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To: District Managers and Deputy State Directors

From:

Subject: Filing Deadlines and Postmark Deadline for the Timely Receipt of
Waivers and Maintenance Fees for Fiscal Year 1997

This IM serves to restate the statutory deadline for the mining claim recordation and maintenance fee collection program for Fiscal Year 1997.

The statutory deadline of August 31 falls on Sunday this year. Also, September 1, 1997, is a federal holiday. Therefore, in accordance with 43 CFR 1821.2-2(e) and 43 CFR 3833.0-5(m), the State Office will accept walk-in payments or filings and postmarked mail containing maintenance fees or waivers for the filing period ending on August 31, 1997, on September 2, 1997.

Claimants who walk-in to a BLM field office on September 2, 1997, to file their maintenance fees or waiver, should be told that they may fax their maintenance fee claim list or waiver form to the State Office at 307-775-6129. If a claimant is paying the maintenance fee and wishes to fax their list of claims, make sure they provide their credit card number for the \$100.00 per claim fee. If the documents are faxed, the claimant will need to mail the original documents to the State Office as a followup.

The claimant may also be directed to mail the fees or waiver. The envelope must be postmarked by September 2, 1997, to be accepted by BLM. BLM employees should not mail the documents for them in a government envelope or a blue envelope.

Please refer to WO IM No. 97-149 for additional information regarding this policy.

Any questions concerning this deadline should be addressed to Pam Stiles or Julie Weaver of the Mineral Validation/Patent Issuance team at (307) 775-6143 or 775-6260.

/s/Alan L. Kesterke

1 Attachment:

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EMS TRANSMISSION 7/21/97
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To: All State Directors and D-NTC

From: Director

Subject: Filing Deadlines and Postmark Deadline for the Timely Receipt of Waivers and Maintenance Fees for
Fiscal Year 1997

Program Area: Mining Claim Recordation and Maintenance Fee Collection

Background: This year, the statutory deadline of August 31st falls on a Sunday, and the following Monday, September 1, 1997, is a Federal Holiday (Labor Day). Therefore, the next available business day that the office is open will be Tuesday, September 2, 1997. Based on past BLM practice and in order to fairly and consistently apply the provisions of 43 CFR 1821.2-2(e) and 43 CFR 3833.0-5(m) to walk-in payments or filings and postmarked mail containing maintenance fees or waivers for the filing period ending on August 31, 1997, the following policy applies.

Policy: All mail containing maintenance fees or waivers that is postmarked by midnight of September 2, 1997, and received within the 15 calendar day period given in 43 CFR 3833.0-5(m) is deemed timely filed. All walk-in payments or filings made for maintenance fees or waivers on September 2, 1997, during normal business hours are deemed to be timely filed.

Timeframes: This policy is effective immediately.

Budget Implications: None.

Coordination: Usual channels.

Contacts: Any questions concerning policy should be addressed to Roger Haskins of the Solid Minerals Group at (202) 452-0355.

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