

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 and Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 5100.1, which guide 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)(g), of the Instruction, from further environmental documentation. This rule establishes a safety zone.

A preliminary “Environmental Analysis Check List” is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. Comments on this section will be considered before we make the final decision on whether this rule should be categorically excluded from further environmental review.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1226, 1231; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701; 50 U.S.C. 191, 195; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Public Law 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

2. Add temporary § 165.T05–056 to read as follows:

§ 165.T05–056 Safety zone; Fireworks Display, Chesapeake Bay, Tred Avon River, Oxford, MD.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of the Tred Avon River near Oxford, Maryland, surface to bottom, within a radius of 150 yards

around a fireworks barge which will be located at position latitude 38°41'48" N, longitude 076°10'38" W. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983.

(b) *Definition.* The Captain of the Port Baltimore means the Commander, Coast Guard Sector Baltimore or any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port to act on his behalf.

(c) *Regulations.* The general regulations governing safety zones, found in Sec. 165.23, apply to the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(1) All vessels and persons are prohibited from entering this zone, except as authorized by the Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland.

(2) Persons or vessels requiring entry into or passage within the zone must request authorization from the Captain of the Port or his designated representative by telephone at (410) 576–2693 or by marine band radio on VHF channel 16 (156.8 MHz).

(3) All Coast Guard vessels enforcing this safety zone can be contacted on marine band radio VHF channel 16 (156.8 MHz).

(4) The operator of any vessel within or in the immediate vicinity of this safety zone shall:

(i) Stop the vessel immediately upon being directed to do so by any commissioned, warrant or petty officer on board a vessel displaying a Coast Guard Ensign, and

(ii) Proceed as directed by any commissioned, warrant or petty officer on board a vessel displaying a Coast Guard Ensign.

(d) *Enforcement.* The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of the zone by Federal, State and local agencies.

(e) *Effective period.* This section is effective from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on July 2, 2006, and if warranted due to inclement weather, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on July 3, 2006.

Dated: May 19, 2006.

Curtis A. Springer,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 723

[EPA–HQ–OPPT–2002–0051; FRL–8069–4]

RIN 2070–AD58

Premanufacture Notification Exemption for Polymers; Amendment of Polymer Exemption Rule to Exclude Certain Perfluorinated Polymers; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document reopens the public comment period originally established for the proposed rule issued in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 2006 (71 FR 11484) (FRL–7735–5). In that document, EPA proposed to amend the polymer exemption rule which provides an exemption from the premanufacture notification (PMN) requirements of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), to exclude from eligibility polymers containing as an integral part of their composition, except as impurities, certain perfluoroalkyl moieties consisting of a CF₃- or longer chain length.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2002–0051. All documents in the docket are listed in the index for the docket. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy form, at the OPPT Docket, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Rm. B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566–0280.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator,

Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: Geraldine Hilton, Chemical Control Division (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8986; e-mail address: hilton.geraldine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document reopens the public comment period established in the **Federal Register** issued on March 7, 2006 (71 FR 11484). In that document, EPA sought comments on a proposed rule to exclude certain perfluorinated polymers from the polymer exemption rule. EPA is hereby reopening the comment period, which closed on May 8, 2006, to July 31, 2006. EPA has decided to reopen the comment period in response to several requests that additional time is need to adequately compile information, coordinate views among like-minded stakeholders, and submit meaningful comments.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 723

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: May 18, 2006.

Charles M. Auer,

Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

45 CFR Part 1310

RIN 0970-AC26

Head Start Program

AGENCY: Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This notice of proposed rulemaking authorizes approval of annual waivers, under certain

circumstances, from two provisions in the current Head Start transportation regulation (45 CFR part 1310): The requirement that each child be seated in a child restraint system while the vehicle is in motion, and the requirement that each bus have at least one bus monitor on board at all times. Waivers would be granted when the Head Start or Early Head Start grantee demonstrates that compliance with the requirement(s) for which the waiver is being sought will result in a significant disruption to the Head Start program or the Early Head Start program and that waiving the requirement(s) is in the best interest of the children involved. The proposed rules also would revise the definition of child restraint system in the regulation. The proposed change in the definition would remove the reference to weight which now conflicts with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

The regulation also is being amended to reflect new effective dates for §§ 1310.12(a) and 1310.22(a) on the required use of school buses or allowable alternate vehicles and the required availability of such vehicles adapted for use of children with disabilities, as the result of enactment of Section 224 of Public Law 109-149.

DATES: In order to be considered, comments on this proposed rule must be received by July 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Please address comments to the Associate Commissioner, Head Start Bureau, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Portals, Eighth Floor, 1250 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20024. A copy of this regulation may be downloaded from <http://www.regulation.gov>. In addition, you may also transmit written comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.acf.hhs.gov>. Comments will be available for public inspection at the Department's offices in Portals, 8th Floor, 1250 Maryland Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20024, Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Turner, Head Start Bureau, (202) 205-8236. Deaf and hearing impaired individuals may call the Federal Dual Party Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. eastern time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Waiver Authority

On January 18, 2001, final Head Start transportation regulations were published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 5296). These regulations, found at 45 CFR part 1310, contain several

requirements designed to assure that Head Start children are safely transported to and from Head Start centers and apply to all Head Start and Early Head Start programs that provide transportation either directly, using program owned or leased vehicles, or through arrangements with private or public transportation providers, including local education agencies (LEAs). Different effective dates were included in the regulation for different requirements. The requirements that each vehicle used to transport children be equipped for use of child restraint systems and have a bus monitor was scheduled to become effective January 18, 2004.

On January 16, 2004, the Department published an Interim Final Rule to amend the Head Start transportation regulation (69 FR 2513). The Interim Final Rule was published to extend the effective date of the child safety restraint and bus monitor requirements until June 21, 2004 and to allow grantees an opportunity to request an additional extension of the effective date up to January 20, 2006, if they could demonstrate that this extension would be in the best interest of the children served.

Through the authority provided in the Interim Final Rule, the Department granted over 500 extensions to the effective date of the regulation to January 20, 2006. Many of the grantees who applied for and received extensions described plans to come into compliance with the requirements by the January 20, 2006 deadline. Some of these grantees were in the process of purchasing child restraint systems which had been recently approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for use in school buses without costly retrofitting. Others were in the process of hiring and training monitors, and purchasing compliant vehicles. However, some grantees, particularly those grantees participating in coordinated transportation arrangements, expressed no alternative but to discontinue transportation services to Head Start children.

On December 30, 2005, the President signed Public Law 109-149 that included in Section 223 a provision that authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive the requirements of regulations promulgated under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 *et seq.*), pertaining to child restraint systems or vehicle monitors if the Head Start or Early Head Start agency can demonstrate that compliance with such requirements will result in a significant disruption to the