

substantial direct compliance costs or preempt State law. The direct compliance costs to States for implementation of REAL ID requirements were already accounted for in DHS 2008 final rule.¹²¹ In fact, the proposed rule is responsive to concerns expressed by State agencies regarding the upcoming deadline and would potentially provide States' residents more time to obtain a REAL ID-compliant DL/ID if agencies determine to implement card-based enforcement through a phased approach. The key impact of the rulemaking is to allow Federal agencies the authority to provide a phased enforcement approach. DHS has determined that the proposed rule is consistent with E.O. 13132.

D. Executive Order 13175 (Tribal Consultation)

This proposed rule does not have tribal implications under E.O. 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

E. Environmental Analysis

DHS reviews actions to determine whether National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) applies to them and, if so, what degree of analysis is required. DHS Directive 023-01 Rev. 01 (Directive) and Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01 Rev. 01 (Instruction Manual) establishes the procedures that DHS and its components use to comply with NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508.

The CEQ regulations allow Federal agencies to establish, with CEQ review and concurrence, categories of actions ("categorical exclusions") which experience has shown do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and, therefore, do not require an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. 40 CFR 1507.3(b)(2)(ii), 1508.4. For an action to be categorically excluded, it must satisfy each of the following three conditions: (1) the entire action clearly fits within one or more of the categorical exclusions; (2) the action is not a piece of a larger action; and (3) no extraordinary circumstances exist that

create the potential for a significant environmental effect. Instruction Manual section V.B(2)(a)-(c).

The clarification and notice provided by this proposed rule fits within categorical exclusion A3(d) "Promulgation of rules...that interpret or amend an existing regulation without changing its environmental effect." Instruction Manual, appendix A, table 1. Furthermore, the proposed rule is not part of a larger action and presents no extraordinary circumstances creating the potential for significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the proposed rule is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

F. Energy Impact Analysis

The energy impact of this rulemaking has been assessed in accordance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), Public Law 94-163, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6362). DHS has determined that this rulemaking would not be a major regulatory action under the provisions of the EPCA.

List of Subjects in 6 CFR Part 37

Document security, Driver's licenses, Identification cards, Motor vehicle administrations, Physical security.

For the reasons set forth above, the Department of Homeland Security proposes to amend 6 CFR part 37 as follows:

PART 37—REAL ID DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- 1. The authority citation for part 37 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30301 note; 6 U.S.C. 111, 112.

- 2. Amend § 37.5 by revising paragraphs (b) and (c) and adding paragraph (d) and (e) to read as follows:

§ 37.5 Validity periods and deadlines for REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards.

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(b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, on or after May 7, 2025, Federal agencies shall not accept a driver's license or identification card for official purposes from any individual unless such license or card is a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or identification card issued by a State that has been determined by DHS to be in full compliance as defined under this subpart.

(c) Through the end of May 6, 2025, Federal agencies may accept for official purposes a driver's license or identification card issued under § 37.71. Except as provided in paragraph (d) of

this section, on or after May 7, 2025, Federal agencies shall not accept for official purposes a driver's license or identification card issued under § 37.71.

(d) Federal agencies may implement the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section through a phased enforcement plan if the agency determines phased implementation is appropriate. Federal agencies that implement phased enforcement plans authorized by this paragraph (d) must:

- (1) Make a determination that a phased enforcement plan is appropriate in consideration of relevant factors including security, operational feasibility, and public impact;
- (2) Coordinate the phased enforcement plan with DHS;
- (3) Make the phased enforcement plan publicly available on the agency's web page; and
- (4) Achieve full enforcement of the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section no later than May 5, 2027.

(e) DHS will make publicly available a list of agencies that have coordinated phased enforcement plans with DHS pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

Dated: September 6, 2024.

David P. Pekoske,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. RM24-9-000]

Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy; Notice of Petition for Rulemaking and Intent To Hold Tribal Consultation Meetings

SUMMARY: Take notice that, on August 9, 2024, the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(4) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, filed a petition requesting that the Commission conduct an expedited rulemaking to revise the *pro forma* Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) to defer the time at which certain tribal energy developers must post commercial readiness deposits and exempt them from potential withdrawal penalties. The Commission intends to conduct Tribal consultation per the Commission's *Policy Statement on Consultation with Indian Tribes in*

¹²¹ See 73 FR 5272 (Jan. 29, 2008).

Commission Proceedings, Order No. 635. The Commission will issue a future notice with further details.

DATES: *Comments due:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on November 4, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The Commission strongly encourages electronic submission of comments in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <https://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<https://www.ferc.gov>) using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any person that wishes to comment in this proceeding must file comments in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211. Comments will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken. Comments must be filed on or before the comment date.

The Commission’s Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings,

comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: September 3, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 4

RIN 2900–AQ72

Schedule for Rating Disabilities—Ear, Nose, Throat, and Audiology Disabilities; Special Provisions Regarding Evaluation of Respiratory Conditions; Schedule for Rating Disabilities—Respiratory System

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is issuing a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) that proposes to add a diagnostic code (DC) for constrictive bronchiolitis (or obliterative bronchiolitis) (CB) to the regulations that govern the respiratory system.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through www.regulations.gov. Except as provided below, comments received before the close of the comment period will be available at 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 www.regulations.gov as soon as possible after they have been received. VA will not post on 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; however, we will post 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. In accordance with the Providing Accountability Through

Transparency Act of 2023, a plain language summary (not more than 100 words in length) of this SNPRM is available at www.regulations.gov, under RIN 2900–AQ72.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rodney Grimm and Terence Koontzy, Regulations Analysts, VASRD Regulations Staff (218A), Compensation Service (21C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–9700. (This is not a toll-free telephone number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 15, 2022, VA published a proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** (See 87 FR 8474) that proposes to amend its regulations that govern the ear, nose, throat, audiology, and respiratory systems. Within this rulemaking, VA proposed to add a General Rating Formula for Respiratory Conditions to evaluate several respiratory conditions currently contained within 38 CFR 4.97, Schedule of ratings—respiratory system. VA will address all the public comments received on the proposed rule and any public comments VA receives on this SNPRM in the final rulemaking.

I. A Diagnostic Code (DC) for Constrictive Bronchiolitis (CB)

On August 10, 2022, the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, Public Law 117–168, was signed into law to improve access to VA benefits and health care for Veterans who were exposed to toxic substances during their military service. This action occurred after VA published its proposed rule to update § 4.97. Section 406 of the PACT Act added 38 U.S.C 1120 to establish presumptive service connection for diseases related to exposure to burn pit and other toxins. Among the respiratory conditions included within section 406, CB is the only condition without its own DC within the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD). Therefore, VA is proposing in this SNPRM to add DC 6605 for CB. The CB addition is the only proposal of this SNPRM, and VA is seeking public comment on this issue only.

At present, VA does not have a specific DC for CB. When VA encounters disabilities not listed in the VASRD, VA rates them analogously to a listed condition that is closely related (similar anatomical location, impacted functionality, and/or symptomology) in accordance with 38 CFR 4.20. Thus, VA currently evaluates CB under one of the closely related respiratory conditions