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You may view copies of the NPRMs, the request for extension, and any comments received on the notices by appointment at the ATF Reference Library, Room 6480, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, or at <http://www.atf.treas.gov> with an online copy of Notice No. 960 and/or Notice No. 961.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim DeVanney, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226; telephone 202-927-8210; e-mail [TPDevanney@atfhq.atf.treas.gov](mailto:TPDevanney@atfhq.atf.treas.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On October 30, 2002, ATF published two NPRMs (Notice No. 960, 67 FR 66079, and Notice No. 961, 67 FR 66083) to establish Red Hill (Oregon) and Red Hills (California), respectively, as American viticultural areas. The comment periods ended on December 30, 2002. Before the close of the comment periods, ATF received a request from Mr. Sean Carlton of Archery Summit, a winery in Dayton, Oregon, to extend the comment periods for an additional 60 days. Mr. Carlton requested the extension to allow more time to study the petitions and research the respective areas.

In consideration of the above, we find that a reopening of the comment periods is warranted.

##### **Public Participation**

See the Public Participation section of either Notice No. 960, or Notice No. 961 for detailed instructions on submitting and reviewing comments. Comments received on or before the new closing dates will be carefully considered.

We will not recognize any submitted material as confidential, and comments may be disclosed to the public. Any material that the commenter considers confidential or inappropriate for disclosure to the public should not be included in the comments. The name of the person submitting a comment is not exempt from disclosure.

#### **Drafting Information**

Tim DeVanney of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, drafted this notice.

#### **List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 9**

Wine.

#### **Authority and Issuance**

Both Notice No. 960 and Notice No. 961 were issued under the authority of 27 U.S.C. 205.

Signed: January 8, 2003.

**Bradley A. Buckles,**

*Director.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

#### **Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

##### **30 CFR Part 901**

**[AL-072-FOR]**

#### **Alabama Regulatory Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing on proposed amendment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Alabama regulatory program (Alabama program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). Alabama proposes revisions to its rules about forms and license applications. Alabama intends to revise its program to improve operational efficiency.

This document gives the times and locations that the Alabama program and proposed amendment to that program are available for your inspection, the comment period during which you may submit written comments on the amendment, and the procedures that we will follow for the public hearing, if one is requested.

**DATES:** We will accept written comments on this amendment until 4 p.m., c.s.t., February 18, 2003. If requested, we will hold a public hearing on the amendment on February 10, 2003. We will accept requests to speak at a hearing until 4 p.m., c.s.t. on January 31, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You should mail or hand deliver written comments and requests to speak at the hearing to Arthur W.

Abbs, Director, Birmingham Field Office, at the address listed below.

You may review copies of the Alabama program, this amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. You may receive one free copy of the amendment by contacting OSM's Birmingham Field Office.

Arthur W. Abbs, Director, Birmingham Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 135 Gemini Circle, Suite 215, Homewood, Alabama 35209. Telephone: (205) 290-7282. Internet: [aabbs@osmre.gov](mailto:aabbs@osmre.gov).

Alabama Surface Mining Commission, 1811 Second Avenue, P.O. Box 2390, Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390. Telephone: (205) 221-4130.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arthur W. Abbs, Director, Birmingham Field Office. Telephone: (205) 290-7282. Internet: [aabbs@osmre.gov](mailto:aabbs@osmre.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- I. Background on the Alabama Program
- II. Description of the Proposed Amendment
- III. Public Comment Procedures
- IV. Procedural Determinations

##### **I. Background on the Alabama Program**

Section 503(a) of the Act permits a State to assume primacy for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on non-Federal and non-Indian lands within its borders by demonstrating that its program includes, among other things, "a State law which provides for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the requirements of the Act \* \* and rules and regulations consistent with regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to the Act." See 30 U.S.C. 1253(a)(1) and (7). On the basis of these criteria, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Alabama program on May 20, 1982. You can find background information on the Alabama program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval in the May 20, 1982, **Federal Register** (47 FR 22030). You can also find later actions concerning the Alabama program and program amendments at 30 CFR 901.10, 901.15, and 901.16.

##### **II. Description of the Proposed Amendment**

By letter dated October 17, 2002 (Administrative Record No. AL-0654),