

F. Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

This action does not have Tribal implications as specified in Executive Order 13175. This action addresses two discrete compliance requirement aspects of NSPS OOOOb and the model rules within EG OOOOc based on petitions for reconsideration received on the March 2024 final rule requirements. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this action.

G. Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks

The EPA interprets Executive Order 13045 as applying only to those regulatory actions that concern environmental health or safety risks that the EPA has reason to believe may disproportionately affect children, per the definition of “covered regulatory action” in section 2–202 of the Executive Order. The EPA believes that it is not practicable to assess whether an environmental health risk or safety risk affecting children may exist prior to this action. This action addresses two discrete compliance requirement aspects of NSPS OOOOb and the model rules within EG OOOOc based on petitions for reconsideration received on the March 2024 final rule requirements and does not result in any changes to the BSER of NSPS OOOOb or EG OOOOc. The EPA believes that the EPA’s Policy on Children’s Health also does not apply.

H. Executive Order 13211: Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

This action is not a “significant energy action” because it is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution or use of energy. Further, we have concluded that this action is not likely to have any adverse energy effects because this action addresses two discrete compliance requirement aspects of NSPS OOOOb and the model rules within EG OOOOc based on petitions for reconsideration received on the March 2024 final rule requirements and does not result in any changes to the BSER of NSPS OOOOb or EG OOOOc.

I. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) and 1 CFR Part 51

This action does not involve any new technical standards. Therefore, the NTTAA does not apply.

J. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations and Executive Order 14096: Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All

The EPA believes that it is not practicable to assess whether the human health or environmental conditions that exist prior to this action result in disproportionate and adverse effects on communities with EJ concerns. This action addresses two discrete compliance requirement aspects of NSPS OOOOb and the model rules within EG OOOOc based on petitions for reconsideration received on the March 2024 final rule requirements and does not result in any changes to the BSER of NSPS OOOOb or EG OOOOc. The EPA lacks specific and representative data on the frequency of temporary or emergency flaring, the number of sources flaring, or the length of time temporary flaring occurs. This data limitation prevents the EPA from estimating the impacts of an extension of allowed flaring. The March 2024 final rule describes how the rule will result in reductions in VOCs, which are an important precursor contributing to ground-level ozone formation in many regions of the country and reduce methane pollution that contributes to climate change, which itself has substantial and adverse impacts on EJ communities.⁴⁵ The information supporting this Executive Order review is contained in the docket for this action (see memorandum titled *Economic Impact Analysis for 2024 NSPS & EG Reconsideration*).

Michael S. Regan,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

45 CFR Parts 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, and 310

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Parentage Establishment in the Child Support Services Program; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families (ACF), HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: This document withdraws a proposed rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2023. The proposed rule would have amended the Child Support Services Program to be inclusive of all family structures served by the child support services program.

DATES: The Administration for Children and Families is withdrawing the proposed rule published September 26, 2023 (88 FR 65928) as of January 15, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Curtis, Division of Policy and Training, OCSS, telephone (202) 690–6614. Email inquiries to ocss.dpt@acf.hhs.gov. Telecommunications Relay users may dial 711 first.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) related to the administration of the Child Support Services Program in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2023 (88 FR 65928). The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposed to define “parentage” to mean the establishment of the legal parent-child relationship in accordance with the laws and procedures of the state or tribe. The NPRM also proposed to replace the gender-specific term “paternity” with the gender-neutral term “parentage” throughout Title 45 Chapter III of the Code of Federal Regulations, to be inclusive of all family structures served by the child support program. These proposed changes to Chapter III of the child support regulations recognized developments in state law regarding parentage establishment, including state laws allowing for establishment of parentage for children with same-sex parents. The proposed rulemaking provided states and tribes the option to expand their parentage establishment laws and procedures to include establishment of parentage for children of same-sex parents, and it reinforced that such services are eligible for Title IV–D matching funds.

ACF does not intend to publish a final rule following the publication of this NPRM on September 26, 2023. In making this decision, we considered the complexity of the issues raised by some of the comments received and determined that, if the Department were to proceed with rulemaking on this topic, we would benefit from additional input from stakeholders to assure that assistance in obtaining support would be available under Title IV–D to all children for whom such assistance is requested, regardless of their family structure. Moreover, with the time

⁴⁵ 89 FR 17031.

remaining in this Administration, the Department is focused on several critical child support priorities, including the recently passed H.R. 9076 Supporting America's Children and Families Act, the recently published Final Rule on Employment and Training Services, recently issued sub-regulatory guidance on Systems Modernization, and other sub-regulatory guidance documents. The Department's reasons for withdrawing this NPRM are independently sufficient.

Importantly, the Department continues to believe that the NPRM is authorized by the Secretary's longstanding and existing authority under the Act, as explained in the NPRM.

Dated: January 8, 2025.

Xavier Becerra,

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 1, 7, 12, 16, 19, and 52

[FAR Case 2023-011, Docket No. FAR-2023-0011, Sequence No. 1]

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Federal Acquisition Regulation: Small Business Participation on Certain Multiple-Award Contracts

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: DoD, GSA, and NASA are proposing to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to issue policy on small business participation on certain multiple-award contracts.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat Division at the address shown below on or before March 17, 2025, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in response to FAR Case 2023-011 to the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for "FAR Case 2023-011". Select the link "Comment Now" that corresponds with

"FAR Case 2023-011". Follow the instructions provided on the "Comment Now" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "FAR Case 2023-011" on your attached document. If your comment cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite "FAR Case 2023-011" in all correspondence related to this case. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. Public comments may be submitted as an individual, as an organization, or anonymously (see frequently asked questions at <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>). To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <https://www.regulations.gov>, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Ms. Carrie Moore, Procurement Analyst, at 571-300-5917 or by email at carrie.moore@gsa.gov. For information pertaining to status, publication schedules, or alternate instructions for submitting comments if <https://www.regulations.gov> cannot be used, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202-501-4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite FAR Case 2023-011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA are proposing to revise the FAR to issue policy to update market research, acquisition planning, small business specialist coordination, and the use of set-asides during the award of, and placement of orders against, certain multiple-award contracts. This proposed rule implements recommendations of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) in its memorandum entitled, Increasing Small Business Participation on Multiple Award Contracts, dated January 25, 2024.

This policy would expand the use of small business set-asides for orders against multiple-award contracts; increase coordination with the cognizant small business specialist and the Small Business Administration (SBA) procurement center representative (PCR) during acquisition planning for multiple-award contracts and when placing orders against multiple-award contracts, and provide additional criteria to consider or address

in documentation provided to the cognizant small business specialist and PCR. This proposed rule is being published in conjunction with an SBA proposed rule regarding, "Assuring a Fair Proportion of Government Purchases are Awarded to Small Business Concerns," to help the public and the acquisition workforce better understand how the two rules will implement the policy. This proposed rule would impact both acquisition planning and order placement, as discussed below.

A. Acquisition Planning

To increase small business opportunities when developing acquisition strategies for multiple-award contracts, this proposed rule would increase and enhance small business documentation requirements and facilitate greater coordination and communication between agencies and their cognizant small business specialists during the acquisition planning process. Currently, agencies coordinate acquisitions with their respective Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), or the Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP), for recommendations as to whether the acquisition should be set aside or reserved for small business concerns, in accordance with agency procedures. This proposed rule is intended to increase OSDBU and OSBP insight into acquisition planning for multiple-award contracts by requiring agencies, when contemplating the issuance of such a contract, to consider totally or partially setting aside the acquisition for small business or including a small business reserve. If a set-aside or reserve for small business is not planned, the agency would be required to document the reason, including any pertinent market research, for this decision in its acquisition strategy or plan, and coordinate the reason with the agency's cognizant small business specialist. (See FAR 7.105(b)(1)(iii)(A)).

In addition, when an acquisition is anticipated to meet or exceed the dollar threshold for substantial bundling at FAR 7.107-4(a)(1), the acquisition planner is currently required at FAR 7.104(d) to coordinate the acquisition with the agency's cognizant small business specialist. This coordination provides the specialist with insight into any decision to not set aside the acquisition for small business concerns, as well as an opportunity to ensure the acquisition is structured to maximize small business competition and award opportunities. This proposed rule would incorporate a higher level of