



U.S. Office of Surface Mining

News Release



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Deadline for Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Comments Remains December 30, 2009

After considering requests to extend the public comment period on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking for a potential new rule regarding stream buffer zones, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement has decided that the deadline for submitting comments remains December 30, 2009.

The public is invited to comment on the potential rule revisions, suggest other options for consideration or suggest other rules revisions to better protect streams. OSM will use the comments to assist in determining appropriate revisions to the stream buffer zone rule published on December 12, 2008, and whether revisions to related rules are also warranted to better protect the environment.

All comments should be submitted through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:

www.regulations.gov under the Docket ID: OSM-2009-0009.

The public may also submit comments by mail or courier addressed to:

Administrative Record (MS 252)
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
1951 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC, 20240

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