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Jeffrey Shuren,

Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning.

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PEACE CORPS

22 CFR Part 304

RIN 0420-AA23

Claims Against the Government Under the Federal Tort Claims Act

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Peace Corps is revising its regulation concerning claims filed under the Federal Tort Claims Act, to make the regulation internally consistent with another provision stating that the Chief Financial Officer has authority to approve claims for amounts under \$5000.

DATES: The final rule is effective September 24, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy G. Miller, Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 202-692-2150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Peace Corps published a proposed rule on July 9, 2008, for public review and comment. See 73 FR 39270, (July 9, 2008). The Peace Corps received no public comments and the Agency has made no further revisions. Therefore, this rule is final and will be effective on the date stated above.

On March 16, 2007, Peace Corps revised 22 CFR 304.7 to provide that the Chief Financial Officer "has the authority to adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims for less than \$5,000." This final rule will rectify an omission in sec. 304.10 which did not refer to the Chief Financial Officer's

authority for deciding claims worth less than \$5,000.

This rule amends section 304.10(b) to provide that the Chief Financial Officer will make final determinations for claims worth less than \$5,000.

Executive Order 12866

This regulation has been determined to be non-significant within the meaning of Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 605(b))

This regulatory action will not have a significant adverse impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995 (Sec. 202, Pub. L. 104-4)

This regulatory action does not contain a Federal mandate that will result in the expenditure by state, local, and tribal governments, in aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100 million or more in any one year.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C., Chapter 35)

This regulatory action will not impose any additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Federalism (Executive Order 13132)

This regulatory action does not have Federalism implications, as set forth in Executive Order 13132. It will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 304

Claims.

■ Accordingly, Peace Corps amends 22 CFR part 304 as follows:

PART 304—CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

■ 1. The authority citation for part 304 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 2672; 22 U.S.C. 2503(b); E.O. 12137, as amended.

■ 2. Amend § 304.10 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 304.10 Review of claim.

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(b) After legal review and recommendation by the General Counsel, the Director of the Peace Corps will make a written determination on the claim, unless the claim is worth less than \$5,000, in which case the Chief

Financial Officer will make the written determination.

Dated: August 18, 2008.

Tyler Posey,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

30 CFR Parts 203, 250, 251, 256, 280, 281, and 290

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RIN 1010-AD43

Electronic Payment of Fees for Outer Continental Shelf Activities

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule requires that all lessees, operators, permittees, and right-of-way holders pay all fees for processing plans, applications, and permits electronically. This rule will aid industry in payment processing and reduce payment processing errors. This rule will improve MMS processing efficiency and facilitate the correction of industry payment errors. The MMS will not accept checks, money orders, or cashier's checks for payment of fees after the effective date of this final rule. The final rule also adjusts certain cost recovery fees for inflation.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This rule becomes effective on September 24, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirk Malstrom, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787-1751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The MMS published a proposed rule on December 21, 2007 (72 FR 72648), that would require all lessees, operators, pipeline right-of-way (ROW) holders, and permittees to submit payments for cost recovery service fees electronically. The comment period for the proposed rule closed February 19, 2008, and Chevron submitted the one and only comment on the proposed rule. The commenter supports the concept of submitting fees electronically through *Pay.gov*. The commenter stated concerns about only using *Pay.gov* and provided rule language to allow alternatives for a different payment portal if so needed. The MMS believes *Pay.gov* to be the best option for paying