DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Head Start Performance Standards; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families extends the comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking entitled, “Head Start Performance Standards.” We take this action to respond to requests from the public for more time to submit comments. The notice of proposed rulemaking and our request for comments appeared in the Federal Register on June 19, 2015. We initially set August 18, 2015 as the deadline for the comment period. To allow the public more time, we extend the comment period for an additional 30 days.


ADDRESSES: Follow online instructions at www.regulations.gov to submit comments. This approach is our preferred method for receiving comments. Additionally, you may send comments via the United States Postal Service to: Office of Head Start, Attention: Director of Policy and Planning Division Director, (202) 358–3263, OHS_NPRM@acf.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HHS published the Head Start Performance Standards notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register on June 19, 2015 (80 FR 35430), with a deadline for public comments on August 18, 2015. In response to requests for more time from the public, we extend the comment period from August 18, 2015, to September 17, 2015.

Mark H. Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

Approved: August 5, 2015.

Sylvia Matthews Burwell, Secretary.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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NASA FAR Supplement: Safety and Health Measures and Mishap Reporting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: NASA proposes to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to revise a current clause related to safety and health measures and mishaps reporting by narrowing the application of the clause, resulting in a decrease in the reporting burden on contractors while reinforcing the measures contractors at NASA facilities must take to protect the safety of their workers, NASA employees, the public, and high value assets. The revision to this proposed rule is part of NASA’s retrospective plan to conduct a failure to properly manage and control the hazard(s) warrants use of the clause. The clause may be excluded, regardless of place of performance, when the contracting officer, with the approval of the installation official(s) responsible for matters of safety and occupational health, determines that the application of OSHA and DOT regulations constitutes adequate safety and occupational health protection. Similar requirements apply to the flow down of the clause to subcontracts.

In addition to requiring the contractor to report certain mishaps or close calls, the clause currently requires the contractor to investigate these incidents and provide a report to the contracting officer both reporting on the incident and corrective action taken in response to the incident. The clause also contains reporting requirements related to the contract safety and health plan which is required under certain NASA contracts as set forth in 1823.7001(c).

While the clause requires the contractor to take all reasonable safety and occupational health measures in...