

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E. O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6004 Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area.

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AWP CA E4 Fallbrook, CA [New]

Fallbrook Community Airpark, CA
(Lat. 33°21'15"N, long. 117°15'03"W)

Within 4 miles west and 5.3 miles east of the 014° bearing from the Fallbrook Community Airpark extending from Fallbrook Community Airpark to 20.5 miles north of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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Issued in Los Angeles, California, on December 23, 1996.

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Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division,
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14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96–AWP–32]

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Battle Mountain, NV

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; correction.

SUMMARY: This action corrects an error in the airspace description and allows for an extension of the comment period of a proposed notice of rulemaking that was published in the Federal Register on December 18, 1996, Airspace Docket No. 96–AWP–32.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 18, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Buck, Airspace Specialist, Operations Branch, AWP–530, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261, telephone (310) 725–6556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

Federal Register Document 96–32018, Airspace Docket No. 96–AWP–32, published on December 18, 1996 (61 FR 66620), revised the description of the Class E airspace area at Battle Mountain, NV. An error was discovered in the airspace description for the Battle Mountain, NV, Class E airspace area. This action corrects that error and extends the comment period until February 18, 1997.

Correction to Proposed Notice of Rulemaking

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the airspace description for the Class E airspace area at Battle Mountain, NV, as published in the Federal Register on December 18, 1996 (61 FR 66620), (Federal Register Document 96–32018), is corrected as follows:

§ 71.1 [Corrected]

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AWP NV E5 Battle Mountain, NV [Corrected]

Battle Mountain Airport, NV
(Lat. 40°35'54" N, long. 116°52'31" W)

Battle Mountain VORTAC
(Lat. 40°34'09" N, long. 116°55'20" W)

On page 66621, in the first column, the airspace description for Battle Mountain, NV, is corrected to read as follows:

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 4.3-mile radius of the Battle Mountain Airport and within 4.3 miles southeast and 12 miles northwest of the Battle Mountain VORTAC 218° radial extending from the Battle VORTAC to 25 miles southwest of the VORTAC. That airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within 8.7 miles southeast and 11.7 miles northwest of the Battle Mountain VORTAC 218° and 038° radials extending from 25 miles southwest to 10.4 miles northeast of the Battle Mountain VORTAC and within 5.6 miles south and 7.8 miles north of the Battle Mountain VORTAC 077° and 257° radials, extending from 7 miles west to 161.1 miles east of the Battle Mountain VORTAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 284

[Docket No. RM96–1–003]

Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines

December 18, 1996.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; Notice of comment schedule.

SUMMARY: The Commission's proposed rule in this proceeding would amend its open access regulations by incorporating by reference standards promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB). A staff technical conference was held on December 12 and 13, 1996, to discuss the future direction of GISB's electronic communication standards and the possible need for standards in disputed areas. Comments are requested on issues considered at that technical conference. **DATES:** Comments on issues considered at the technical conference are due on or before February 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Goldenberg, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. (202) 208–2294.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is given that comments on issues considered at the technical conference held on December 12 and 13, 1996, are to be filed by February 21, 1997. Commenters should address the issues and questions identified in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking¹ as the subjects for discussion at the technical conference. Further, commenters should address the issues identified by staff at the technical conference, including: whether it is important for the creation of an efficient interstate pipeline grid to have the Commission or GISB develop standards in the disputed areas; whether there are policy questions that the industry, through the Gas Industry Standards Board, will be unable to resolve and that the Commission should resolve to permit further progress in developing standards in these areas;

¹ Standards For Business Practices Of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 61 FR 58790 (Nov. 19, 1996), 77 FERC ¶ 61,143 (Nov. 13, 1996).

and, if there are such policy questions, how and why they should be resolved in a particular manner.

Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments electronically and, in particular, are encouraged to participate in the Commission's pilot project using the Internet for filing comments. Comments can be submitted on computer diskette in WordPerfect® 6.1 or lower format or in ASCII format, with the name of the filer and Docket No. RM96-1-003 on the outside of the diskette. Internet comments should be submitted through Internet E-Mail to "comment.rm@ferc.fed.us" in the following format: on the subject line, specify Docket No. RM96-1-003; in the body of the E-Mail message, specify the name of the filing entity and the name, telephone number and E-Mail address of a contact person; and attach the comment in WordPerfect® 6.1 or lower format or in ASCII format as an attachment to the E-Mail message.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 902

[AK-005, Amendment No. V]

Alaska Regulatory Program

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

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

SUMMARY: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Alaska regulatory program (hereinafter, the "Alaska program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment consists of revisions to and additions of rules pertaining to self-bonding. The amendment is intended to revise the Alaska program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations.

DATES: Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., m.s.t., February 7, 1997. If requested a public hearing on the proposed amendment will be held on February 3, 1997. Requests to present oral testimony at the hearing must be received by 4:00 p.m., m.s.t., January 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or hand delivered to James F. Fulton at the address listed below.

Copies of the Alaska program, the proposed amendment, 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 Denver Field Division.

James F. Fulton, Chief, Denver Field Division, Western Regional Coordinating Center, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, Colorado 80202.

Bob Loeffler, Project Manager, Division of Mining and Water Management, Department of Natural Resources, 3601 C Street, Suite 800, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5935.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James F. Fulton, Telephone: (303) 844-1424.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Alaska Program

On March 23, 1983, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Alaska program. General background information on the Alaska program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and conditions of approval of the Alaska program can be found in the March 23, 1983, Federal Register (48 FR 12274). Subsequent actions concerning Alaska's program and program amendments can be found at 30 CFR 902.15 and 902.16.

II. Proposed Amendment

By letter dated December 12, 1996, Alaska submitted a proposed amendment to its program pursuant to SMCRA (Amendment number V, administrative record No. AK-F-1, 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*). Alaska submitted the proposed amendment in response to required program amendments at 30 CFR 902.16(b)(1). The provisions of the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) that Alaska proposes to revise and add are 11 AAC 90.207(f)(3), concerning requirements for self-bonds and 11 AAC 90.207(f)(8), concerning definitions of specific terms used for self-bonding.

Specifically, Alaska is proposing to revise 11 AAC 90.207(f)(3) to provide, in pertinent part, that the Commissioner [of Natural Resources] will, in the Commissioner's discretion, accept a written guarantee from a corporate guarantor if the applicant for a self-bond meets certain conditions, including

designating and maintaining its own agent for service of process in Alaska.

Alaska proposes the addition of new language at 11 AAC 90.207(f)(8) (A) through (H) to provide definitions for the terms "self-bond," "current assets," "current liabilities," "fixed assets," "liabilities," "net worth," "parent corporation," and "tangible net worth" as follows:

(A) "self-bond" means an indemnity agreement in a sum certain executed by the applicant or by the applicant and any corporate guarantor and made payable to the regulatory authority with or without a separate surety;

(B) "current assets" means cash or other assets or resources which are reasonable expected to be converted to cash or sold or consumed within one year or within the normal operating cycle of the business;

(C) "current liabilities" means obligations which are reasonably expected to be paid or liquidated within one year or within the normal operating cycle of the business;

(D) "fixed assets" means plants and equipment, but does not include land or coal in place;

(E) "liabilities" means obligations to transfer assets or provide services to other entities to the future as a result of past transactions;

(F) "net worth" means total assets minus total liabilities and is equivalent to owners' equity;

(G) "parent corporation" means a corporation which owns or controls the applicant; and

(H) "tangible net worth" means net worth minus intangibles such as good will and rights to patents or royalties.

III. Public Comment Procedures

In accordance with the provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), OSM is seeking comments on whether the proposed amendment satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15. If the amendment is deemed adequate, it will become part of the Alaska program.

1. Written Comments

Written comments should be specific, pertain only to the issues proposed in this rulemaking, and include explanations in support of the commenter's recommendations. Comments received after the time indicated under **DATES** or at locations other than the Denver Field Division, Western Regional Coordinating Center, will not necessarily be considered in the final rulemaking or included in the administrative record.

2. Public Hearing

Persons wishing to testify at the public hearing should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by 4:00 p.m., m.s.t., January 23, 1997. Any disabled