

Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This proposed rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination that there are no factors in this case that would limit the use of a categorical exclusion under section 2.B.2 of the Instruction. Therefore, we believe that this rule should be categorically excluded, under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(h), of the Instruction, from further environmental documentation. Under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(h), of the Instruction, an “Environmental Analysis Check List” and a “Categorical Exclusion Determination” are not required for this rule. Comments on this section will be considered before we make the final decision on whether to categorically exclude this rule from further environmental review.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

2. Revise § 100.1302 to read as follows:

§ 100.1302 Special Local Regulation, Annual Dragon Boat Races, Portland, Oregon.

(a) *Regulated Area.* All waters of the Willamette River shore to shore, bordered on the north by the Hawthorne Bridge, and on the south by the Marquam Bridge.

(b) *Enforcement Period.* The event is a two day event which will be enforced annually from 8 a.m. (PDT) to 5 p.m. (PDT) on the second Saturday and Sunday of June. In 2006, this regulation will be enforced from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 10th and Sunday June 11th.

(c) *Special Local Regulation.* (1) Non participant vessels are prohibited from entering the race area unless authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander.

(2) All persons or vessels not registered with the sponsor as participants or not part of the regatta patrol are considered spectators. Spectator vessels must be moored to a waterfront facility in a way that will not interfere with the progress of the event or have permission to enter the area from the Mor Coast Guard patrol commander. Spectators must proceed at a safe speed as not to cause a wake. This requirement will be strictly enforced to preserve the safety of both life and property.

(3) A succession of sharp, short signals by whistle or horn from vessels patrolling the area under the direction of the Patrol Commander shall serve as a signal to stop. Vessels signaled shall stop and shall comply with the orders of the patrol vessel. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to comply, or both.

(4) The Coast Guard Patrol Commander may be assisted by other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation.

Dated: February 28, 2006.

R.R. Houck,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs

41 CFR Part 60–2

RIN 1215–AB53

Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors; Equal Opportunity Survey; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; correction; and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 20, 2006, the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). The NPRM (71 FR 3373) proposes to amend the regulations implementing Executive Order 11246 by removing the current requirement for nonconstruction federal contractors to file the Equal Opportunity Survey (“EO Survey NPRM”). This document corrects the e-mail address for submitting comments on the EO Survey NPRM. Further, to ensure that all public comments are received, this document extends the comment period for the proposed rule for seven (7) days. Respondents who sent comments to the earlier e-mail address are encouraged to contact the person named below to find out if their comments were received and re-submit them to the e-mail address below if necessary.

DATES: The comment period for the EO Survey NPRM published January 20, 2006 (71 FR 3373) is extended to March 28, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James C. Pierce, Acting Director, Division of Policy, Planning, and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N3422, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693–0102 (voice) or (202) 693–1337 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

Due to an upgrade in the computer system, the original e-mail address published in the proposed rule is not currently functioning and is not receiving e-mail comments. Accordingly, in FR Doc. 06–646 appearing on page 3373, in the **Federal Register** of Friday, January 20, 2006, the e-mail address shown, “*ofccp-mail@dol.esa.gov*,” is corrected to read “*OFCCP-Public@dol.gov*.”

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of March, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs

41 CFR Part 60-300

RIN 1215-AB46

Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Disabled Veterans, Recently Separated Veterans, Other Protected Veterans, and Armed Forces Service Medal Veterans; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; correction; and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 20, 2006, the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). The NPRM (71 FR 3351) proposes new regulations to implement amendments to the affirmative action provisions of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 ("VEVRAA NPRM"). This document corrects the e-mail address for submitting comments on the VEVRAA NPRM. Further, to ensure that all public comments are received, this document extends the comment period for the proposed rule for seven (7) days. Respondents who sent comments to the earlier e-mail address are encouraged to contact the person named below to find out if their comments were received and re-submit them to the e-mail address below if necessary.

DATES: The comment period for the VEVRAA NPRM published January 20, 2006 (71 FR 3351) is extended to March 28, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James C. Pierce, Acting Director, Division of Policy, Planning, and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N3422, Washington, DC 20210.

Telephone: (202) 693-0102 (voice) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

Due to an upgrade in the computer system, the original e-mail address published in the proposed rules is not currently functioning and is not receiving e-mail comments. Accordingly, in FR Doc. 06-440 appearing on page 3351, in the **Federal Register** of Friday, January 20, 2006, the e-mail address shown, "*ofccp-mail@dol.esa.gov*," is corrected to read "*OFCCP-Public@dol.gov*."

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of March, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

45 CFR Part 60

RIN 0906-AA43

National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners: Reporting on Adverse and Negative Actions

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would revise existing regulations under sections 401-432 of the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, governing the National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners, to incorporate statutory requirements under section 1921 of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5(b) of the Medicare and Medicaid Patient and Program Protection Act of 1987, and as amended by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

The Medicare and Medicaid Patient and Program Protection Act of 1987, along with certain additional provisions in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, was designed to protect program beneficiaries from unfit health

care practitioners, and otherwise improve the anti-fraud provisions of the Medicare and State health care programs. Section 1921, the statutory authority upon which this regulatory action is based, requires each State to adopt a system of reporting to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) certain adverse licensure actions taken against health care practitioners and health care entities licensed or otherwise authorized by a State (or a political subdivision thereof) to provide health care services. It also requires each State to report any negative actions or findings that a State licensing authority, peer review organization, or private accreditation entity has concluded against a health care practitioner or health care entity.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule are invited. To be considered, comments must be received by May 22, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Associate Administrator, Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 8-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Additionally, comments may be sent via e-mail to *policyanalysis@hrsa.gov*. All comments received will be available for public inspection and copying at the Practitioner Data Banks Branch, Office of Workforce Evaluation and Quality Assurance, BHP, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8-103, Rockville, MD 20857, weekdays (Federal holidays excepted) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Comments also may be sent through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow instructions for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark S. Pincus, Chief, Practitioner Data Banks Branch, Office of Workforce Evaluation and Quality Assurance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8-103, Rockville, MD 20857; telephone number: (301) 443-2300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986

The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) was established by the Health Care Quality Improvement Act (HCQIA) of 1986, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11101 *et seq.*). The NPDB contains reports of adverse licensure actions against physicians and dentists (including revocations, suspensions, reprimands,