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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Part 1780

Procurement Methods; Correction

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is correcting its portion of USDA's uniform federal assistance final rule, that was published in the **Federal Register** on February 16, 2016 (81 FR 7695) by revising the procurement methods section.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 22, 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 26, 2013, OMB published *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* final guidance (78 FR 78589) giving all federal award making agencies one year to implement conforming changes to all regulations as needed to address changes in requirements associated with this new Uniform Guidance. On December 19, 2014, OMB published a joint interim final rule and conforming changes in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 75871), making the conforming changes for award making agencies across the Federal government. Included in this joint interim final rule were conforming changes to regulations regarding procurement methods under Federal awards for the Rural Utilities Service

Water and Waste Disposal program to ensure consistency with the Uniform Guidance.

Need for Correction

The United States Department of Agriculture finalized its portion of the conforming changes in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 (81 FR 7695), that inadvertently stated instructions in § 1780.72, as published, which contains errors that may prove to be misleading and need to be clarified.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1780

Business and industry, Community development, Community facilities, Grant programs—housing and community development, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rural areas, Waste treatment and disposal, Water supply, Watersheds.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 1780 is corrected by making the following correcting amendment:

PART 1780—WATER AND WASTE LOANS AND GRANTS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1780 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 7 U.S.C. 1989; 16 U.S.C. 1005.

Subpart C—Planning, Designing, Bidding, Contracting, Constructing and Inspections

■ 2. Revise § 1780.72 to read as follows:

§ 1780.72 Procurement methods.

Procurement shall be made by one of the following methods and in accordance with requirements of 2 CFR 200.320: Micro-purchases, procurement by small purchase procedures, procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising), procurement by competitive proposals, or procurement by noncompetitive proposals. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction.

Dated: July 13, 2016.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Chapter I

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NRC Enforcement Policy

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Policy revision; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a revision to its Enforcement Policy (Enforcement Policy or Policy) to reflect the new maximum civil penalty amount the agency can assess for a violation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), or any regulation or order issued under the AEA. By interim final rule, the NRC changed this amount from \$140,000 to \$280,469 per violation per day, as mandated by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Improvements Act). This action revises the Enforcement Policy so that dollar amounts in the policy correspond to the agency's revised civil penalty amount, and also provides guidance regarding instances where the NRC may exercise discretion in mitigating the amount of a civil penalty.

DATES: This revision to the Enforcement Policy is effective on August 1, 2016. The Commission will apply the revised Enforcement Policy to any penalties assessed on and after the effective date; the penalty is not based on the date that the violation occurs.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2016-0134 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2016-0134. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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