

identified in the 2007 Strategic Assessment as described above. In addition, the national LLRW program continues to evolve. To set the direction for the NRC's LLRW regulatory program in the next several years, the NRC staff will begin developing a new Strategic Assessment of the NRC's LLRW program. The new assessment will provide opportunities for stakeholder engagement.

II. NRC Public Workshop

The purpose of this public workshop is to discuss the status of an on-going rulemaking effort to revise 10 CFR part 61 and gather information on the update to the 2007 Strategic Assessment of the NRC's LLRW regulatory program from interested members of the public. This overall approach is consistent with the NRC's openness policy. The March 7, 2014, public workshop will be organized into two parts. In the first part, the NRC staff will discuss the status of the proposed revisions to 10 CFR part 61. In the second part, a panel of invited experts will discuss developments that would affect the LLRW regulatory program in the next 5–7 years, including changes to the national landscape in the LLRW area that would affect licensees and sited States in the context of safety, security, and the protection of the environment.

Following each of the two parts of the workshop, interested members of the public will have an opportunity to pose questions and comment.

Pre-registration for this workshop is not necessary. Members of the public choosing to participate in this workshop remotely can do so in one of two ways—online by webinar or via a telephone (audio) connection. This audio is the bridge line ID: 1–800–779–7381, passcode: 8375324.

For those interested members of the public that wish to attend the workshop remotely by Webinar, the Webinar workshop registration link can be found at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/482915697>. The Webinar ID is 482–915–697. After registering, instructions for joining the Webinar (including a teleconference number and pass code) will be provided via email. All participants will be in “listen-only” mode during the presentation. Participants will have a chance to pose questions either orally after the presentation or in writing during the Webinar.

To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the workshop, or call the following number and enter the access code:

Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada): 1–800–779–7381. The access code is 8375324.

The agenda for the public workshop will be noticed no fewer than 10 days prior to the workshop on the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

Questions about participation in the public workshop should be directed to the point of contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 14th day of January 2014. For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Aby Mohseni,

Deputy Director, Environmental Protection and Performance Assessment Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

17 CFR Chapter I

RIN 3038–AD52

Concept Release on Risk Controls and System Safeguards for Automated Trading Environments

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On September 12, 2013, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission”) published in the **Federal Register** a Concept Release on Risk Controls and System Safeguards for Automated Trading Environments (“Concept Release”). The Concept Release addresses the evolution from human-centered to automated trading environments and seeks comment on a series of pre-trade risk controls, post-trade measures, system safeguards and other protections applicable to trading platforms and other categories of market participants. Its original comment period closed on December 11, 2013. For the reasons set forth below, the Commission is reopening the comment period for the Concept Release beginning on January 21, 2014. Interested parties may submit comments on or before February 14, 2014.

DATES: The comment period for the Concept Release published September 12, 2013 (78 FR 56542) is reopened as

of January 21, 2014, and extended until February 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN 3038–AD52, by any of the following methods:

- *CFTC Web site, via Comments Online:* <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.
- *Mail:* Melissa D. Jurgens, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as “mail,” above.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Please submit comments by only one method. All comments should be submitted in English or accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that may be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in 17 CFR 145.9. The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, prescreen, filter, redact, refuse, or remove any or all of your submission from <http://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the rulemaking will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under FOIA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sebastian Pujol Schott, Associate Director, Division of Market Oversight, sps@cftc.gov or 202–418–5641; Marilee Dahlman, Special Counsel, Division of Market Oversight, mdahlman@cftc.gov or 202–418–5264.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 12, 2013, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 56542) the Concept Release on Risk Controls and System Safeguards for Automated Trading Environments. The Concept Release provides an overview of the transition from human-centered to automated trading environments, reviews the Commission's regulatory response to date and existing industry practices, and describes a series of pre-

trade risk controls, post-trade measures, system safeguards and other protections applicable to trading platforms and other categories of market participants. The Commission requests comment on a broad range of topics including, among other things, the extent to which certain risk controls have been adopted by industry, whether there is a need for regulatory action on such risk controls in order to provide more uniform risk mitigation across Commission-regulated derivatives markets, and the appropriate stage in the lifecycle of an order at which risk controls should be placed.

The Commission is reopening the comment period for the Concept Release beginning on January 21, 2014, and ending on February 14, 2014. Parties who previously submitted comments on the Concept Release, but did so after the original December 11, 2013, comment deadline, are invited to resubmit their comments so that they may be properly considered. Parties presenting relevant materials during the January 21, 2014, meeting of the Commission's Technology Advisory Committee are invited to submit such materials for inclusion in the comment file. Parties may also submit new comments regarding any matter raised in the Concept Release. All comments must be received on or before February 14, 2014.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 17, 2014, by the Commission.

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,
Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

Note: The following appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Appendix to Concept Release on Risk Controls and System Safeguards for Automated Trading Environments—Commission Voting Summary

On this matter, Acting Chairman Wetjen and Commissioners Chilton and O'Malia voted in the affirmative. No Commissioner voted in the negative.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

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Arbitrage Rebate Overpayments on Tax-Exempt Bonds; Hearing Cancellation

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Cancellation of a notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document cancels a public hearing on proposed regulations that provide guidance on the recovery of overpayments of arbitrage rebate on tax-exempt bonds and other tax-advantaged bonds.

DATES: The public hearing originally scheduled for February 5, 2014 at 2 p.m. is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Oluwafunmilayo Taylor of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration) at (202) 622-7180 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed rulemaking and a notice of public hearing that appeared in the **Federal Register** on Monday, September 16, 2013 (78 FR 56841) announced that a public hearing was scheduled for February 5, 2014, at 2 p.m. in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The subject of the public hearing is under section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The public comment period for these regulations expired on December 16, 2013. The notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing instructed those interested in testifying at the public hearing to submit a request to speak and an outline of the topics to be addressed. As of January 17, 2014, no one has requested to speak. Therefore, the public hearing scheduled for February 5, 2014 at 2 p.m. is cancelled.

Martin V. Franks,

Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Associate Chief Counsel, (Procedure and Administration).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 1

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2013-0040]

RIN 0651-AC90

Changes To Require Identification of Attributable Owner

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) is proposing

changes to the rules of practice to facilitate the examination of patent applications and to provide greater transparency concerning the ownership of patent applications and patents. This initiative is one of a number of executive actions issued by the Administration that are designed to ensure the highest-quality patents, enhance competition by providing the public with more complete information about the competitive environment in which innovators operate, enhance technology transfer and reduce the costs of transactions for patent rights by making patent ownership information more readily and easily available, reduce abusive patent litigation by helping the public defend itself against frivolous litigation, and level the playing field for innovators. The Office is proposing in this document to require that the attributable owner, including the ultimate parent entity, be identified during the pendency of a patent application and at specified times during the life of a patent. The Office is specifically proposing that the attributable owner be identified on filing of an application (or shortly thereafter), when there is a change in the attributable owner during the pendency of an application, at the time of issue fee and maintenance fee payments, and when a patent is involved in supplemental examination, *ex parte* reexamination, or a trial proceeding before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). The Office is also seeking comments on whether the Office should enable patent applicants and owners to voluntarily report licensing offers and related information to the Office, which the Office will then make available to the public in an accessible online format.

DATES: *Comment deadline date:* Written comments must be received on or before March 25, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent by electronic mail message over the Internet addressed to: AC90.comments@uspto.gov. Comments may also be submitted by postal mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments-Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, marked to the attention of James Engel, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy.

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