the FAA believes that a 120-day extension would be excessive. The FAA believes an additional 30 days would be adequate for interested parties to review the economic data presented in the proposal and provide meaningful comment to Notice No. 02–19. Absent unusual circumstances, the FAA does not anticipate any further extension of the comment period for this rulemaking.

Extension of Comment Period

In accordance with §11.47(c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the FAA has reviewed AAAE’s and ACI–NA’s joint request for an extension of the comment period to Notice No. 02–09. The FAA finds that extension of the comment period is consistent with the public interest, and that good cause exists for taking this action. AAAE and ACI–NA have demonstrated substantive interest in the proposed rule and good cause for the extension.

Accordingly, the comment period to Notice No. 02–19 is extended until February 12, 2003.


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Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Documents Incorporated by Reference—API RP 14F and API RP 14FZ

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: MMS is proposing to update one document already incorporated by reference into our regulations, and add another document to be incorporated by reference for the first time into our regulations governing oil and gas and sulphur operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). These revisions will ensure that lessees use the best available and safest technologies while operating in the OCS. The updated document, API RP 14F, is the Fourth Edition of the American Petroleum Institute’s (API) Recommended Practice for Design and Installation of Electrical Systems for Fixed and Floating Offshore Petroleum Facilities for Unclassified and Class I, Zone 0, Zone 1 and Zone 2 Locations.

DATES: We will consider all comments we receive by March 17, 2003. We will begin reviewing comments then and may not fully consider comments we receive after March 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-carry comments (three copies) to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Eddlen Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817; Attention: Rules Processing Team (Comments). If you wish to e-mail your comments, the address is rules.comments@mms.gov. Reference “1010AC89—API RP 14F and API RP 14FZ” in your subject line. Include your name and return address in the message and mark it for return receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We use standards, specifications, and recommended practices developed by standard-setting organizations and the oil and gas industry for establishing requirements for activities in the OCS. This practice, known as incorporation by reference, allows us to incorporate the provisions of technical standards into the regulations without increasing the volume of the Code of Federal Regulations. The legal effect of incorporation by reference is that the material is treated as if it were published in the Federal Register. This material, like any other properly issued regulation, then has the force and effect of law. We hold operators/lessees accountable for complying with the documents incorporated by reference in our regulations. The regulations, found at 1 CFR Part 51, govern how MMS and other Federal agencies incorporate various documents by reference. Agencies can only incorporate by reference through publication in the Federal Register. Agencies must also gain approval from the Director of the Federal Register for each publication incorporated by reference. Incorporation by reference of a document or publication is limited to the specific edition or to the specific edition and supplement or addendum cited in the regulations.

This proposed rule will update API RP 14F, Third Edition, September 1, 1991, Recommended Practice for Design