

Proposed Coal Leasing—

Impact Statement

A draft environmental impact statement on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposed coal leasing, permitting licensing regulations is now available from the BLM, 555 Cordova Street, in Anchorage.

The new regulations, which may become part of Part 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 3041, cover such activities as strip mining of federal lands.

While coal mining is not a major land use in Alaska yet, future coal development on federal lands in Alaska would be affected by the new regulations.

The environmental impact statement also includes regulations that would apply to Indian lands administered by the Department of the Interior, but these would not apply in Alaska due to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Written comments on the environmental impact statement are due by Nov. 21, to the Director, BLM, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240, or to the Director, U.S. Geological Survey National Center, Mail Stop 760, Reston, Virginia 22092.

All comments received by Nov. 21, will be considered

in preparation of a final environmental impact statement.