

**Federal Register** to revise the regulations for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (76 FR 2611). This notice extends the public comment period stated in that proposed rule by an additional 10 days.

**DATES:** NOAA will accept public comments on the proposed rule published at 76 FR 2611 (January 14, 2011) through March 25, 2011. Dates, times, and location of the public hearings mentioned in that proposed rule have not changed.

**ADDRESSES:** The instructions for submitting comments are detailed in the proposed rule published on January 14, 2011 (76 FR 2611).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Galasso at (360) 457-6622, extension 12.

Dated: January 28, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Part 301

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#### Rewards and Awards for Information Relating to Violations of Internal Revenue Laws

##### *Correction*

In proposed rule document 2011-928 appearing on pages 2852-2853 in the issue of Tuesday, January 18, 2011 make the following correction:

On page 2852, in the third column, in the second paragraph under the heading Background and Explanation of Provision, in the 12th line, "of the information provided z5" should read "of the information provided."

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### 37 CFR Part 1

[Docket No. PTO-P-2010-0092]

RIN 0651-AC52

#### Changes To Implement the Prioritized Examination Track (Track I) of the Enhanced Examination Timing Control Procedures

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) requested comments on a proposal to provide applicants with greater control over when their utility and plant applications are examined and to promote greater efficiency in the patent examination process (3-Track). The Office, in addition to requesting written comments, conducted a public meeting to collect input, and has subsequently considered the wide range of comments received. The Office is in the process of refining the 3-Track proposal in light of the input. While that process continues, and in light of the fact that the vast majority of public input was supportive of the Track I portion of the 3-Track proposal, the Office proposes by this Notice to proceed with immediate implementation of the Prioritized Examination Track (Track I), providing fast examination for applicants desiring it, upon payment of the applicable fee and compliance with the additional requirements as described below.

**DATES:** *Comment Deadline Date:* Written comments must be received on or before March 7, 2011. No public hearing will be held.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be sent by electronic mail message over the Internet addressed to [track\\_I\\_comments@uspto.gov](mailto:track_I_comments@uspto.gov). Comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments—Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, marked to the attention of Robert A. Clarke, Deputy Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Associate Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy. Although comments may be submitted by mail, the Office prefers to receive comments via the Internet.

Comments may also be sent by electronic mail message over the Internet via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. See the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site (<http://www.regulations.gov>) for additional instructions on providing comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

The comments will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Commissioner for Patents, located in Madison East, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia, and will be available via the Internet (<http://www.uspto.gov>). Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert A. Clarke, Eugenia A. Jones, or Joni Y. Chang, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Associate Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, by telephone at (571) 272-7735, (571) 272-7727 or (571) 272-7720, or by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, marked to the attention of Robert A. Clarke.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In June 2010, the Office requested comments from the public on a proposal to provide applicants with greater control over when their original utility or plant applications are examined and promote work sharing between intellectual property offices. See *Enhanced Examination Timing Control Initiative; Notice of Public Meeting*, 75 FR 31763 (June 4, 2010), 1355 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 323 (June 29, 2010) Specifically, the Office proposed to adopt procedures under which an applicant would be able to: (1) Request prioritized examination of an original utility or plant nonprovisional application (Track I); (2) request a delay in docketing the application for examination by filing a request for delay in payment of the search fee, the examination fee, the claims fees and the surcharge (if appropriate) for a maximum period not to exceed thirty months in an original utility or plant application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) (Track III); or (3) obtain processing under the current examination procedure (Track II) by not requesting either Track I or Track III processing.

The Office is proposing to amend the rules of practice to implement the proposal to provide applicants with the option to request prioritized examination at the time of filing of an application upon payment of the appropriate fees (Track I). The Office is limiting requests for prioritized examination under 37 CFR 1.102(e) to a maximum of 10,000 applications for the first year. The Office will revisit this