



## **Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Extends Public Comment Period for the Proposed Stream Protection Rule, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and the Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) to Support the Rule**

(Washington, D.C., September 10, 2015) – The U.S. Department of the Interior and the [Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement](#) (OSMRE) today announced that the formal public comment period for the proposed [Stream Protection Rule](#), the [Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#) (DEIS) that supports the proposed rule, and the [Regulatory Impact Analysis](#) (RIA) that provides analysis of each alternative considered will be extended until October 26, 2015. A formal announcement of the extension will appear in the Federal Register on Thursday, September 10, 2015.

Interior and OSMRE announced the proposed rule on July 16, 2015, and also made the text of the proposed rule, the DEIS, and the RIA available via the web on the same day. This extension provides interested parties with more than 100 days to review and comment on the three documents.

“We have already received several comments that make it clear that many people have read the proposed rule and the associated DEIS and RIA,” said [OSMRE Director Joe Pizarchik](#). “The additional time will ensure that everyone will have more than enough time to evaluate the documents we provided earlier this summer.”

OSMRE has completed two of the [six public hearing scheduled across the country](#) through September 17. For those who cannot, or do not wish to attend a public hearing, OSMRE is accepting written comments through the U.S. Mail, hand-delivered and couriered comments to OSMRE headquarters in Washington, D.C., and electronically through [www.regulations.gov](#). All comments are now due no later than October 26, 2015.

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