Washington, DC 20523. Submit comments, identified by title of the action and Regulatory Information Number (RIN) by any of the following methods:


Email: Submit electronic comments to FBCI@usaid.gov. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for file formats and other information about electronic filing.

Mail: USAID, Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives (A/AID/CFBCI), Room 6.07–100, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20523.

A copy of each communication submitted will be available for inspection and copying between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Mark Brinkmoeller, Director, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, USAID, Room 6.07–023, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20523; telephone: (202) 712–4080 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USAID published a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled “Amendment to Participation by Religious Organizations in USAID Programs to Implement Executive Order 13559,” which was published in the Federal Register on August 6, 2015 (80 FR 47237). This proposed rule is intended to amend 22 CFR part 205, Participation by Religious Organizations in USAID Programs, to make it consistent with Executive Order 13559. This proposed rule would amend USAID’s regulations to replace the term “inherently religious activities” with the term “explicitly religious activities” and define the latter term as “including activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization.” This proposed rule would also clarify that organizations who receive USAID financial assistance through subawards must comply with the requirements relating to protections for beneficiaries and the restrictions on prohibited uses of federal financial assistance. This proposed rule would also add language to the sections of the rule covering protections for beneficiaries to conform more directly to the Executive Order language. This proposed rule would also provide that decisions about awards of Federal financial assistance must be free from political interference or even the appearance of such interference.

USAID intended to give a 60-day public comment period, which would mirror the comment period given in the related proposed rules of eight other federal agencies. Therefore, a comment period extension, to October 5, 2015, is appropriate without unduly delaying a final rulemaking decision. Accordingly, written comments must be submitted by the extended due date of October 5, 2015. USAID may not fully consider comments received after this date.


C. Eduardo Vargas, Deputy Director, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (Acting Director).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is finalizing a change to the CFR without prior proposal because the Agency views this as noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. The change is to reflect a 2014 EPA approval to a SIP revision to regulate GHGs in the Texas PSD permitting program and to show that the SIP deficiency identified in a prior partial disapproval has been addressed. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action no further activity is contemplated. If the EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of this Federal Register.

Dated: August 26, 2015.

Ron Curry,
Regional Administrator, Region 6.