

U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Public Hearing Announcement

We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are reopening the public comment period and will be holding a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's approved regulatory program (the Pennsylvania program) published in the Federal Register on March 12, 2018. Through this proposed amendment, Pennsylvania seeks to revise its Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act (BMSLCA) to include language clarifying the circumstances where a finding of presumptive evidence of pollution is not warranted under the Commonwealth's Clean Streams Law.

Public Hearing: The public hearing will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205; phone number: 412-922-8400, on Thursday, May 17, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST. Those wishing to provide oral testimony need to register between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The public hearing is to allow interested parties to submit oral and written comments for the record. We will provide opportunities for interested parties to deliver or write comments onsite. Additionally, the public will be able to speak in a public hearing format. Those speaking in the public hearing format must register to do so at the hearing, and will be called on a first-come, first-served basis as time allows. Comments will be limited to two minutes in order to allow as many people to speak as possible. A court reporter will record and make a written record of the statements presented. This written record will be made part of the administrative record for the rule. If you have a written copy of your testimony, we encourage you to give us a copy. It will assist the court reporter in preparing the written record.

Any disabled individual who needs reasonable accommodation to attend the public hearing is encouraged to contact Mr. Ben Owens, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Telephone: (412) 937-2827. Email: bowens@osmre.gov.

It is not necessary to attend the public hearing to submit written comments. We will accept written comments until 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST), June 7, 2018. You may submit comments, identified by “PA-166-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2017-0008”, by either of the following two methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. ([Link to the proposed amendment](#)) The proposed rule has been assigned Docket ID: OSM-2017-0008. If you would like to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. ([Link to the proposed amendment](#)) and follow the instructions.
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Mr. Ben Owens, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Three Parkway Center, Second Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.