

subsequently determined to involve a significant regulation, a final regulatory evaluation or analysis, as appropriate, will be prepared and placed in the regulatory docket (otherwise, an evaluation is not required). A copy of it, when filed may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location under the caption "ADDRESSES."

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 13, 1984.

Murray E. Smith,
Director, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

15 CFR Part 371

[Docket No. 40336-4036]

Amendment to the Export Administration Regulations—General License GTE; Temporary Reports

AGENCY: Office of Export Administration, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations by lessening the regulatory burden on U.S. companies engaged in the export of controlled commodities to Mexico for ultimate reexport only to the United States. Those companies participating in Mexico's in-bond industrialization program may use General License GTE for temporary exports to Mexico, provided that the commodity or the resulting end-product is returned to the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 1984.
Comments must be received by the Department June 22, 1984.

ADDRESS: Written comments (six copies) should be sent to: Betty Ferrell, Exporter Services Division, Office of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 273, Washington, D.C. 20044.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Hanrahan, Office of Export Administration (Telephone: (202) 377-3856).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Rulemaking Requirements and Invitation to Comment

In connection with various rulemaking requirements, the Office of Export Administration has determined that:

1. Under Section 13(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-72, 50 U.S.C. app. 2401 *et seq.*) ("the Act"), this rule is exempt from the public participation in rulemaking procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act.

However, because of the importance of the issues raised by these regulations and the intent of Congress set forth in section 13(b) of the Act, these regulations are issued in interim form and comments will be considered in developing final regulations. These regulations may be revised before the end of the comment period. Accordingly, interested persons who desire to comment are encouraged to do so at the earliest possible time to permit the fullest consideration of their views.

2. This rule does not impose a burden under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

3. This rule is not subject to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*

4. This rule is not a major rule within the meaning of section 1(b) of Executive Order 12291 (46 FR 13193, February 19, 1981), "Federal Regulation".

The period for submission of comments will close June 22, 1984. All comments received before the close of the comment period will be considered by the Department in the development of final regulations. While comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered if possible, their consideration cannot be assured. Public comments that are accompanied by a request that part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason will not be accepted. Such comments and materials will be returned to the submitter and will not be considered in the development of final regulations.

All public comments on these regulations will be a matter of public record and will be available for public inspection and copying. In the interest of accuracy and completeness, comments in written form are preferred. If oral comments are received, they must be followed by written memoranda, which will also be a matter of public record and will be available for public review and copying. Communications from agencies of the United States Government or foreign governments will not be available for public inspection.

The public record concerning these regulations will be maintained in the International Trade Administration

Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4001-B, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230. Records in this facility, including written public comments and memoranda summarizing the substance of oral communications, may be inspected and copied in accordance with regulations published in Part 4 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Information about the inspection and copying of records at the facility may be obtained from Patricia L. Mann, the International Trade Administration Freedom of Information Officer, at the above address or by calling (202) 377-3031.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 371

Exports.

PART 371—[AMENDED]

Accordingly, the Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR Parts 368-399) are amended by revising the phrase "§ 371.22(b)(1) through (5)" to read "§ 371.22(b)(1) through (6)" in § 371.22(b), and by adding a new paragraph (6) to § 371.22(b) reading as follows:

§ 371.22 General license GTE; temporary exports

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(b) * * *

(6) Commodities to be exported to Mexico and returned to the United States under TSUS Nos. 806.30 or 807.00 after processing, assembly, or incorporation into end-products by companies, factories or facilities participating in Mexico's in-bond industrialization program, provided all resulting end-products (or the commodities themselves) in fact are returned to the United States. (See § 371.22(c)(3))

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Authority: Secs. 5, 6, 13, and 15, Pub. L. 96-72, 93 Stat. 503, 50 U.S.C. app. 2401 *et seq.*; Executive Order No. 12214 (45 FR 29783, May 6, 1980); Executive Order No. 12451 of December 20, 1983 (48 FR 56563, December 22, 1983).

Dated: March 20, 1984.

John K. Boidock,
Director, Office of Export Administration,
International Trade Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission****18 CFR Part 154****[Docket No. RM83-73-000]****Standard Form for Purchased Gas
Adjustment Filings Submitted by
Natural Gas Pipeline Companies, FERC
Form No. 542-PGA; Correction**

Issued: April 17, 1984.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, DOE.**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Commission is correcting FERC Form No. 542-PGA, Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Filing, to clarify the form's instructions and to provide additional spacing for two elements in the form. The Commission has ordered natural gas pipeline companies to use this new standard form in making PGA filings that are to be effective on or after July 1, 1984. [See Order No. 349, 48 FR 53091 (Nov. 25, 1983) as amended in Order No. 349-A, 49 FR 2886 (Jan. 24, 1984) and Order No. 349-B, 49 FR 7107 (Feb. 27, 1984). PGA filing must be prepared using FERC Form 542-PGA, as corrected.¹ Copies of the corrections to the form can be obtained from the Commission's Office of Public Information, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426. (202) 357-8055.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Glasgow, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Program Management, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 357-5386.

Kenneth F. Plumb,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**22 CFR Parts 7, 8, 13, 14, 31, 51, and
171****[108.838]****Gender Amendments****AGENCY:** Office of Under Secretary for
Management, Department of State.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: Under Executive Order 12336 (48 FR 62239) a review has been conducted of Department of State regulations to eliminate sex discriminatory regulations. A few instances of terms which denote the male gender have been found. It is the

purpose of this regulation to substitute neutral terms (e.g. *his or her*; *he or she*) and, in one case, repeal an obsolete regulation containing masculine terms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 10, 1984.

This rule is being put into effect immediately, without opportunity for public comment, because it is interpretive in that it merely makes explicit what is implicit in the existing regulation; namely, that no gender distinction is intended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: K. E. Malmberg, Assistant Legal Adviser for Management, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520, (202) 632-2350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12336 established a Task Force on Legal Equity for Women to assist in the task of eliminating sex discriminatory regulations. The State Department, like other agencies, was requested by the Department of Justice to identify and eliminate provisions which unjustifiably made distinctions based upon sex, whether in substance or in terminology. We found no substantively discriminatory regulations which were without legal basis, but did find a number of regulations, mostly many years old, which used masculine forms, such as *chairman*, *his*, or *he*, which are grammatically correct but inconsistent with the spirit of Executive Order 12336. Instead of rewriting all these regulations in their entirety, or delaying until other amendments come up in due course, we are fixing these terms where they appear by substituting a gender neutral term or, where simpler, adding the feminine form on a co-equal basis.

The regulations affected are:

22 CFR 7.4(b),

22 CFR 8.9(h)(4),

22 CFR 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4,

22 CFR Part 14,

22 CFR 31.4 (a), (b), (d) (2) and (3), 31.8 (b) and (c), 31.9 (c) and (d), 31.10, 31.11, 31.12, 31.15, 31.16, 31.19, 31.21 and 31.23,

22 CFR 51.3(c), 51.8(b), 51.20, 51.24, 51.25(a), 51.27(b), 51.28 (a), and (b), 51.31 (a), (b), and (c), 51.33(a), 51.40, 51.43 (a) and (b), 51.44 (a), (b), and (c), 51.52, 51.53, 51.54, 51.63 (a) and (b), 51.70(b), 51.75, 51.76, 51.81, 51.83, 51.84, 51.85, 51.87, 51.88, and

22 CFR 171.60 and 171.61.

List of Subjects**22 CFR Part 7**

Administrative practice and procedure.

22 CFR Part 8

Advisory committees.

22 CFR Part 13

Foreign service.

22 CFR Part 51

Passports and visas.

22 CFR Part 171

Administrative practice and procedure.

Accordingly, the following sections of Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations are amended as indicated.

PART 7—[AMENDED]

Section 7.4(b), relating to the Board of Appellate Review, is amended by substituting "chairperson" for "chairman" wherever it appears.

PART 8—[AMENDED]

Section 8.9(h)(4), relating to management of advisory committees, is amended by substituting "chairperson" for "chairman".

PART 13—[AMENDED]

Part 13, relating to consular officers, §§ 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4 are amended by adding after "his" wherever it appears the phrase "or hers", by adding after "him" wherever it appears the phrase "or her", and by adding after "he" wherever it appears the phrase "or she".

PART 31—[AMENDED]

Part 31, relating to claims, §§ 31.4 (a), (b), (d) (2) and (3), 31.8 (b) and (c), 31.9 (c) and (d), 31.10, 31.11, 31.12, 31.15, 31.16, 31.19 (except in the statutory quotation), 31.21, and 31.23 are amended by adding after "his" wherever it occurs the phrase "or her", by adding after "he" wherever it occurs the phrase "or she", and by adding after "him" wherever it occurs the phrase "or her".

PART 51—[AMENDED]

Part 51, relating to passports, §§ 51.3(c), 51.8(b), 51.20, 51.24, 51.25(a), 51.27(b), 51.28 (a) and (b), 51.31 (a), (b), and (c), 51.33 (a), 51.40, 51.43 (a) and (b), 51.44 (a), (b), and (c), 51.52, 51.53, 51.54, 51.63 (a) and (b), 51.70(b), 51.75, 51.76, 51.81, 51.83, 51.84, 51.85, 51.87, 51.88 are amended by adding after "his" wherever it occurs the phrase "or her", by adding after "he" wherever it occurs the phrase "or she", and by adding after "him" wherever it occurs the phrase "or her", and § 51.63 (a) (2) and (3) are respectively amended by substituting "sailor" for "seaman" and "service member" for "serviceman" and "servicemen".

¹ Filed with the original.

PART 171—[AMENDED]

Part 171, relating to access to information, §§ 171.60 and 171.61 are amended by substituting "chairperson" for "chairman" wherever the latter appears.

PART 14—[REMOVED]

Part 14, relating to labor-management functions to the Board of the Foreign Service which have been placed elsewhere by chapter 10 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4101-4118), being obsolete and containing gender specific terms, is repealed.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

Dated: April 10, 1984.

Ronald I. Spiers,

Under Secretary of State for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement****30 CFR Part 935****Approval of Permanent Program Amendment From the State of Ohio Under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977**

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing the approval of a program amendment submitted by Ohio as an amendment to the State's permanent regulatory program (hereinafter referred to as the Ohio program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The amendment consists of a change to the Ohio regulations concerning the prime farmland investigation information required in an underground mining permit application.

Ohio submitted the proposed program amendment on January 30, 1984. After providing opportunity for public comment and conducting a thorough review of the program amendment, the Director has determined that the amendment meets the requirements of SMCRA and the Federal regulations, and is approving it. The Federal rules codifying decisions concerning the Ohio program are being amended to implement this action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 1984.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nina Rose Hatfield, Field Office

Director, Columbus Field Office, Office of Surface Mining, Room 202, 2242 South Hamilton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43227; Telephone: (614) 866-0578.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Ohio program was approved effective August 16, 1982, by notice published in the August 10, 1982 *Federal Register* (47 CFR 34688). The approval was conditioned on the correction of 28 minor deficiencies contained in 11 conditions. Information pertinent to the general background, revisions, modifications, and amendments to the Ohio program submission, as well as the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and a detailed explanation of the conditions of approval of the Ohio program can be found in the August 10, 1982 *Federal Register*.

II. Submission of Revisions

By letter dated January 30, 1984, Ohio submitted regulatory amendments to revise the prime farmland investigation requirement in the permit application for underground mining. Specifically, Ohio revised paragraph (K) of rule 1501:13-4-13 to substitute the phrase "area proposed to be affected by surface operations and facilities" for the phrase "permit and adjacent area."

On February 16, 1984, OSM published a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing receipt of the amendment and inviting public comment on whether the proposed amendment was no less effective than the Federal regulations. (49 FR 5973) The public comment period ended March 19, 1984. The opportunity to request a public hearing was provided, but none was requested.

III. Director's Findings

The Director finds, in accordance with SMCRA and 30 CFR 732.17 and 732.15, that the program amendment submitted by Ohio on January 30, 1984, meets the requirements of SMCRA and 30 CFR Chapter VII, as discussed below.

The Ohio rule at 1501:13-4-13(K) establishes the prime farmland investigation requirements for an underground mining permit application. Paragraph (K)(1) was amended to require the investigation for the area proposed to be affected by surface operations or facilities, rather than the permit and adjacent area. The "affected area" as defined by Ohio rule 1501:13-1-02(E) includes the disturbed area, area upon which coal mining and reclamation operations are conducted, any adjacent lands, all areas covered by roads (except public roads) and any area covered by surface excavations, workings, or other surface disturbance.

The Ohio definition of "affected area" includes the permit area.

The Federal rule at 30 CFR 785.17(b)(1) (48 FR 21462, May 12, 1983) requires all permit applications to include the results of a reconnaissance inspection of the proposed permit area. The Director therefore finds that the Ohio rule change is no less effective than the Federal regulation.

IV. Public Comments

The responses to public comments received are set forth below.

1. The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) commented that if the proposed change eliminates consideration of the effects of subsidence on prime farmland, SCS would prefer to see the Ohio rule remain unchanged. The rule change does not affect the applicant's responsibility to submit a subsidence control plan nor does it affect the subsidence control performance standards. The SCS also suggested further amendments to the Ohio rule. The Director considered these suggestions but has found the Ohio rule to be no less effective than the Federal regulations. Therefore, the Director is not requiring the suggested changes.

2. Acknowledgments pertaining to the Ohio amendment were received from the following Federal agencies.

Department of Labor—Mine Safety and Health Administration
Department of Agriculture—Farmers Home Administration

The disclosure of Federal agency comments is made pursuant to Section 503(b)(1) of SMCRA and 30 CFR 732.17(h)(10)(i).

V. Director's Decision

The Director, based on the above finding, is approving the January 30, 1984 amendment to the Ohio program. The Director is amending Part 935 of 30 CFR Chapter VII to reflect approval of the above State program modification.

VI. Procedural Requirements

1. *Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act:* The Secretary has determined that, pursuant to Section 702(d) of SMCRA, 30 U.S.C. 1292(d), no environmental impact statement need be prepared on this rulemaking.

2. *Executive Order No. 12291 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act:* On August 28, 1981, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) granted OSM an exemption from Section 3, 4, 7, and 8 of Executive Order 12291 for actions directly related to approval or conditional approval of State regulatory programs. Therefore, this action is exempt from preparation of a Regulatory