burdens imposed on the public. This interim rule does not involve information collection requirements that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3549). An applicant who wishes to participate in the prioritized examination program must submit a certification and request to participate in the program, preferably by using Form PTO/AIA/424. However, OMB has determined that, under 5 CFR 1320.3(h), Form PTO/AIA/424 does not collect ''information'' within the meaning of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Therefore, this rulemaking does not impose any additional collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act that are subject to further review by OMB.

P. E-Government Act Compliance: The USPTO is committed to compliance with the E-Government Act to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies, to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure, Biologics, Courts, Freedom of information, Inventions and patents, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Small businesses.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 37 CFR part 1 is amended as follows:

PART 1—RULES OF PRACTICE IN PATENT CASES

■ 1. The authority citation for 37 CFR part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2), unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Section 1.102 is amended by revising paragraph (e) introductory text to read as follows:

§ 1.102 Advancement of examination.

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(e) A request for prioritized examination under this paragraph (e) must comply with the requirements of this paragraph (e) and be accompanied by the prioritized examination fee set forth in § 1.17(c), the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i), and if not already paid, the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d). An application for which prioritized examination has been requested may not contain or be amended to contain more than four independent claims, more than thirty total claims, or any multiple dependent claim. Prioritized examination under this paragraph (e) will not be accorded to international applications that have not entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371, design applications, reissue applications, provisional applications, or reexamination proceedings. A request for prioritized examination must also comply with the requirements of paragraph (e)(1) or (2) of this section. No more than 15,000 requests for such prioritized examination will be accepted in any fiscal year.

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Andrew Hirshfeld,

Commissioner for Patents, Performing the Functions and Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Parts 38 and 39

RIN 2900–AR09

Nomenclature Change for Position Title

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: On September 15, 2021, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published in the **Federal Register** a final rule that amended regulations to revise the title of the ''Director, Loan Guaranty Service'' to ''Executive Director, Loan Guaranty Service'' to reflect organizational changes. This correction addresses minor technical errors in the published final rule.

DATES: These correcting amendments are effective September 24, 2021 and applicable on or after September 15, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Li, Chief of Regulations, Loan Guaranty Service (26), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632–8862 (this is not a toll-free telephone number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA is amending its final rule 2900–AR09, Nomenclature Change for Position Title to fix technical errors published on September 15, 2021, in the **Federal Register** at 86 FR 51274. Specifically, in updating the position title of ''Director, Loan Guaranty Service'' to ''Executive Director, Loan Guaranty Service'', references to ''Deputy Director, Loan Guaranty Service'' and ''Assistant Director, Loan Guaranty Service'' were inadvertently updated as well. Therefore, VA is issuing these amendments to correct these errors.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 36

Condominiums, Housing, Individuals with disabilities, Loan programs—housing and community development, Loan programs—Indians, Loan programs—veterans, Manufactured homes, Mortgage insurance, Veterans.

Jeffrey M. Martin,

Assistant Director, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the VA amends 38 CFR part 36 as follows:

PART 38—PENSIONS, BONUSES, AND VETERAN'S RELIEF

■ 1. The authority citation for part 36 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501 and 3720.

§ 36.4345 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend § 36.4345 by:

■ a. In paragraph (b)(1)(v), removing the words ''Deputy Executive Director'' and adding in their place the words ''Deputy Director''; and

■ b. In paragraph (b)(1)(vi), removing the words ''Assistant Executive Director'' and adding in their place the words ''Assistant Director''.

§ 36.4409 [Amended]

■ 3. Amend § 36.4409, in paragraph (a)(3), by removing the words ''Deputy Executive Director'' and adding in their place the words ''Deputy Director''.

§ 36.4412 [Amended]

■ 4. Amend § 36.4412, in paragraph (i)(1)(iii), by removing the words ''Deputy Executive Director'' and adding, in their place, the words ''Deputy Director''.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R06–OAR–2021–0215; FRL–8696–02–R6]

Air Plan Approval; Louisiana; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.