

### III. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

Issuance of NUREG/CR-7002, Rev. 1 does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109, "Backfitting," and as described in NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.4, "Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests"; affect issue finality of any approval issued under 10 CFR part 52, "Licenses, Certificates, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants"; or constitute forward fitting as defined in MD 8.4, because, as explained in NUREG/CR-7002, Rev. 1, licensees are not required to comply with the positions set forth in that document.

### IV. Paperwork Reduction Act

NUREG/CR-7002, Rev. 1, does not contain any new or amended collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Existing collections of information were approved by the Office of Management and Budget, approval numbers 3150-0011 and 3150-0151.

### V. Congressional Review Act

The NUREG/CR-7002, Rev. 1, is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801-808). However, the Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

Dated: February 3, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### 17 CFR Part 210

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### Qualifications of Accountants

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document makes technical corrections to amendments to update certain auditor independence requirements adopted in Release No. 33-10876 (October 16, 2020) ("Adopting

Release"), which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 11, 2020.

**DATES:** Effective June 9, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peggy Kim, Senior Special Counsel, Office of the Chief Accountant, at (202) 551-5300, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are making technical amendments to correct § 210.2-01. Specifically, this document amends Instruction 2 published in the Adopting Release. Instruction 2.c is amended to correct a citation to § 210.2-01.

In document FR doc. 2020-23364, which was published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, December 11, 2020, at 85 FR 80508, the following correction is made:

#### § 210.2-01 [Corrected]

■ 1. On page 80541, in the first column, under "§ 210.2-01" in Instruction 2.c, "Revising paragraphs (c)(1)(ii)(A) introductory text" is corrected to read "Revising paragraph (c)(1)(ii)(A)(1) introductory text."

Dated: February 4, 2021.

**Vanessa A. Countryman,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

#### 20 CFR Part 702

RIN 1240-AA13

### Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act: Electronic Filing, Settlement, and Civil Money Penalty Procedures

**AGENCY:** Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Labor.

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** On December 14, 2020, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) published a direct final rule in the **Federal Register** revising regulations governing electronic filing and settlements, and establishing new procedures for assessing and adjudicating penalties under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA). Consistent with the Presidential directive as expressed in the memorandum of January 20, 2021, from the Assistant to the President and Chief

of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review," OWCP is withdrawing the direct final rule.

**DATES:** Effective February 9, 2021, the direct final rule published at 85 FR 80601 on December 14, 2020, is withdrawn.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Antonio Rios, Director, Division of Federal Employees', Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, (202)-693-0040, [rios.antonio@dol.gov](mailto:rios.antonio@dol.gov). TTY/TDD callers may dial toll free 1-877-889-5627 for further information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 14, 2020, OWCP published a direct final rule entitled *Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act: Electronic Filing, Settlement, and Civil Money Penalty Procedures*, 85 FR 80601. This rule would revise the LHWCA regulations governing electronic filing and settlements, and establish new procedures for assessing and adjudicating penalties under the LHWCA. The comment period for the rule expires on February 12, 2021, and the rule will become effective March 15, 2021, unless OWCP withdraws it prior to then. OWCP stated that it would withdraw the rule if it received significant adverse public comment on either the direct final rule or a simultaneously published companion notice of proposed rulemaking. See 85 FR 80698 (Dec. 14, 2020).

A new administration assumed office on January 20, 2021. On that same date, the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff issued a memorandum entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review" to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies. 86 FR 7424 (Jan. 28, 2021). The purpose of the memorandum was "to ensure that the President's appointees or designees have the opportunity to review any new or pending rules." *Id.* The memorandum directs agencies to consider pausing or delaying certain regulatory actions for the purpose of reviewing questions of fact, law, and policy raised therein. OWCP believes that the most efficient way to implement the memorandum in this instance is to withdraw the rule rather than delay the effective date. The comment period is still open and if OWCP receives any significant adverse comment, it would have to withdraw the rule anyway. Withdrawing the rule will also give the new administration time to review the rule and consider the policies it implements. OWCP is simultaneously withdrawing the companion notice of proposed rulemaking. OWCP intends to offer the