

DATES: The comment period for the NOPR published on December 6, 2019 (84 FR 67106) is extended. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this request for information received no later than February 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number EERE-2019-BT-TP-2012, by any of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Email:* EPS2019TP0012@ee.doe.gov. Include the docket number EERE-2019-BT-TP-2012 or regulatory information number (RIN) 1904-AD86 in the subject line of the message.

(3) *Postal Mail:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 287-1445. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (“CD”), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

(4) *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 950 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 287-1445. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

No telefacsimilies (faxes) will be accepted. For detailed instructions on submitting written comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see section V of the proposal published on December 6, 2019.

Docket: The docket, which includes **Federal Register** notices, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov/index>. However, some documents listed in the index, such as those containing information that is exempt from public disclosure, may not be publicly available. The docket web page can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2019-BT-TP-0012>. The docket web page will contain simple instructions on how to access all

documents, including public comments, in the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeremy Domm, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-9870. Email ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov.

Mr. Michael Kido, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-33, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-8145. Email: Michael.Kido@hq.doe.gov.

For further information on how to submit a comment or review other public comments and the docket contact the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program staff at (202) 287-1445 or by email: ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 6, 2019, DOE published a notice of proposed rulemaking (“NOPR”) to revise its test procedure for testing the energy efficiency of a regulated external power supply (“EPS”). 84 FR 67106. The NOPR raised a variety of definitional issues, including the possibility of adding a definition for “commercial and industrial power supply” to DOE’s regulations to differentiate between EPSs and other non-consumer power supplies that are not subject to the test procedure. The proposal also sought feedback on how to address an adaptive EPS that conforms to the Universal Serial Bus Power Delivery (“USB-PD EPS”) specifications in a manner more representative of its actual use. Further, the NOPR sought feedback regarding proposed instructions for testing single-voltage EPSs that have multiple output busses. Lastly, DOE proposed to reorganize the test procedure to centralize definitions, consolidate generally applicable requirements, and better delineate requirements for single-voltage, multiple-voltage, and adaptive EPSs.

The USB Implementers Forum, Inc. (“USB-IF”), an organization supporting the advancement and adoption of USB technology, requested a two-week extension of the public comment period for the NOPR (USB-IF, No. 6, at p. 1) on January 21, 2020.

DOE believes that extending the comment period to allow additional time for interested parties to submit comments is appropriate. Therefore, DOE is extending the comment period

until February 18, 2020, to provide interested parties additional time to prepare and submit comments. Comments received between the original February 4, 2020, closing date and the new February 18, 2020, closing date are considered timely filed. Therefore, individuals who submitted late comments during the original comment period do not need to re-submit comments.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 27, 2020.

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Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Chapter I

[NRC-2017-0214]

Retrospective Review of Administrative Requirements

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting a retrospective review of administrative requirements to identify outdated or duplicative administrative requirements that may be eliminated without an adverse effect on public health or safety, common defense and security, protection of the environment, or regulatory efficiency and effectiveness. The NRC is requesting input from its licensees and members of the public on any administrative requirements that may be outdated or duplicative in nature. The NRC will use five criteria to evaluate any public input under this retrospective review of administrative requirements initiative for possible revision or elimination to reduce burden on regulated entities and the NRC.

DATES: Submit comments by April 6, 2020. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. The NRC will not prepare written responses to each individual comment but will consider the comments in completing the retrospective review.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search

for Docket ID NRC–2017–0214. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Email comments to:*

Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov. If you do not receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt, then contact us at 301–415–1677.

- *Fax comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301–415–1101.

- *Mail comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

- *Hand deliver comments to:* 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (Eastern Time) Federal workdays; telephone: 301–415–1677.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Carrera, telephone: 301–415–1078; email: Andrew.Carrera@nrc.gov or Pamela Noto, telephone: 301–415–6795; email: Pamela.Noto@nrc.gov. Both are staff of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2017–0214 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2017–0214.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining

materials referenced in this document are provided in the “Availability of Documents” section.

- *NRC’s PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2017–0214 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> and will enter the comment submissions into ADAMS.

The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

On August 11, 2017, the NRC issued a press release, “NRC To Review Its Administrative Regulations,” to announce that in the fall of 2017, the agency would be initiating a retrospective review of its administrative regulations to identify those rules that are outdated or duplicative. The goal of the review is to optimize the management and administration of regulatory activities and to ensure that the agency’s regulations remain current and effective. The review is intended to identify regulatory changes that are administrative in nature that will make information submission, recordkeeping, and reporting processes more efficient for the NRC, applicants, and regulated entities. The strategy takes into consideration the agency’s overall statutory responsibilities, including mandates to issue new regulations, the number of regulations in chapter I of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), and available resources. Once identified, the regulations will be evaluated to determine whether they may be revised or eliminated without impacting the agency’s mission.

On May 3, 2018 (83 FR 19464), the NRC published a **Federal Register** notice (FRN) seeking public comment on draft criteria the NRC would use to evaluate potential changes to regulations under the retrospective review. The FRN also discussed the process the NRC would use to conduct the review of administrative requirements. On May 31, 2018, during the public comment period for the draft criteria, the NRC conducted a public meeting to discuss the effort and the draft criteria. Participants included industry representatives, members of the public, and NRC staff. Additional information on this meeting can be found in the meeting summary listed in the Availability of Documents section of this document.

The NRC received six public comments and considered them in the final evaluation criteria provided to the Commission for review and approval in COMSECY–18–0027, “Evaluation Criteria for Retrospective Review of Administrative Regulations,” dated November 16, 2018. Enclosure 1 of COMSECY–18–0027 described changes to the evaluation criteria that resulted from the public comments. In the October 8, 2019, staff requirements memorandum to COMSECY–18–0027, the Commission approved the staff’s recommended criteria, which are provided in the Discussion section of this document.

III. Discussion

This document requests input from the public on administrative regulations that the NRC should consider revising or eliminating and announces the final evaluation criteria that the NRC will use as a guideline to evaluate potential changes.

Potential Changes to Administrative Requirements

The NRC is reviewing existing administrative regulations to identify those requirements that may be obsolete or unnecessarily burdensome. In the context of this initiative, the term “burden” refers to labor or monetary costs that regulated entities, the NRC, or both, incur to implement NRC regulations. To guide the scope of this review, the NRC will use the evaluation criteria outlined in the section “Finalized Criteria for Evaluating Potential Changes to Administrative Regulations” in this document. The NRC is requesting public input to identify potential changes to administrative requirements that would be consistent with the evaluation criteria.

To help facilitate a thorough and informed consideration of input, commenters are encouraged to identify the specific requirement that should be considered for revision or elimination, the associated rationale, and an estimate of the burden that would be eliminated or reduced. The NRC is particularly interested in identifying changes to administrative regulations that could have a broad impact and potentially significant reduction in burden. For example, a change to an administrative requirement that impacts multiple regulated entities over a long timeframe will generally be more likely to achieve a significant reduction in burden compared to an administrative requirement that affects a single regulated entity one time.

All comments received that are within the scope of this review will be considered and used, as appropriate, to inform the staff's actions and applicable recommendations to the Commission. This review will only consider existing NRC regulations, so the public should not use this process to submit comments on a proposed rule or recommend new requirements.

Finalized Criteria for Evaluating Potential Changes to Administrative Regulations

The NRC has developed final criteria with which to evaluate potential regulatory changes to be included in the retrospective review. Although the criteria will serve as a useful guideline in identifying administrative requirements that should be considered for modification or elimination, the NRC will also consider programmatic experience, intent of the requirement, impact to the NRC's mission, and overall impact to resources when determining whether to pursue a change to the regulations. The final criteria are:

1. Submittals resulting from routine and periodic recordkeeping and reporting requirements, such as directives to submit recurring reports, which the NRC has not consulted or referenced in programmatic operations or policy development in the last 3 years.
2. Requirements for reports or records that contain information reasonably accessible to the agency from alternative resources, which as a result may be candidates for elimination.
3. Requirements for reports or records that could be modified to result in reduced burden without impacting programmatic needs, regulatory efficiency, or transparency, through: (a) Less frequent reporting, (b) shortened record retention periods, (c) requiring entities to maintain a record rather than submit a report, or (d) implementing another mechanism that reduces burden for collecting or retaining information.
4. Recordkeeping and reporting requirements that result in significant burden.
5. Reports or records that contain information used by other Federal agencies, State and local governments, or Federally recognized Tribes will be dropped from the review provided the information collected is necessary to support the NRC's mission or to fulfill a binding NRC obligation.

IV. Specific Questions

The NRC is providing an opportunity for the public to submit input to help identify administrative regulations for potential modification or elimination that would result in potentially reducing burden on regulated entities, the NRC, or both. The NRC is particularly interested in gathering input on the following questions:

1. Which administrative regulations should the NRC consider changing?

Include the 10 CFR part, section, and paragraph(s).

2. How should the NRC change the regulations? Can the regulation be made less burdensome, or should it be eliminated entirely? If possible, provide specific language showing how the regulatory text might be changed to reduce burden. Describe how the evaluation criteria would apply to the proposed change(s).

3. What is the basis for the proposed change? Provide a rationale for why the requirement might be obsolete or overly burdensome and any relevant supporting data.

4. What burden is associated with the administrative requirements? Provide a quantitative basis for the burden in terms of costs or labor hours, if available.

5. How would the suggested change reduce burden? Would it result in a one-time reduction in burden, a reduction in burden for multiple years, or an ongoing reduction in burden? Provide supporting justification.

V. Public Meetings

The NRC plans to hold two public meetings during this public comment period to discuss the request for input. The NRC will publish a notice providing the location, time, and agenda of the future public meetings on <https://www.Regulations.gov> and on the NRC's public meeting website at least 10 calendar days before each meeting. Stakeholders should monitor the NRC's public meeting website (<https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>) for information about the public meetings.

VI. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through one or more of the following methods, as indicated.

Document	ADAMS accession No./FR Citation
Press Release No. 17-036, "NRC to Review Its Administrative Regulations," dated August 11, 2017	ML17243A126
Federal Register notice, "Review of Administrative Rules," dated May 3, 2018	83 FR 19464
Meeting summary, "Public Meeting to Discuss the NRC's Retrospective Review of Administrative Requirements," dated May 31, 2018	ML18170A135
COMSECY-18-0027, "Evaluation Criteria for Retrospective Review of Administrative Regulations," dated November 16, 2018	ML18227A120
Enclosure 1 of COMSECY-18-0027, "Changes to the Evaluation Criteria for the Retrospective Review of Administrative Regulations as a Result of Public Comments," dated November 16, 2018	ML18261A173
Staff Requirements Memorandum to COMSECY-18-0027, "Evaluation Criteria for Retrospective Review of Administrative Regulations," dated October 8, 2019	ML19281C697

The NRC may post documents related to this initiative, including public comments, on the Federal Rulemaking website at <https://www.regulations.gov>

under Docket ID NRC-2017-0214. The Federal Rulemaking website allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To

subscribe: (1) Navigate to the docket folder (NRC-2017-0214); (2) click the "Sign up for Email Alerts" link; and (3) enter your email address and select how

frequently you would like to receive emails (daily, weekly, or monthly).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of January, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Margaret M. Doane,

Executive Director for Operations.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 125

RIN 3245-AH14

Regulatory Reform Initiative: Government Contracting Programs

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is proposing to remove from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) four regulations in the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned (SDVO) Small Business Concern (SBC) Program that are no longer necessary because they are unnecessary or redundant. The removal of these regulations will assist the public by simplifying SBA's regulations in the CFR.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 6, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN: 3245-AH14, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier:* Brenda Fernandez, Office of Policy, Planning and Liaison, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Washington, DC 20416.

SBA will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you wish to submit confidential business information (CBI), as defined in the User Notice at <http://www.regulations.gov>, please submit the information to Brenda Fernandez, Office of Policy, Planning and Liaison, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, 409 Third Street SW, Washington, DC 20416, or send an email to Brenda.fernandez@sba.gov. Highlight the information that you consider to be CBI and explain why you believe SBA should hold this information as confidential. SBA will review the information and make the final

determination on whether it will publish the information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Khem Sharma, Chief, Office of Size Standards, (202) 205-7189 or khem.sharma@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

A. Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concern Program

This program allows agencies to set aside contracts for SDVO SBCs. Under this program, Federal agencies may also award sole source contracts to SDVO SBCs so long as the award can be made at a fair and reasonable price and the anticipated total value of the contract, including any options, is below \$4 million (\$6.5 million for manufacturing contracts). For purposes of this program, veterans and service-related disabilities are defined as they are under the statutes governing veterans' affairs. In FY2017, the Federal Government awarded \$18.2 billion to SDVO SBCs:

- \$6.8 billion was awarded through SDVO SBC set-aside awards;
- \$4.3 billion was awarded to SDVO SBCs in full-and-open competitions; and
- \$7.1 billion was awarded through awards with another small business preference (set-asides or sole source awards for small businesses generally or awards reserved for HUBZone firms, 8(a) firms, and WOSBs).

There are currently 21,750 active certified SDVO SBCs.

SBA is proposing to remove from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) four regulations that are no longer necessary because they are unnecessary or are covered elsewhere in SBA's regulations. These four regulations govern SBA's SDVO SBC Program.

B. Executive Order 13771

On January 30, 2017, the President signed Executive Order 13771, Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs, which, among other objectives, is intended to ensure that an agency's regulatory costs are prudently managed and controlled so as to minimize the compliance burden imposed on the public. For every new regulation an agency proposes to implement, unless prohibited by law, this Executive Order requires the agency to (i) identify at least two existing regulations that the agency can cancel; and (ii) use the cost savings from the cancelled regulations to offset the cost of the new regulation.

C. Executive Order 13777

On February 24, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13777,

Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, which further emphasized the goal of the Administration to alleviate the regulatory burdens placed on the public. Under Executive Order 13777, agencies must evaluate their existing regulations to determine which ones should be repealed, replaced, or modified. In doing so, agencies should focus on identifying regulations that, among other things: eliminate jobs or inhibit job creation; are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective; impose costs that exceed benefits; create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies; or are associated with Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been rescinded or substantially modified. SBA has engaged in this process and has identified the regulations in this rulemaking as appropriate for removal in accordance with Executive Order 13777.

II. Section-by-Section Analysis

Section 125.15 May an SDVO SBC have affiliates?

Section 125.15 provides that an SDVO SBC may have affiliates. This rule is redundant because whether an SDVO SBC can have an affiliate is addressed in 13 CFR 121.103, the general rules of affiliation.

Section 125.16 May 8(a) program participants, HUBZone SBCs, small and disadvantaged businesses, or women-owned small businesses qualify as SDVO SBCs?

Section 125.16 states that an SDVO SBC may qualify for other SBA contracting programs. This regulation is unnecessary because the requirements for an SDVO SBC to qualify for other programs are addressed in the rules on eligibility for those specific programs.

Section 125.19 Does SDVO SBC status guarantee receipt of a contract?

Section 125.19 states that an SDVO SBC is not guaranteed receipt of a contract. This provision is unnecessary because nothing in SBA's regulations indicates that qualification as an SDVO SBC entitles a firm to a contract.

Section 125.20 Who decides if a contract opportunity for SDVO competition exists?

Section 125.20 is redundant because 13 CFR 125.22 and 125.23 already provide that contracting officers make SDVO SBC competition decisions.