

and authority. For this purpose “officer” means a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, or comptroller. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such reports may also be signed by the duly authorized agent or attorney of the person whose activities are being reported. Proof of such authorization shall be furnished to the Administrator when filing a report, unless previously furnished.

**§ 908.17 Suspension or waiver of rules.**

In an extraordinary situation, any requirement of these rules may be suspended or waived by the Administrator on request of the interested party, to the extent such waiver is consistent with the provisions of Public Law 92-205 and subject to such other requirements as may be imposed.

**§ 908.18 Matters not specifically provided for in rules.**

All matters not specifically provided for or situations not specifically addressed in these rules will be decided in accordance with the merits of each case by or under the authority of the Administrator, and such decision will be communicated in writing to all parties involved in the case.

**§ 908.19 Publication of notice of proposed amendments.**

Whenever required by law, and in other cases whenever practicable, notice of proposed amendments to these rules will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. If not published with the notice, copies of the text of proposed amendments will be furnished to any person requesting the same. All comments, suggestions, and briefs received within the time specified in the notice will be considered before adoption of the proposed amendments, which may be modified in the light thereof. Informal hearings may be held at the discretion of the Administrator.

**§ 908.20 Effective date.**

These rules are effective on June 10, 1976.

**§ 908.21 Report form.**

Public Law 92-205 and these rules should be studied carefully prior to reporting. Reports required by these

rules shall be submitted on forms obtainable on request from the Administrator, or on an equivalent format.<sup>1</sup> In special situations, such alterations to the forms as the circumstances thereto may render necessary may be made, provided they do not depart from the requirements of these rules or of Public Law 92-205.

**PART 909—MARINE DEBRIS**

AUTHORITY: 33 U.S.C. 1951-1958 (2006).

**§ 909.1 Definition of marine debris for the purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.**

(a) *Marine debris.* For the purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act (33 U.S.C. 1951-1958 (2006)) only, marine debris is defined as any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes.

(b) NOAA and the Coast Guard have jointly promulgated the definition of marine debris in this part. Coast Guard’s regulation may be found in 33 CFR 151.3000.

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