

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

§ 3152.1

this part. A petition for a stay of a decision or approval of the authorized officer shall be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior, and shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Nothing in this paragraph shall diminish the discretionary authority of the authorized officer to stay the effectiveness of a decision subject to appeal pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section upon a request by an adversely affected party or on the authorized officer's own initiative. If the authorized officer denies such a request, the requester can petition for a stay of the denial decision by filing a petition with the Interior Board of Land Appeals that addresses the standards described above in this paragraph.

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Subpart 3151—Exploration Outside of Alaska

§ 3151.1 Notice of intent to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration operations.

Parties wishing to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration outside of the State of Alaska shall file a Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Exploration Operations, referred to herein as a notice of intent. The notice of intent shall be filed with the District Manager of the proper BLM office on the form approved by the Director. Within 5 working days of the filing date, the authorized officer shall process the notice of intent and notify the operator of practices and procedures to be followed. If the notice of intent cannot be processed within 5 working days of the filing date, the authorized officer shall promptly notify the operator as to when processing will be completed, giving the reason for the delay. The oper-

ator shall, within 5 working days of the filing date, or such other time as may be convenient for the operator, participate in a field inspection if requested by the authorized officer. Signing of the notice of intent by the operator shall signify agreement to comply with the terms and conditions contained therein and in this part, and with all practices and procedures specified at any time by the authorized officer.

§ 3151.2 Notice of completion of operations.

Upon completion of exploration, there shall be filed with the District Manager a Notice of Completion of Oil and Gas Exploration Operations. Within 30 days after this filing, the authorized officer shall notify the party whether rehabilitation of the lands is satisfactory or whether additional rehabilitation is necessary, specifying the nature and extent of actions to be taken by the operator.

Subpart 3152—Exploration in Alaska

§ 3152.1 Application for oil and gas geophysical exploration permit.

Parties wishing to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration operations in Alaska shall complete an application for an oil and gas geophysical exploration permit. The application shall contain the following information:

- (a) The applicant's name and address;
- (b) The operator's name and address;
- (c) The contractor's name and address;
- (d) A description of lands involved by township and range, including a map or overlays showing the lands to be entered and affected;
- (e) The period of time when operations will be conducted; and
- (f) A plan for conducting the exploration operations.

The application shall be submitted, along with a nonrefundable filing fee of \$25 (except where the exploration operations are to be conducted on a lease held by or on behalf of the lessee), to the District Manager of the proper BLM office.