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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

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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 fall

2009 and spring 2010. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, all Agency Contacts are located at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

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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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Minerals Management Service—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
389	Revised Requirements for Well Plugging and Platform Decommissioning	1010–AD61

Department of the Interior (DOI)

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Proposed Rule Stage

389. • REVISED REQUIREMENTS FOR WELL PLUGGING AND PLATFORM DECOMMISSIONING
Legal Authority: 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1334
Abstract: This rule would establish timely submission requirements for decommissioning and abandonment plans, and establish deadlines for decommissioning permits. The rule would also implement timeframes and

clarify requirements for plugging and abandonment of idle wells and decommissioning idle facilities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/10	
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/10	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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