

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments on the proposed rule, identified by Docket No. CPSC–2011–0074, by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. CPSC typically does not accept comments submitted by electronic mail (email), except as described below. CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

*Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier/Written Submissions:* Submit comments by mail/hand delivery/courier to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504–7479. If you wish to submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public, you may submit such comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier, or you may email them to: [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. CPSC may post all comments without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Do not submit through this website: confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. If you wish to submit such information, please submit it according to the instructions for mail/hand delivery/courier written submissions.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), and insert the docket number, CPSC–2011–0074, into the “Search” box, and follow the prompts.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 18, 2023, the Commission voted to publish an SNPR in the **Federal Register**, to promulgate a consumer product safety standard for blade-contact injury hazards associated with table saws. The SNPR published on November 1, 2023, with a 60-day comment period that closes on January 2, 2024. 88 FR 74909.

On November 22, 2023, Susan Orega, Executive Manager, Power Tool Institute, Inc. (PTI), submitted a request to the Commission to extend the comment period by 60 days. The Commission has considered this request

to extend the comment period. To provide additional time for stakeholders to prepare comments for the rulemaking, the Commission will grant an extension of the comment period to February 1, 2024.

**Alberta E. Mills,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### 16 CFR Part 1408

[CPSC Docket No. 2019–0020]

### Safety Standard for Residential Gas Furnaces and Boilers; Notice of Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) to promulgate a consumer product safety standard to address an unreasonable risk of injury and death associated with residential gas furnaces and boilers. The NPR invited the public to submit written comments during a 60-day comment period. In response to requests for an extension of the comment period, the Commission is extending the comment period.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed rule published October 25, 2023, at 88 FR 73272, is extended. Submit comments by January 25, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Written Comments:* Comments related to the Paperwork Reduction Act aspects of the proposed rule should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attn: CPSC Desk Officer, FAX: 202–395–6974, or emailed to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov).

Other written comments in response to the proposed rule, identified by Docket No. CPSC–2019–0020, may be submitted by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments. CPSC typically does not accept comments submitted by email, except as described below. CPSC encourages you

to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, as described above.

*Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier/Written Submissions:* Submit comments by mail/hand delivery/courier to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504–7479. If you wish to submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public, you may submit such comments by mail, hand delivery, courier, or you may email them to: [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. CPSC may post all comments without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided to: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Do not submit through this website: confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. If you wish to submit such information, please submit it according to the instructions for mail/hand delivery/courier/written submissions.

*Docket for NPR:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), insert the docket number CPSC–2019–0020 into the “Search” box, and follow the prompts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ronald A. Jordan, Directorate for Engineering Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Consumer Product Safety Commission, National Product Testing and Evaluation Center, 5 Research Place, Rockville, MD 20850; telephone: 301–987–2219; [rjordan@cpsc.gov](mailto:rjordan@cpsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 11, 2023, the Commission voted to publish an NPR in the **Federal Register**, to promulgate a consumer product safety standard for carbon monoxide hazards associated with gas furnaces and boilers. The NPR published on October 25, 2023, with a 60-day comment period that closes on December 26, 2023 (88 FR 73272).

The Commission has received two requests to extend the comment period. On November 3, 2023, the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) requested the public comment period be extended for an additional 60 days to February 26, 2024. On November 17, 2023, the American Gas Association (AGA), American Public Gas Association (APGA), and National Propane Gas Association

(NPGA) submitted a similar request to extend the public comment period for the NPR by 60 days. The Commission has considered these requests to extend the comment period. To provide additional time for stakeholders to prepare comments for the rulemaking, the Commission will grant an extension of the comment period to January 25, 2024.<sup>1</sup>

**Alberta E. Mills,**  
Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**38 CFR Part 36**

**RIN 2900-AS02**

**Loan Guaranty: Minimum Property Requirements for VA-Guaranteed and Direct Loans**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is requesting public comment on the minimum property requirements (MPRs) for VA-guaranteed and direct loans. VA will consider information received in response to this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) in implementing the

Improving Access to the VA Home Loan Benefit Act of 2022 (the Act). The Act requires VA to consider making changes to MPRs in prescribing updated regulatory requirements regarding appraisals. This ANPRM seeks public input to better understand areas for improvement in MPRs, including whether VA should consider adopting an approach that aligns with other industry-wide property standards already in existence.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Except as provided below, comments received before the close of the comment period will be available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) for public viewing, inspection, or copying, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post the comments received before the close of the comment period on the following website as soon as possible after they have been received: <https://www.regulations.gov>. VA will not post on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) public comments that make threats to individuals or institutions or suggest that the commenter will take actions to harm an individual. VA encourages individuals not to submit duplicative comments. We will post acceptable comments from multiple unique commenters even if the content is identical or nearly identical to other

comments. Any public comment received after the comment period's closing date is considered late and will not be considered in the final rulemaking.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Li, Assistant Director for Regulations, Legislation, Engagement and Training, and Terry Rouch, Assistant Director for Loan Policy and Valuation, Loan Guaranty Service (26), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202-632-8862. (This is not a toll-free telephone number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA must ensure that any property financed through a VA-guaranteed or direct loan is suitable for dwelling purposes.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, any loan for either the purchase or construction of a residential property, in which construction was completed within one year of the loan, must meet or exceed minimum requirements for planning, construction, and general acceptability, as prescribed by VA.<sup>2</sup> Also, any direct housing loan made by VA under the Native American Direct Loan (NADL) program must meet minimum requirements for planning, construction, improvement, and general acceptability, as prescribed by VA.<sup>3</sup>

In 38 CFR 36.4351 and 36.4527(c)(4), VA implemented the above noted statutory requirements, and in the Lenders Handbook, VA maintains a list of MPRs.<sup>4</sup> The following table reflects that list.<sup>5</sup>

TABLE 1—VA PAMPHLET 26-7, LENDERS HANDBOOK, CHAPTER 12—MINIMUM PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS

| Topic | Topic name   | Topic | Topic name  |
|-------|--|-------|---|
| 1     | Minimum Property Requirement Procedures.                   | 23    | Heating.  |
| 2     | Marketable Real Estate Entity.                             | 24    | Leased Mechanical Systems and Equipment.          |
| 3     | Space Requirements.  | 25    | Alternative Energy Equipment.                     |
| 4     | Access.  | 26    | Roof Covering.                                    |
| 5     | Encroachments.   | 27    | Attics.   |
| 6     | Drainage and Topography.                                   | 28    | Crawl Spaces.                                     |
| 7     | Geological or Soil Instability, Subsidence, and Sinkholes. | 29    | Basements.  |
| 8     | Special Flood Hazard Area.                                 | 30    | Swimming Pools.                                   |
| 9     | Coastal Barrier Resources System.                          | 31    | Burglar Bars.                                     |
| 10    | Lava Flow Hazard Areas.                                    | 32    | Lead-Based Paint.                                 |
| 11    | Non-Residential Use.                                       | 33    | Wood Destroying Insects/Fungus/Dry Rot.           |
| 12    | Zoning.  | 34    | Radon Gas.  |
| 13    | Local Housing/Planning Authority Code Enforcement.         | 35    | Potential Environmental Problem.                  |
| 14    | Utilities.   | 36    | Stationary Storage Tanks.                         |
| 15    | Water Supply and Sanitary Facilities.                      | 37    | Mineral, Oil and Gas Reservations or Leases.      |
| 16    | Individual Water Supply.                                   | 38    | High Voltage Electric Transmission Lines.         |
| 17    | Individual Sewage Disposal.                                | 39    | High Pressure Gas and Liquid Petroleum Pipelines. |
| 18    | Shared Wells.  | 40    | Properties Near Airports.                         |
| 19    | Community Water Supply/Sewage Disposal Requirements.       | 41    | Manufactured Home Classified as Real Estate.      |
| 20    | Hazards.   | 42    | Modular Homes.                                    |
| 21    | Defective Conditions.                                      | 43    | Energy Conservation and Sustainability.           |
| 22    | Mechanical Systems.  | 44    | Requests for Waiver of MPR Repairs.               |

<sup>1</sup> The Commission voted 4-0 to approve publication of this notice of extension of comment period.

<sup>1</sup> 38 U.S.C. 3710(b)(4); see also 38 U.S.C. 3711.

<sup>2</sup> 38 U.S.C. 3704(a).

<sup>3</sup> 38 U.S.C. 3762(c)(2).

<sup>4</sup> Lenders Handbook, VA Pamphlet 26-7, [https://www.benefits.va.gov/warms/pam26\\_7.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/warms/pam26_7.asp).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*