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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R07-OAR-2024-0224; FRL-11566-04-R7]

Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Nebraska; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan; Federal Implementation Plan for Regional Haze; Completion of Remand; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for a proposed rule that published August 1, 2024. The current comment period for the proposed rule was set to end on September 30, 2024. In response to a request from a commenter, the EPA is extending the comment period for the proposed action to October 30, 2024.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published on August 1, 2024, at 89 FR 62691 is extended. Comments must be received on or before October 30, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R07-OAR-2024-0224 to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this rulemaking. Comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the proposed rulemaking (89 FR 62691, August 1, 2024) and the “How to Comment” section of our web page <https://www.epa.gov/ne/state-nebraska>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jed D. Wolkins, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 Office, Air and Radiation Division, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219; telephone number: (913) 551-7588; email address: wolkins.jed@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 1, 2024, the EPA published the proposed rule “Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Nebraska; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan; Federal Implementation Plan for Regional Haze; Completion of Remand” in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 62691). The original deadline to submit comments was September 30, 2024. This action extends the comment period for 30 days in response to requests from commenters. Written comments must now be received by October 30, 2024.

Dated: September 18, 2024.

Cecilia Tapia,

Acting Deputy Regional Administrator,
Region 7.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 206

[Docket ID FEMA-2023-0005]

RIN 1660-AB09

Update of FEMA’s Public Assistance Regulations; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed rulemaking; reopening and extending the public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the comment period for the proposed rule published on July 2, 2024, entitled “Update of FEMA’s Public Assistance Regulations.” The comment period for the proposed rule closed September 3, 2024; it is now reopened and extended from September 4, 2024, to October 18, 2024.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published on July 2, 2024 (89 FR 54966) is reopened.

Comments must be submitted by October 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related materials. FEMA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

If you submit a comment, include the Docket ID FEMA-2023-0005, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. All submissions may be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy and Security Notice that is available via a link on the homepage of www.regulations.gov. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tod Wells, Deputy Director, Public Assistance Division. Phone: (202) 646-3834. Email: fema-recovery-pa-policy@fema.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 2, 2024, FEMA published a notice of proposed rulemaking with request for comments in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 54966. The proposed rule, entitled “Update of FEMA’s Public Assistance Regulations,” would amend the Public Assistance program regulations at Title 44, part 206, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to reflect current statutory authorities, clarify the requirements for program eligibility, and improve program administration.

FEMA is responsible for administering and coordinating the Federal Government response to Presidentially declared disasters pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (Stafford Act), Public Law 93-288, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* When a catastrophe occurs in a State or affects the members of a Tribal community, the State’s Governor or Tribal Chief Executive may request a Presidential declaration of a major disaster pursuant to Section 401 of the

Stafford Act. 42 U.S.C. 5170(a), (b); 44 CFR 206.36(a).

The Public Assistance program is one of the programs that may be authorized by a declaration, which provides a broad range of assistance to State, Tribal, Territorial and local governments. It provides assistance for emergency protective measures, such as emergency evacuation, sheltering, and debris removal, as well as financial assistance for the permanent restoration of facilities. In addition, the Stafford Act authorizes Community Disaster Loans for any local or Tribal government that has suffered a substantial loss of tax and other revenues as a result of a major disaster, and that demonstrates a need for financial assistance to perform its governmental functions. 42 U.S.C. 5184.

In “Update of FEMA’s Public Assistance Regulations,” FEMA proposes to amend its Public Assistance and Community Disaster Loan program regulations to both improve program administration and incorporate statutory changes relating to Public Assistance and Community Disaster Loans. These include the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (PKEMRA), Public Law 109–295, 120 Stat. 1394, the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 (SAFE Port Act), Public Law 109–347, 120 Stat. 1884, the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006 (PETS Act), Public Law 109–308, 120 Stat. 1725, the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 (SRIA), Public Law 113–2, 127 Stat. 39, the Emergency Information Improvement Act of 2015, Public Law 114–111, 129 Stat. 2240, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Public Law 115–123, 132 Stat. 64, and the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Division D, Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (DRRA), Public Law 115–254, 132 Stat. 3438.

On September 3, 2024, FEMA received a request to reopen and extend the public comment period in Docket ID FEMA–2023–0005. FEMA–2023–0005–0119; FEMA–2023–0005–0138. To provide additional time for interested parties to consider and comment on any implications of the “Update of FEMA’s Public Assistance Regulations,” FEMA reopens and extends the comment period from September 4, 2024, to October 18, 2024.

FEMA will consider comments received from July 2, 2024 to October 18, 2024. Please visit www.regulations.gov to view the

proposed rule, comments received, and all supporting documents.

Deanne Criswell,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

46 CFR Part 541

[Docket No. FMC–2024–0010]

Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association; Denial of Petition for Delay of Effective Date of the Demurrage and Detention Billing Requirements Final Rule

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Denial of petition for rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) is denying a petition submitted by the Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association requesting that FMC delay the effective date of the agency’s “Demurrage and Detention Billing Requirements” final rule. This document includes the contents of the actual denial with minor modifications to meet publication requirements for the **Federal Register**.

DATES: The Commission served an order denying the petition on September 17, 2024.

ADDRESSES: To view background documents or comments received, you may use the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov under Docket No. FMC–2023–0010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Eng, Secretary; Phone: (202) 523–5725; Email: secretary@fmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 28, 2024, the date the Federal Maritime Commission’s (Commission or FMC) “Demurrage and Detention Billing Requirements” final rule, 89 FR 14330 (February 26, 2024), went into effect, the Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association (OCEMA) filed with the Commission a petition under 46 CFR 502.51(a) for an extension of the effective date of the rule by at least 90 days. On September 17, 2024, the Commission denied the petition for the reasons below.

I. Background

On June 16, 2022, the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022 (OSRA 2022) was enacted into law.¹ Section 7 of the Act

prohibits common carriers from issuing an invoice for demurrage or detention charges unless the invoice includes specific information required by the statute, and any additional information required by the Commission through regulation. OSRA 2022 mandated that the Commission, by June 16, 2023, issue a final rule “further defining prohibited practices by common carriers, marine terminal operators, shippers, and ocean transportation intermediaries under [46 U.S.C. 41102(c)] regarding the assessment of demurrage or detention charges.”²

On February 26, 2024, the Commission published the Demurrage and Detention Billing Requirements final rule in the **Federal Register**, 89 FR 14330. With certain limited exceptions, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires rules to have an effective date no sooner than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**, 5 U.S.C. 553(d). The rule had an effective date of May 28, 2024, 90 days after publication, except for 46 CFR 541.6 and 541.99.³ The effective date of those two provisions was delayed pending approval of the associated Collection of Information by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as the Paperwork Reduction Act requires OMB to approve collections of information before an agency can enforce collection requirements.⁴

On May 9, 2024, the Commission issued a Correction to the preamble, 89 FR 39569. At page 14336 in the preamble to the February 26, 2024, final rule, the Commission responded to a comment requesting that the FMC revise the definition of “billed party” to address situations in which vessel-operating common carriers (VOCCs) enter into written contracts with motor carriers that use containers in the transportation of goods. The Commission responded by declining to adopt this proposed change. The supporting discussion explaining why the request was denied was intended to explain that the rule only addresses carrier-trucker relationships on through

² Section 7, codified at 46 U.S.C. 41102.

³ Section 541.6 sets out substantive requirements for what billing parties must include in their demurrage and detention invoices. It added several provisions in addition to those required by OSRA 2022. While the statutory invoice elements are self-implementing and immediately became effective upon passage of OSRA 2022, regulated entities were not required to comply with the additional elements imposed by the Commission until 46 CFR 541.6 went into effect. Section 541.99 is an administrative provision that provides additional public notice of OMB approval of the collection of information; it does not impose requirements on the public.

⁴ Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521).

¹ Public Law 117–146, 136 Stat. 1272 (2022).