

disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on any population, including any minority or low-income population. This proposed rule affects one facility in the nation. This facility emits approximately one ton per year of regulated HAP and does not significantly affect the local population.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 63

Environmental Protection, Air pollution control, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

Stephen L. Johnson,
Administrator.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, title 40, chapter I, part 63, of the Code of the Federal Regulations is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 63—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 63 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*

Subpart BBBBB—[Amended]

2. Section 63.7184 is amended by adding paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 63.7184 What emission limitations, operating limits, and work practice standards must I meet?

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(f) *Process vents—combined HAP emissions.* For each combined HAP process vent, other than process vents from storage tanks, you must reduce or maintain the concentration of emitted HAP from the process vent to less than or equal to 14.22 ppmv. These limitations can be met by venting emissions from your process vent through a closed vent system to any combination of control devices meeting the requirements of § 63.982(a)(2).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[EPA-R04-RCRA-2007-0992; FRL-8550-4]

Alabama: Proposed Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Alabama has applied to EPA for final authorization of the changes to

its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposes to grant final authorization to Alabama. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the changes by an immediate final rule. EPA did not make a proposal prior to the immediate final rule, because we believe this action is not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose it. We have explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble of the immediate final rule. Unless we get written comments which oppose this authorization during the comment period, the immediate final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and we will not take further action on this proposal. If we receive comments that oppose this action, we will withdraw the immediate final rule and it will not take effect. We will respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. You may not have another opportunity for comment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R04-RCRA-2007-0992 by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: johnson.otis@epa.gov.
- Fax: (404) 562-9964 (prior to faxing, please notify the EPA contact listed below)
- Mail: Send written comments to Otis Johnson, Permits and State Programs Section, RCRA Programs and Materials Management Branch, RCRA Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Sam Nunn Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

- Hand Delivery: Otis Johnson, Permits and State Programs Section, RCRA Programs and Materials Management Branch, RCRA Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Sam Nunn Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R04-RCRA-2007-0992. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov including any personal information provided, unless

the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. (For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>).

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy. You may view and copy Alabama's application from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the EPA Region 4, RCRA Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

You may also view and copy Alabama's application from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, 1400 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Otis Johnson, Permits and State Programs Section, RCRA Programs and Materials Management Branch, RCRA Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Sam Nunn Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; (404) 562-8481; fax number: (404) 562-9964; e-mail address: johnson.otis@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 22, 2008.

J.I. Palmer, Jr.,

Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 2, 9, 13, 17, 36, 42, and 53

[FAR Case 2006-022; Docket 2008-0002; Sequence 3]

RIN 9000-AK99

Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2006-022, Contractor Performance Information

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) are proposing to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to revise the contractor performance information process. The FAR revisions include changes to FAR Parts 2, 9, 13, 17, 36, 42, and 53.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments to the FAR Secretariat on or before June 2, 2008 to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by FAR case 2006-022 by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting "FAR Case 2006-022" under the heading "Comment or Submission". Select the link "Send a Comment or Submission" that corresponds with FAR Case 2006-022. Follow the instructions provided to complete the "Public Comment and Submission Form". Please include your name, company name (if any), and "FAR Case 2006-022" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.
- *Mail:* General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, ATTN: Diedra Wingate, Washington, DC 20405.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite FAR Case 2006-022 in all correspondence related to this case. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeritta A. Parnell, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501-4082 for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the FAR Secretariat at (202) 501-4755. Please cite FAR case 2006-022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) and the Chief Acquisition Officer's Acquisition Committee for E-GOV (ACE) established a working group to review regulations, policies, and guidance associated with contractor performance information. This working group proposed changes to a number of FAR parts. The Councils have agreed to some, but not all, of these changes. This proposed rule reflects those changes agreed to by the Councils. The changes to the FAR include the following:

(1) Adds a definition in FAR 2.101 for "past performance" to include both active and completed contracts;

(2) Clarifies the use of the governmentwide performance information repository, Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) at <http://www.ppirs.gov>;

(3) Requires contracting officers to evaluate past performance for orders that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold placed against Federal Supply Schedule contract, or under a task order contract or a delivery order contract awarded by another agency (i.e. governmentwide acquisition contract or multi-agency contract) and recommends past performance evaluations for orders under single agency contracts;

(4) Consolidates the collection of past performance guidance in Part 42 and deletes the SF 1420 and 1421 from Part 36 and Part 53; and

(5) Clarifies that the agency shall identify the individual responsible for preparing the evaluation of contractor past performance.

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and

Review, dated September 30, 1993. This is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Councils do not expect this proposed rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the rule does not impose any additional requirements on small businesses. The collection and reporting of past performance information is an internal process to the Government. The rule merely puts into effect the current practices of prudent contracting officers. In addition, the rule provides clearer instruction to contracting officers by restating in a better format the current language. Past performance evaluations are now made on master contracts based on the performance reported on the individual orders. This rule allows separate rather than consolidated evaluations under these types of contracts. There should be a small positive benefit for small businesses when individual instant reports are made rather than waiting for long-term reports on the master contract. Likewise, when small businesses have negative reports, the small businesses can take corrective action sooner. Therefore, an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis has not been performed. The Councils will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR Parts 2, 9, 13, 17, 36, 42, and 53 in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Interested parties must submit such comments separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* (FAR Case 2006-022) in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the proposed changes to the FAR do not impose information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 2, 9, 13, 17, 36, 42, and 53

Government procurement.

Dated: March 28, 2008.

Al Matera,

Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA propose amending 48 CFR parts 2, 9, 13, 17, 36, 42, and 53 as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 2, 9, 13, 17, 36, 42, and 53 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).