

Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)) generally requires an agency to conduct regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements, unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Since notice and comment rulemaking is not necessary for this final rule, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96–354, 5 U.S.C. 601–612) do not apply.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism

Executive Order 13132 (entitled “Federalism”) prohibits an agency from publishing any rule that has federalism implications if the rule either imposes substantial direct compliance costs on state and local governments and is not required by statute, or the rule preempts state law, unless the agency meets the consultation and funding requirements of section 6 of the Executive order. This final rule will not have federalism implications and would not impose substantial direct compliance costs on state and local governments or preempt state law within the meaning of the Executive order.

Environmental Review

A Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the environment was made at the proposed rule stage (75 FR 39871) in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50, which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)). The Finding of No Significant Impact is applicable to this final rule and is available for public inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays, in the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, please schedule an appointment to review the finding by calling the Regulations Division at 202–402–3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339 (this is a toll-free number).

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–

1538) (UMRA) establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on state, local, and tribal governments, and the private sector. This final rule does not impose any Federal mandates on any state, local, or tribal government, or the private sector, within the meaning of UMRA.

List of Subjects in 24 CFR Part 3280

Housing standards, Incorporation by reference, Manufactured homes.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards is 14.171.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated in the preamble, HUD is amending 24 CFR part 3280 as follows:

PART 3280—MANUFACTURED HOME CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY STANDARDS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 3280 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 3535(d), 5403, and 5424.

■ 2. Amend § 3280.4 by adding paragraph (o)(15) to read as follows:

§ 3280.4 Incorporation by reference.

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(15) ASSE 1070–2004, Performance Requirements for Water Temperature Limiting Devices, IBR approved for §§ 3280.604(b) and 3280.607(b).

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■ 3. Amend § 3280.604(b)(2) by adding under the undesignated heading “Plumbing Fixtures,” a reference standard for “Performance Requirements for Water Temperature Limiting Devices” at the end of the list, to read as follows:

§ 3280.604 Materials.

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(b) * * *

(2) * * *

Plumbing Fixtures

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Performance Requirements for Water Temperature Limiting Devices, approved February 2004, ASSE 1070–2004 (incorporated by reference, see § 3280.4).

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■ 4. In § 3280.607, revise paragraph (b)(3)(v) to read as follows:

§ 3280.607 Plumbing fixtures.

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(3) * * *

(v) Shower and tub-shower combination valves must be balanced pressure, thermostatic, or combination mixing valves that conform to the requirements of ASSE 1016–2005, Performance Requirements for Automatic Compensating Valves for Individual Shower and Tub/Shower Combinations (incorporated by reference, see § 3280.4). Such valves must be equipped with handle position stops that are adjustable in accordance with the valve manufacturer’s instructions and to a maximum setting of 120 °F. Hot water supplied to bathtubs and whirlpool bathtubs are to be limited to a temperature of not greater than 120 °F by a water temperature limiting device that conforms to the requirements of ASSE 1070–2004, Performance Requirements for Water Temperature Limiting Devices (incorporated by reference, see § 3280.4).

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Dated: May 28, 2014.

Carol Galante,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[TD 9666]

RIN 1545–BL79

Alternative Simplified Credit Election

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Final and temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains final and temporary regulations relating to the election of the alternative simplified credit. The final and temporary regulations will affect certain taxpayers claiming the credit. The text of these temporary regulations also serves as the text of the proposed regulations (REG–133495–13) published in the Proposed Rules section in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

DATES: *Effective Date:* These regulations are effective on June 3, 2014.

Applicability Date: For dates of applicability, see § 1.41–9T(d).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Selig (202) 317–4137 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

This document amends 26 CFR part 1 to provide rules relating to the election of the alternative simplified credit (ASC) under section 41(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code).

Section 41(a) provides an incremental tax credit for increasing research activities (research credit) based on a percentage of a taxpayer's qualified research expenses (QREs) above a base amount. A taxpayer can apply the rules and credit rate percentages under section 41(a)(1) to calculate the credit (commonly referred to as the regular credit) or a taxpayer can make an election to apply the ASC rules and credit rate percentages under section 41(c)(5) to calculate the credit. Section 41(c)(5)(C) provides that an ASC election under section 41(c)(5) applies to the taxable year for which made and all succeeding taxable years unless revoked with the consent of the Secretary.

On June 10, 2011, the Treasury Department and the IRS published final regulations (TD 9528) in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 33994) relating to the election and calculation of the ASC. Section 1.41–9(b)(2) provides that a taxpayer makes an election under section 41(c)(5) by completing the portion of Form 6765, “Credit for Increasing Research Activities,” (or successor form) relating to the ASC election, and attaching the completed form to the taxpayer's timely filed (including extensions) original return for the taxable year to which the election applies. Section 1.41–9(b)(2) also provides that a taxpayer may not make an election under section 41(c)(5) on an amended return and that an extension of time to make an election under section 41(c)(5) will not be granted under § 301.9100–3.

Explanation of Provisions

Following the publication of TD 9528, the Treasury Department and the IRS received requests to amend the regulations to allow taxpayers to make an ASC election on an amended return. The requests explained that the burden of substantiating expenditures and costs for the base period under the regular credit can be costly, time-consuming, and difficult, and suggested that taxpayers often need additional time to determine whether to claim the regular credit or the ASC.

In response to these requests, this Treasury Decision provides final and temporary regulations. The final regulations remove the rule in § 1.41–9(b)(2) that prohibits a taxpayer from

making an ASC election for a tax year on an amended return. In its place, these temporary regulations provide a rule that allows a taxpayer to make an ASC election for a tax year on an amended return. However, permitting changes from the regular credit to the ASC on amended returns could result in more than one audit of a taxpayer's research credit for a tax year.

Accordingly, the temporary regulations provide that a taxpayer that previously claimed, on an original or amended return, a section 41 credit for a tax year may not make an ASC election for that tax year on an amended return. In addition, the temporary regulations provide that a taxpayer that is a member of a controlled group in a tax year may not make an election under section 41(c)(5) for that tax year on an amended return if any member of the controlled group for that year previously claimed the research credit using a method other than the ASC on an original or amended return for that tax year. As with all claims under section 41, taxpayers must maintain sufficient books and records to substantiate the credit on the amended returns.

Effective/Applicability Date

These regulations apply to elections with respect to taxable years ending on or after June 3, 2014. In addition, a taxpayer may rely on § 1.41–9T(b)(2) to make an election under section 41(c)(5) for a tax year ending prior to June 3, 2014 if the taxpayer makes the election before the period of limitations for assessment of tax has expired for that year.

These regulations expire on June 2, 2017.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this Treasury decision is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866, as supplemented by Executive Order 13563. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It also has been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations. For the applicability of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, refer to the Special Analyses section of the preamble to the cross-referenced notice of proposed rulemaking published in the Proposed Rules section in this issue of the **Federal Register**. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Code, these regulations have been submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on their impact on small business.

Drafting Information

The principal author of these regulations is David Selig, Office of the Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs and Special Industries). However, other personnel from the IRS and the Treasury Department participated in their development.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 1 is amended as follows:

PART 1—INCOME TAXES

■ **Paragraph 1.** The authority citation for part 1 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *
Section 1.41–9T also issued under 26 U.S.C. 41(c)(5)(C). * * *

§ 1.41–9 Alternative simplified credit.

■ **Par. 2.** Section 1.41–9 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

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(b) * * *

(2) [Reserved]. For further guidance, see § 1.41–9T(b)(2).

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■ **Par. 3.** Section 1.41–9T is added to read as follows:

§ 1.41–9T Alternative simplified credit (temporary).

(a) through (b)(1) [Reserved]. For further guidance, see § 1.41–9(a) through (b)(1).

(2) *Time and manner of election.* A taxpayer makes an election under section 41(c)(5) by completing the portion of Form 6765, “Credit for Increasing Research Activities,” (or successor form) relating to the election of the ASC, and attaching the completed form to the taxpayer's timely filed (including extensions) original return for the taxable year to which the election applies. A taxpayer may make an election under section 41(c)(5) for a tax year on an amended return, but only if the taxpayer has not previously claimed the section 41 credit on its original return or an amended return for that tax year. An extension of time to make an election under section 41(c)(5) will not be granted under § 301.9100–3 of this chapter. A taxpayer that is a member of a controlled group in a tax year may not make an election under section 41(c)(5) for that tax year on an amended return if any member of the controlled group for that tax year

previously claimed the research credit using a method other than the ASC on an original or amended return for that tax year. See paragraph (b)(4) of this section for additional rules concerning controlled groups. See also 1.41-6(b)(1) requiring that all members of the controlled group use the same method of computation.

(b)(3) through (c) [Reserved]. For further guidance, see § 1.41-9(b)(3) through (c).

(d) *Effective/applicability date.* Paragraph (b)(2) of this section applies to elections with respect to taxable years ending on or after June 3, 2014. In addition, a taxpayer may rely on paragraph (b)(2) of this section to make an election under section 41(c)(5) for a tax year ending prior to June 3, 2014 if the taxpayer makes the election before the period of limitations for assessment of tax has expired for that year. Otherwise, for elections with respect to taxable years ending before June 3, 2014, see § 1.41-9(b)(2) as contained in 26 CFR part 1, revised April 1, 2014.

(e) *Expiration date.* This section expires on June 2, 2017.

John Dalrymple,
Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.

Approved: May 2, 2014.

Mark J. Mazur,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Tax Policy).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2014-0401]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Tennessee River, Decatur, AL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Southern Railroad Drawbridge across the Tennessee River, mile 304.4, at Decatur, Alabama. The deviation is necessary to allow the bridge owner time to replace and adjust the down haul operating ropes that are essential to the continued safe operation of the drawbridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position and not open to vessel traffic.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., June 17, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, (USCG-2014-0401) is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Eric A. Washburn, Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers, Coast Guard; telephone 314-269-2378, email Eric.Washburn@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Cheryl F. Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Norfolk Southern Railroad requested a temporary deviation for the Southern Railroad Drawbridge, across the Tennessee River, mile 304.4, at Decatur, Alabama to remain in the closed-to-navigation position for 14 hours from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on June 17, 2014, in order to replace and adjust the down haul operation ropes.

The Southern Railroad Drawbridge currently operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.5, which states the general requirement that drawbridge shall open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given in accordance with the subpart.

There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Tennessee River.

The Southern Railroad Drawbridge, in the closed-to-navigation position, provides a vertical clearance of 10.52 feet above normal pool. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft and will not be significantly impacted. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with waterway users. No objections were received.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: May 22, 2014.

Eric A. Washburn,

Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2014-0238]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone; Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Fireworks Displays Ohio River, Mile 460.9-461.3; Cincinnati, OH

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for all waters of the Ohio River, surface to bottom, extending from Ohio River mile 460.9 to mile 461.3, extending 300 ft. from the state of Ohio shoreline at Cincinnati, Ohio. This temporary safety zone is necessary to protect persons and property from potential damage and safety hazards during the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra fireworks displays. During the period of enforcement, no vessels may be located within this Coast Guard safety zone. Entry into this Coast Guard safety zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Ohio Valley or other designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 9:45 p.m. on June 7, 2014 until 10:30 p.m. on July 4, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble are part of docket USCG-2014-0238. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Petty Officer Denise Davidson, Marine Safety Detachment Cincinnati, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 513-921-