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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)

30 CFR PARTS 715 and 717

General Performance Standards and Underground Mining General Performance Standards

ACTION: Rescission of rule relating to regulation of manganese in alkaline waters.

SUMMARY: The Office of Surface Mining is withdrawing the manganese effluent limitations for alkaline waters for surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operations. This action is taken under Section 201(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. The Secretary has concluded that there are insufficient data to justify effluent limitations for manganese in alkaline waters during the interim regulatory program.

DATES: This rescission is effective May 18, 1978.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to Section 201(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, Pub.L. 95-87, the Secretary has reconsidered the regulation of manganese in alkaline waters. Based upon a review of the administrative record supporting this rule, the Secretary has concluded that there are insufficient data to justify effluent limitations for manganese in alkaline waters during the interim regulatory program. Therefore, the Secretary hereby rescinds that portion of Sections 715.17(a) and 717.17(a) which requires the removal of manganese in alkaline water. The effluent limitations regulating manganese in acidic water remain unchanged.

DRAFTING INFORMATION:

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Dated: May 10, 1978.

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In 30 CFR Section 15.17, paragraph (a) is amended by adding a new subparagraph (3) to read as follows:

SECTION 715.17 - PROTECTION OF THE HYDROLOGIC SYSTEM.

(a) * * *

(3) The effluent limitations for manganese shall be applicable only to acid drainage.

In 30 CFR Section 717.17, paragraph (a) is amended by adding a new subparagraph (3) to read as follows: {21459}

SECTION 717.17 - PROTECTION OF THE HYDROLOGIC SYSTEM.

(a) * * *

(3) The effluent limitations for manganese shall be applicable only to acid drainage.