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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the unified agenda of rules scheduled for review or development between fall 2016 and fall 2017. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, all agency contacts are located at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

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these rules to the appropriate agency contact. You should direct general comments relating to the agenda to the Office of Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, at the address above or at 202–208–3181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this publication, the Department satisfies the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that the Department publish an agenda of rules that we have issued or expect to issue and of currently effective rules that we have scheduled for review.

Simultaneously, the Department meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) to publish an agenda in April and October of each year identifying rules that will have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. We have specifically identified in the agenda rules that will have such effects.

This edition of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions includes The Regulatory Plan, which appears in both the online Unified Agenda and in part II of the Federal Register that includes the Unified Agenda. The Department’s Statement of Regulatory Priorities is included in the Plan.

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338	Stream Protection Rule	1029-AC63
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339	Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation	1004-AE14
340	Onshore Oil and Gas Order 4: Oil Measurement	1004-AE16

Department of the Interior (DOI)	Proposed Rule Stage
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)	

331. COST RECOVERY ADJUSTMENT

Legal Authority: 31 U.S.C. 9701

Abstract: This rule would update 31 cost recovery fees to allow the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to recover the full costs of the services it provides to the oil and gas industry. It complies with the Independent Office Appropriations Act of 1952 which established that government services should be self-sustaining to the extent possible. Rulemaking is the only method available to update these fees and comply with the intent of Congress to recover government costs when a special benefit is

bestowed on an identifiable recipient. The practice of cost recovery is well-established and this rulemaking is not expected to be controversial.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/16	
Final Action	04/00/17	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Completed Actions
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)	

332. PRODUCTION SAFETY SYSTEMS AND LIFECYCLE ANALYSIS

Legal Authority: 31 U.S.C. 9701; 43 U.S.C. 1334

Abstract: The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) will amend and update the regulations regarding offshore oil and natural gas production. It will address issues such as production

safety systems, subsurface safety devices, and safety device testing. BSEE has expanded the rule to differentiate the requirements for operating dry tree and wet tree production systems on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). This rule will also expand use of life cycle analysis of critical equipment.

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/07/16	81 FR 61834
Final Action Effective	11/07/16	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Completed Actions
Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM)	

333. ARCTIC REGULATIONS

Legal Authority: 34 U.S.C. 1331 et. seq.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, is developing joint proposed rules to promote safe, responsible, and effective drilling activities on the Arctic Continental Shelf, while also ensuring the protection of Alaska's coastal communities and the marine environment.

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/15/16	81 FR 46478
Final Action Effective	09/13/16	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Proposed Rule Stage
United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	

334. MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS; INCIDENTAL TAKE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.

Abstract: We are preparing a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of a proposal to authorize incidental take of migratory birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 to 711). In drafting the PEIS, we invited input from other Federal and State agencies, tribes, nongovernmental organizations, and members of the public on the scope of the proposed NEPA analysis, the pertinent issues we should address, and alternatives to our proposed approach for authorizing incidental take. Based on this PEIS, we propose to establish regulations to govern the incidental take of migratory birds from activities under which migratory birds are killed incidental to otherwise lawful activities. These proposed regulations will establish rules for individual permits and programmatic agreements with Federal agencies and will establish the basis for future rulemaking for general authorizations for incidental take of migratory birds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	05/26/15	80 FR 30032
Comment Period End	07/27/15	
NPRM	12/00/16	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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335. • MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; 2018–2019 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 to 711; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

Abstract: We propose to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2018-2019 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks), within which States may select hunting seasons. This proposed rule provides the regulatory schedule, describes the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2018-2019 duck hunting seasons, requests proposals from Indian tribes that wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands, and requests proposals for the 2018 spring and summer migratory bird subsistence season in Alaska. Migratory game bird hunting seasons provide opportunities for recreation and sustenance; aid Federal, State, and tribal governments in the management of migratory game birds; and permit harvests at levels compatible with migratory game bird population status and habitat conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/17	
Final Action	03/00/18	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Final Rule Stage
United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	

336. NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM; MANAGEMENT OF NON-FEDERAL OIL AND GAS RIGHTS

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 668dd to ee; 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.; 16 U.S.C. 1131 to 1136; 40 CFR 51.300 to 51.309

Abstract: We anticipate publishing regulations that ensure that all operators conducting oil or gas operations within a National Wildlife Refuge System unit do so in a manner that prevents or minimizes damage to National Wildlife Refuge System resources, visitor values, and management objectives. These regulations will not result in a taking of a property interest, but rather to impose reasonable controls on operations that affect federally owned or controlled lands, and/or waters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/24/14	79 FR 10080
ANPRM Comment Period End	04/25/14	
ANPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/09/14	79 FR 32903

ANPRM Comment Period Reopening End	07/09/14	
NPRM	12/11/15	80 FR 77200
NPRM Comment Period End	02/09/16	
NPRM; Final Environmental Impact Statement	08/22/16	81 FR 56575
Final Action	12/00/16	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Final Rule Stage
National Park Service (NPS)	

337. NON-FEDERAL OIL AND GAS RIGHTS

Legal Authority: 54 U.S.C. 100101; 54 U.S.C. 100301; 54 U.S.C. 100302; 54 U.S.C. 100731; 54 U.S.C.
100732

Abstract: This rule would update National Park Service (NPS) regulations governing the exercise of non-Federal oil and gas rights within NPS unit boundaries outside of Alaska. It would accommodate new technology and industry practices, eliminate regulatory exemptions, update requirements, remove caps on bond amounts, and allow NPS to recover administrative costs. The changes make the regulations more effective and efficient and maintain the highest level of protection compatible with park resources and values.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/25/09	74 FR 61596
ANPRM Comment Period End	01/25/10	
NPRM	10/26/15	80 FR 65571
NPRM Comment Period End	12/28/15	
Final Action	12/00/16	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Final Rule Stage
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)	

338. STREAM PROTECTION RULE

Legal Authority: 30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.

Abstract: This rule revises our regulations to improve the balance between environmental protection and the Nation's need for coal as a source of energy. This final rule will better protect streams, fish, wildlife, and related environmental values from the adverse impacts of surface coal mining operations and provide mine operators with a regulatory framework to avoid water pollution and the long-term costs associated with water treatment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/30/09	74 FR 62664
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/30/09	
NPRM	07/27/15	80 FR 44436
NPRM Comment Period Extended	09/10/15	80 FR 54590
NPRM Comment Period End	09/25/15	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End	10/26/15	

Final Action	11/00/16	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Final Rule Stage
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	

339. WASTE PREVENTION, PRODUCTION SUBJECT TO ROYALTIES, AND RESOURCE

CONSERVATION

Legal Authority: 25 U.S.C. 396d; 25 U.S.C. 2107; 30 U.S.C. 189; 30 U.S.C. 306; 30 U.S.C. 359; 30 U.S.C. 1751; 43 U.S.C. 1732(b); 43 U.S.C. 1733; 43 U.S.C. 1740

Abstract: The rule would update decades-old standards to reduce wasteful venting, flaring, and leaks of natural gas from onshore wells located on Federal and Indian oil and gas leases. The proposed standards would establish requirements and incentives to reduce waste of gas and clarify when royalties apply to lost gas. This action will enhance our energy security and economy by boosting America's natural gas supplies, ensuring that taxpayers receive the royalties due to them from development of public resources, and reducing emissions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/08/16	81 FR 6616
NPRM Comment Period Extended	04/04/16	81 FR 19110
NPRM Comment Period End	04/08/16	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End	04/22/16	
Final Action	11/00/16	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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340. ONSHORE OIL AND GAS ORDER 4: OIL MEASUREMENT

Legal Authority: 25 U.S.C. 396(d); 25 U.S.C. 2107; 30 U.S.C. 189; 30 U.S.C. 306; 30 U.S.C. 359; 30 U.S.C. 1751; 43 U.S.C. 1732(b); 43 U.S.C. 1733; 43 U.S.C. 1740

Abstract: Onshore Order 4 establishes minimum standards to ensure liquid hydrocarbons are accurately measured and reported. This Order was last updated in 1989, and since then changes in technology have allowed for more accurate fluid measurement. This order will incorporate current industry standards and allow for the use of new technology.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/30/15	80 FR 58952
NPRM Comment Period Extended	11/23/15	80 FR 72943
NPRM Comment Period End	11/30/15	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End	12/14/15	
Final Action	11/00/16	

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