

Management Regulations (FPMR) (41 CFR chapter 101) to the Federal Management Regulation (FMR) (41 CFR chapter 102) became outdated.

Additionally, in the intervening years since this regulation was published, several agencies have moved or changed names. Finally, updating or clarifying revisions were made where the revisions are administrative or clerical in nature. This includes—

1. Clarified provisions regarding the handling of foreign gifts that are below the minimal value established by GSA, including a revised definition of “minimal value”; and

2. A revised provision for the handling of foreign gifts and decorations received by the Vice President.

B. Executive Order 12866

The General Services Administration (GSA) has determined that this final rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final rule is not required to be published in the **Federal Register** for comment. Therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FMR do not impose information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

E. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This final rule is exempt from Congressional review under 5 U.S.C. 801 since it relates solely to agency management and personnel.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Part 102–42

Government property management, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Decorations, medals, awards, Foreign relations, and Government property.

Dated: April 27, 2006.

David L. Bibb,

Acting Administrator of General Services.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, GSA amends 41 CFR part 102–42 as set forth below:

PART 102–42—UTILIZATION, DONATION, AND DISPOSAL OF FOREIGN GIFTS AND DECORATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for 41 CFR part 102–42 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 5 U.S.C. 7342.

■ 2. Section 102–42.5 is revised to read as follows:

§ 102–42.5 What does this part cover?

This part covers the acceptance and disposition of gifts of more than minimal value and decorations from foreign governments under 5 U.S.C. 7342. If you receive gifts other than from a foreign government, you should refer to § 102–36.405 of this subchapter B.

■ 3. Amend § 102–42.10 by revising the definition “Minimal value” to read as follows:

§ 102–42.10 What definitions apply to this part?

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Minimal value means a retail value in the United States at the time of acceptance of \$305 or less, except that GSA will adjust the definition of minimal value in regulations prescribed by the Administrator of General Services every three years, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to reflect changes in the consumer price index for the immediately preceding 3-year period.

§ 102–42.20 [Amended]

■ 4. Amend § 102–42.20 in paragraph (a)(5) by removing “part 101–44 of this title” and adding “part 102–37 of this subchapter B” in its place; and by removing from paragraph (a)(6) “part 101–45 of this title” and adding “part 102–38 of this subchapter B” in its place.

■ 5. Revise the heading and text of § 102–42.70 to read as follows:

§ 102–42.70 Who handles gifts and decorations received by the President or Vice President or a member of their family?

The National Archives and Records Administration normally handles gifts and decorations received by the President and Vice President or a member of the President’s or Vice President’s family.

§ 102–42.120 [Amended]

■ 6. Amend § 102–42.120 by removing “part 101–44 of this title” and adding “part 102–37 of this subchapter B” in its place.

§ 102–42.140 [Amended]

■ 7. Amend § 102–42.140 by removing “part 101–45 of this title” and adding “part 102–38 of this subchapter B” in its place.

§ 102–42.155 [Amended]

■ 8. Amend § 102–42.155 by removing “part 101–45 of this title” and adding

“part 102–38 of this subchapter B” in its place.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Part 3140

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Leasing in Special Tar Sand Areas

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule; adoption of interim final rule as final with amendments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM or “we”) is issuing final regulations for the leasing of hydrocarbons, except coal, gilsonite and oil shale, in special tar sand areas. In this rule, BLM implements provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This final rule also makes technical corrections to the interim final regulations BLM issued in October 2005.

DATES: The final rule is effective May 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may mail suggestions or inquiries to Bureau of Land Management, Solid Minerals Group, Room 501 LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Murphy, Solid Minerals Division Chief, at (202) 452–0351 for issues related to BLM’s solid minerals programs, or Ted Hudson, Regulatory Affairs Acting Division Chief, (202) 452–5042 for regulatory process issues. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may contact these individuals through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. How Does the Final Rule Differ From the Interim Final Rule?
- III. Responses to Comments on the October 2005 Interim Final Rule

I. Background

Section 350 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58) (the Act) further amended the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary to issue separate oil and gas leases and tar sand leases, in addition to combined hydrocarbon leases, in special tar sand areas. Section 350 of the Act also specified several oil and gas leasing

practices that will apply to tar sand leases and set the minimum acceptable bid for tar sand leases at \$2.00 per acre.

Section 369(j)(1)(D) of the Act also amended the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of combined hydrocarbon leases and tar sand leases in a special tar sand area to 5,760 acres.

Section 350 of the Act required BLM to issue final regulations implementing these provisions within 45 days. Because of the prescribed time limit and the fact that the Act was specific as to the provisions BLM must adopt, we issued an interim final rule on October 7, 2005 (70 FR 58610). In the interim final rule, we explained that we would accept comments and might make changes in a later-issued final rule.

The BLM finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d) to make this rule effective immediately upon publication because delay in the effective date would be unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. The changes made in this final rule are technical corrections and do not require any person to adjust his or her conduct to comply with their terms. The interim rule was adopted as final effective on October 7, 2005, and the minor changes adopted today are intended to eliminate confusion resulting from minor errors in the October 2005 interim final rule.

II. How Does the Final Rule Differ From the Interim Final Rule?

This final rule makes three changes to the interim final rule.

1. The original paragraph (d) in section 3141.0–5 should have been removed prior to redesignating paragraph (b) as (d) in the interim final rule. This was not done, which resulted

in two paragraphs (d) in the section. This oversight is corrected in the final rule.

2. A grammatical error in redesignated paragraph 3141.0–5(d) is corrected.

3. Section 3141.6–2(b) in the interim final rule makes a reference to 43 CFR 1821.2–1(d), which no longer exists. The reference is corrected to 43 CFR 1821.10 in the final rule.

III. Responses to Comments on the October 2005 Interim Final Rule

The BLM received a total of three comments on the interim final rule.

One of the comments that BLM received expressed general opposition to the oil and gas leasing program.

Two of the comments received pointed out the editing error that caused the duplication of paragraph (d) in section 3141.0–5, which is corrected in this final rule.

Author

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List of Subjects in 43 CFR Part 3140

Government contracts, Hydrocarbons, Mineral royalties, Oil and gas exploration, Public lands—mineral resources, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: April 19, 2006.

Chad Calvert,

Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

■ Accordingly, BLM amend 43 CFR part 3140 as set forth below:

PART 3140—LEASING IN SPECIAL TAR SAND AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 3140 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*; 30 U.S.C. 351–359; 95 Stat. 1070; 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58), unless otherwise noted.

Subpart 3141—Leasing in Special Tar Sand Areas

■ 2. Amend § 3141.0–5 by removing the second paragraph (d) and revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 3141.0–5 Definitions.

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(b) For purposes of this subpart, “*oil and gas lease*” means a lease issued in a Special Tar Sand Area for the exploration and development of oil and gas resources other than tar sand.

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■ 3. Revise § 3141.6–2(b) to read as follows:

§ 3141.6–2 Publication of a notice of competitive lease offering.

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(b) Tar Sand Leases or Oil and Gas Leases. At least 45 days prior to conducting a competitive auction, lands to be offered for a competitive lease sale shall be posted in the proper BLM office having jurisdiction over the lands as specified in § 1821.10 of this chapter, and shall be made available for posting to surface managing agencies having jurisdiction over any of the included lands.

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