard Mail (A) or (B) as a mixed load (see E250), an appointment must be obtained for deposit at a destination entry facility. [Revise heading of redesignated 3.4 to read as follows:]

3.4 Advance Scheduling

[Amend 3.4b by adding a second sentence to read as follows:]

When making an appointment, or as soon as available, the mailer must provide the control center or DDU with the following information:

a. Mailer's name and address and, when applicable, the name and telephone number of the mailer's agent or local contact.

b. Description of what is being mailed, product name, number of mailings, volume of mail, how prepared, and whether containerized (e.g., pallets). For DDU entries, the mailer also must provide the 5-digit ZIP Code(s) of the mail being deposited.

c. Where and how mailing was verified.

d. Method of postage payment.

e. Requested appointment date and destination facility for mailing.

f. Vehicle identification number, size, and type.

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3.6 Redirection by USPS

[Revise redesignated 3.6 to read as follows:]

A mailer may be directed to transport destination entry rate mailings to a facility other than the designated DDU, SCF, or BMC due to facility restrictions, building expansions, peak season mail volumes, or emergency constraints.

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[Amend heading of 3.8 by changing "Standing" to "Recurring" to read as follows:]

3.8 Recurring Appointments

[Revise redesignated 3.8 to read as follows:]

A mailer may request recurring appointments, renewable for a 6-month period, by writing to the BMC control center or the district control center that

administers the service area in which the destination facility is located. The mailer must present comparable mailings (by product and volume) on a consistent frequency of at least once a week. Failure to adhere to scheduled appointments procedures can cause revocation of the recurring appointment.

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E652 Parcel Post

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4.0 DEPOSIT

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[Redesignate current 4.6 through 4.11 as 4.7 through 4.12, respectively; add new 4.6 to read as follows:]

4.6 Redirection by USPS

With the exception of mail deposited under 1.3e, a mailer may be directed to transport destination entry rate mailings to a facility other than the designated DDU, SCF, or BMC due to facility restrictions, building expansions, peak season mail volumes, or emergency constraints.

[Revise heading of 4.7 to read as follows:]

4.7 Advance Scheduling

[Amend redesignated 4.7b by adding second sentence to read as follows:]

When making an appointment, or as soon as available, the mailer must provide the control center or DDU with this information:

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b. Description of what is being mailed, product name, number of mailings, volume of mail, how prepared, and whether containerized (e.g., pallets). For DDU entries, the mailer also must provide the 5-digit ZIP Code(s) of the mail being deposited.

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4.8 Deposit Conditions

[Amend redesignated 3.8b by changing the frequency from "once a month" to "once a week" to read as follows:]

Deposit of mail is also subject to these conditions:

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b. A mailer may request for recurring appointments, renewable for a 6-month period, by writing to the BMC control center or the district control center that administers the service area in which the destination facility is located. The mailer must present comparable mailings (by product and volume) on a consistent frequency of at least once a week. Failure to adhere to scheduled appointment procedures can cause revocation of the recurring appointment.

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An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR 111.3 to reflect these changes will be published if the proposal is adopted.

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 038-0193b; FRL-6510-8]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) which concern rule rescissions from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). This action will rescind these rules from the federally approved SIP.

The intended effect of this action is to update and clarify the State Implementation Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the state's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received, no further activity is contemplated. 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. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by January 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Chief, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rule rescissions and EPA's evaluation report of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business

hours. Copies of the submitted rule rescissions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182
California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Rose, Rulemaking Office, [AIR-4], Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1184.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns the rule rescissions listed below from the South Coast Air Quality Management District and its predecessor agencies, submitted to EPA by the California Air Resources Board on the dates listed for each rule.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

Rule 107, Determination of Volatile Organic Compounds in Organic Materials, Recission Adopted: 3-9-92

Submitted to EPA: 9-14-92

Rule 1231, Judicial Review, Recission Adopted:

Submitted to EPA: 7-25-79

Rule 1311, Power Plants, Recission Adopted: 6-28-90

Submitted to EPA: 1-28-92

Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District (APCD)

Rule 51, Nuisance, Recission Adopted: 5-7-76

Submitted to EPA: 8-2-76

Orange County APCD

Rule 51, Nuisance

Rule 67.1, Fuel Burning Equipment

Rule 68, Fuel Burning Equipment—Oxides of Nitrogen

Recissions Adopted: 5-7-76

Submitted to EPA: 8-2-76

Riverside County APCD

Rule 51, Nuisance, Recission Adopted: 5-7-76

Submitted to EPA: 8-2-76

For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

David P. Howekamp,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MO-074-1074b; FRL-6512-3]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the state of Missouri for the purpose of revising the Federally approved incinerator provisions of the Kansas City Air Pollution Control Code to ensure that they reflect the provisions currently enforced by the Kansas City Health Department in Chapter 8 of the Air Pollution Control Code. In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no relevant adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives relevant 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. 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: Comments must be received in writing by January 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Wayne A. Kaiser, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne A. Kaiser at (913) 551-7603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 2, 1999.

William A. Spratlin,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VII.

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