

proposed analytical method changes filed in this docket as Proposal Two.

II. Proposal Two

Background. During the FY 2016 Annual Compliance Determination (ACD) process, in response to an information request, the Postal Service developed a methodology for revising the International Cost and Revenue Analysis report (ICRA) by changing the costing methodology for the treatment of Inbound mail, including Letter Post, Parcel Post and Express Mail Service to adjust for the increasingly difficult task of maintaining statistical reliability of reporting UPU Target and Transition Countries separately. Proposal Two at 1–2. Proposal Two is presented in response to Commission discussion in the FY 2016 ACD regarding those revisions.² Although the methodology was used provisionally for assessing compliance in the FY 2016 ACD, the Commission stated that the methodology must be reviewed by the Commission through a docketed proceeding before it may be used in future ACDs. Proposal Two at 2; *see* FY 2016 ACD at 64.

Proposal. Proposal Two implements the costing methodology developed in response to Chairman's Information Request No. 12, question 1, in the FY 2016 ACD process and consolidates the cost estimates for Target and Transition Countries. Proposal Two at 6. Proposal Two would also combine Inbound Letter Post from Target and Transition Countries at UPU rates reporting into a single ICRA Inbound Letter Post at UPU rates line separate from Canada. There would no longer be a need for the In-Office Cost System analysis to separate costs into Target and Transition Countries in the Cost and Revenue Analysis Cost Segments tab of the Inputs file. The Canada and UPU separation remains in place. *Id.*

Rationale and impact. The Postal Service states that continuing the Target Country and Transition Country distinction is not consistent with the current Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) and produces increasingly unreliable or misleading cost estimates due to the shrinking Transition Country classification. *Id.* The MCS makes no distinction between Target and Transition Countries regarding Inbound

² *See* Docket No. ACR2016, Annual Compliance Determination, March 28, 2017, at 63–65 (FY 2016 ACD). The Postal Service states that the Commission linked the potential filing of Proposal Two to discussion of certain other topics but that none of the issues raised by these topics directly relates to the merits of Proposal Two and views it as entirely independent of these other matters. Petition at 1.

Letter Post. *Id.* The Postal Service believes that the current MCS classification is consistent with the fact that there is no costing reason to maintain a distinction between Target and Transition Countries. *Id.* at 7. The differences arising from the proposed modification are presented in a non-public file which was filed under seal with the Petition. *Id.*

III. Notice and Comment

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2017–6 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. More information on the Petition may be accessed via the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition and Proposal Two no later than July 31, 2017. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin K. Clendenin is designated as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2017–6 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Two), filed June 8, 2017.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than July 31, 2017.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Katalin K. Clendenin to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 312

[EPA-HQ-OLEM-2016-0786; FRL-9958-46-OLEM]

Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries Under CERCLA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to amend the Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries to update an existing reference to a standard practice recently made available by ASTM International, a widely recognized standards development organization. Specifically, EPA is proposing to amend the All Appropriate Inquiries Rule to reference ASTM International's E2247–16 “Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process for Forestland or Rural Property” and allow for its use to satisfy the statutory requirements for conducting all appropriate inquiries under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). In the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is amending the All Appropriate Inquiries Rule to reference the ASTM E2247–16 Standard as a direct final rule without a prior proposed rule. If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule.

DATES: Written comments must be received by July 20, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2016-0786 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the CERCLA Call Center at 800–424–9346 or TDD 800–553–7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC metropolitan

area, call 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323. For more detailed information on specific aspects of this rule, contact Patricia Overmeyer, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (5105T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460-0002, 202-566-2774, or overmeyer.patricia@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Why is EPA using this proposed rule?

This document proposes an amendment to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 312. In the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is making these changes as a direct final rule without a prior proposed rule because we view this as a noncontroversial action and anticipate no adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this action, including our reasons for the specific amendment, in the preamble to the direct final rule. Additionally, the amendment to the regulatory text for this proposed rule can also be found in the direct final rule. If we receive no adverse comment on any of the changes we are promulgating today, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If, however, we receive such comment, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** informing the public that this amendment will not take effect, and the reason for such withdrawal. We do not intend to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. EPA will address public comments in any subsequent final rule. For further information, please see the information provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

II. Does this action apply to me?

The discussion of the potentially affected entities by this proposed rule can be found in the preamble to the direct final rule.

III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

For a complete discussion of all the administrative requirements applicable to this action, see the direct final rule in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 312

Environmental Protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund.

Dated: June 12, 2017.

Barry N. Breen,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Land and Emergency Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[DFARS-RRTF-2017-01; Docket DARS-2017-0001]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; DFARS Subgroup to the DoD Regulatory Reform Task Force, Review of DFARS Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” the DFARS Subgroup to the DoD Regulatory Reform Task Force is seeking input on DFARS solicitation provisions and contract clauses that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification. See the Supplementary Information section below for additional guidance.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments to the address shown below on or before August 21, 2017, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by “DFARS-RRTF-2017-01” using any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by entering “DFARS-RRTF-2017-01” under the heading “Enter keyword or ID” and selecting “Search.” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “DFARS-RRTF-2017-01.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “DFARS-RRTF-2017-01” on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 571-372-6099.
- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: DFARS Subgroup RRTF, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP/DARS, Room 3B941, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. To

confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer Johnson, telephone 571-372-6100; or Ms. Carrie Moore, telephone 571-372-6093.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 24, 2017, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” which established a Federal policy “to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens” on the American people. Section 3(a) of the E.O. directs Federal agencies to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force (Task Force). One of the duties of the Task Force is to evaluate existing regulations and “make recommendations to the agency head regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification.” The E.O. further asks that each Task Force “attempt to identify regulations that:

- (i) Eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation;
- (ii) are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;
- (iii) impose costs that exceed benefits;
- (iv) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;
- (v) are inconsistent with the requirements of section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriation Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note), or the guidance issued pursuant to that provision in particular those regulations that rely in whole or in part on data, information, or methods that are not publicly available or that are insufficiently transparent to meet the standard of reproducibility; or
- (vi) derive from or implement Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.”

Section 3(e) of the E.O. 13777 calls on the Task Force to “seek input and other assistance, as permitted by law, from entities significantly affected by Federal regulations, including State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, consumers, non-governmental organizations, trade associations” on regulations that meet some or all of the criteria above. Through this notice, DoD is soliciting such input from the public to inform evaluation of the DFARS part 252 solicitation provisions and contract clauses by the Task Force’s DFARS Subgroup. Although the agency will not respond to each individual comment, DoD may follow-up with respondents to clarify comments. DoD values public feedback and will consider all input that it receives. Furthermore, DoD may share