

D. Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

The Department has reviewed this rule in accordance with Executive Order 13132 regarding federalism, and has determined that it does not have federalism implications. This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule does not contain a Federal mandate that will result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100 million or more in any one year.

F. Assessment of Federal Regulations and Policies on Families

This rule will not affect family well-being within the meaning of Section 654 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act 1999, 5 U.S.C. 601 note.

G. Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980

Pursuant to Section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, CRC certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. See 5 U.S.C. 605(b). As explained above, this rule is ministerial in nature and does not impose any additional regulatory burdens.

H. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This rule is not a major rule as defined by Section 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of the United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

I. Executive Order 13175 (Indian Tribal Governments)

This rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175 that would require a tribal summary impact statement. The rule would not have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and

responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes.

J. Executive Order 12630 (Government Actions and Interference With Constitutionally Protected Property Rights)

This rule is not subject to Executive Order 12630 because it does not involve implementation of a policy that has takings implications or that could impose limitations on private property use.

K. Executive Order 12988 (Civil Justice Reform)

The rule was drafted and reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12988 and will not unduly burden the Federal court system. The rule was: (1) Reviewed to eliminate drafting errors and ambiguities; (2) written to minimize litigation; and (3) written to provide a clear legal standard for affected conduct and to promote burden reduction.

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 34

Implementation of the Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Requirements of the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982, as Amended (JTPA).

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department rescinds 29 CFR part 34 in its entirety as follows:

PART 34—[REMOVED AND RESERVED]

- 1. Remove and reserve part 34, consisting of §§ 34.1 through 34.53.

Signed at Washington DC, on September 13, 2018.

Bryan Slater,
Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 151

[Docket No. USCG–2018–0245]

RIN 1625–AC45

Ballast Water Management—Annual Reporting Requirement

Correction

In rule document 2018–20374, appearing on pages 47284 through 47293, in the issue of Wednesday,

September 19, 2018, make the following correction:

On page 47291, in Table 5, under the table heading, in the second column, the column heading titled “Current COI respondents (B)” is corrected to read “COI burden hours (B)”.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 6

[FRL–9984–09–OP]

Amendment of the NEPA Official Under Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Environmental Protection Agency’s (“EPA”) responsibility of the NEPA Official under its existing regulations for “Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions.” This amendment is a result of an agency reorganization that only impacts a title change of the designated NEPA Official under the existing regulations. This amendment is procedural in nature and none of these changes are intended to substantively alter the Agency’s compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act for the EPA’s actions.

DATES: This final rule is effective on September 26, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Trice, Office of Federal Activities, NEPA Compliance Division (MC 2252A), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564–6646; email address: trice.jessica@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is organized according to the following outline:

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I. General Information

A. Why is the EPA issuing this rule in final form without first issuing a proposal?

This final rule is limited to a procedural change in title of the designated NEPA Official under existing regulations as a result of an agency reorganization. Under the Administrative Procedure Act, an agency may issue “rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice” without first proposing such rules for public comment. 5 U.S.C. 553(b). Accordingly, public comment is not required.

B. Does this action apply to me?

This action affects only two agency officials associated with responsibilities for EPA’s NEPA compliance due to the reorganization of the Office of Federal Activities within the EPA. The agency officials affected include the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance and the Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy.

C. Statutory Authority

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) establishes the federal government’s national policy for protection of the environment (42 U.S.C. 4321–75). The Council on Environmental Quality’s (CEQ) regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 establish procedures implementing this national policy. The CEQ’s regulations (40 CFR 1505.1) require federal agencies to adopt and, as needed, revise their own NEPA implementing procedures to supplement the CEQ regulations and to ensure their decision-making processes are consistent with NEPA. The EPA is taking this action—changing the title of the designated NEPA Official under existing regulations as a result of an agency reorganization—under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301.

D. Background

The EPA established regulations for implementing NEPA and Executive Order 12114, “Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions,” titled “Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions” (40 CFR part 6). Title 40 CFR 6.102 of the Agency’s current regulations provide additional definitions applicable to 40 CFR part 6, subparts A through C, including the designation of the Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance as the EPA’s

“NEPA Official.” The NEPA Official is responsible for the EPA’s compliance with NEPA. The Office of Federal Activities, historically within the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, provides support and guidance to the designated NEPA Official regarding the EPA’s compliance with NEPA. Effective on April 29, 2018, an agency reorganization moved the Office of Federal Activities from the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance to the Office of Policy within the Office of the Administrator.

II. EPA’s Final Action

As a result of the reorganization, this final Agency rule implements a procedural change that amends the title of the designated NEPA Official under existing regulations from the Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance to the Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy. This amendment is procedural in nature and none of these changes are intended to substantively alter the Agency’s compliance with NEPA for the EPA’s actions.

III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

A. Executive Orders 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review and 13563: Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review

This action is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) because it is limited to agency organization, management, or personnel matters.

B. Executive Order 13771: Reducing Regulations and Controlling Regulatory Costs

This action is not an Executive Order 13771 regulatory action because this action is not significant under Executive Order 12866.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

This action does not impose an information collection burden under the PRA.

D. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not subject to the RFA. The RFA applies only to rules subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other statute. This rule pertains to agency management or personnel, which the APA expressly exempts from notice and comment rulemaking requirements under 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2).

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

This action does not contain any unfunded mandate as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, 2 U.S.C. 1531–38, and does not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. The action imposes no enforceable duty on any state, local, or tribal governments or the private sector.

F. Executive Order 13132: Federalism

This action does not have federalism implications. It will not have substantial direct effect on the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

G. 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 implements a procedural change to the title of the designated NEPA Official under existing regulations. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this action.

H. Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health 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. This action is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it does not concern an environmental health risk or safety risk.

I. Executive Order 13211: Actions That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

The action is not subject to Executive Order 13211 because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

J. National Technology Transfer Advancement Act

This rulemaking does not involve technical standards.

K. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations

The EPA believes that this action does not have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations, low-income populations and/or indigenous peoples, as specified in Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

This action implements a procedural change to the title of the designated NEPA Official under existing regulations.

L. Congressional Review Act

This rule is exempt from the CRA because it is a rule relating to agency management or personnel.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 6

Environmental protection, Environmental impact statements, Foreign relations, Grant programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waste treatment and disposal.

Dated: September 13, 2018.

Andrew R. Wheeler, Acting Administrator.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Environmental Protection Agency amends 40 CFR part 6 as follows:

PART 6—PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND ASSESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ABROAD OF EPA ACTIONS

1. The authority citation for part 6 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.; also 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 6.102 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(8) to read as follows:

§ 6.102 Definitions.

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(8) NEPA Official is the Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy, who is responsible for EPA's NEPA compliance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 9 and 721

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RIN 2070-AB27

Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is withdrawing significant new use rules (SNURs)

promulgated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 145 chemical substances, which were the subjects of premanufacture notices (PMNs). EPA published these SNURs using direct final rulemaking procedures, which requires EPA to take certain actions if an adverse comment is received. EPA received adverse comments regarding the SNURs identified in this document. Therefore, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule SNURs identified in this document, as required under the direct final rulemaking procedures.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 83 FR 37702 on August 1, 2018, is withdrawn effective September 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0366, is available at http://www.regulations.gov or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this action apply to me?

The list of potentially affected entities is provided in the Federal Register of August 1, 2018 (83 FR 37702) (FRL-9970-23). If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

II. What direct final SNURs are being withdrawn?

In the Federal Register of August 1, 2018 (83 FR 37702), EPA issued direct final SNURs for all 145 chemical substances that are identified in this document. Because the Agency received adverse comments that relate to each of the 145 chemical substances, EPA is withdrawing the direct final SNURs issued for these 145 chemical substances. In addition to the Direct Final SNURs, elsewhere in the same issue of the Federal Register of August 1, 2018, EPA issued proposed SNURs covering these 145 chemical substances (83 FR 37455) (FRL-9981-16). EPA will address all adverse public comments in a subsequent final rule, based on the proposed rule.

III. Good Cause Finding

EPA determined that this document is not subject to the 30-day delay of effective date generally required by the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(d)) because of the time limitations for publication in the Federal Register. This document must publish on or before the effective date of the direct final rule containing the direct final SNURs being withdrawn.

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

This action withdraws regulatory requirements that have not gone into effect and which contain no new or amended requirements. As such, the Agency has determined that this action will not have any adverse impacts, economic or otherwise. The statutory and Executive Order review requirements applicable to the direct final rule were discussed in the August 1, 2018 Federal Register. Those review requirements do not apply to this action because it is a withdrawal and does not contain any new or amended requirements.

V. Congressional Review Act (CRA)

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the Federal Register. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2). Section 808 of the CRA allows the issuing agency to make a rule effective sooner than otherwise provided by CRA if the agency makes a good cause finding that notice and public procedure is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. As