

PART 94—RINDERPEST, FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE, FOWL PEST (FOWL PLAGUE), VELOGENIC VISCEROTROPIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE, AFRICAN SWINE FEVER, HOG CHOLERA, AND BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY: PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED IMPORTATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 94 would continue to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 147a, 150ee, 161, 162, and 450; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134f, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 4331 and 4332; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

§ 94.1 [Amended]

2. In § 94.1, paragraph (a)(2) would be amended by adding the words "Czech Republic," immediately after the words "Costa Rica," and by adding the word "Italy," immediately after the word "Ireland,".

§ 94.11 [Amended]

3. In § 94.11, the first sentence in paragraph (a) would be amended by adding the words "Czech Republic," immediately after the word "Chile," and by adding the word "Italy," immediately after the word "Hungary,".

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of July 1996.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 301, 318, 320, and 381

[Docket No. 95-033E]

RIN 0583-AB94

Performance Standards for the Production of Certain Cooked Meat and Poultry Products—Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is extending the comment period for the proposed rule, "Performance Standards for the Production of Certain Cooked Meat and Poultry Products" (61 FR 19564, May 2, 1996) for 60 days.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit one original and two copies of written comments to: FSIS

Docket Clerk, DOCKET #95-033P, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4352, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia F. Stolfa, Associate Deputy Administrator, Science and Technology; (202) 205-0699.

Done in Washington, DC, July 2, 1996.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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9 CFR Parts 304, 308, and 381

[Docket No. 95-032E]

RIN 0583-AB93

Elimination of Prior Approval Requirements for Establishment Drawings and Specifications, Equipment, and Certain Partial Quality Control Programs—Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is extending the comment period for the proposed rule, "Elimination of Prior Approval Requirements for Establishment Drawings and Specifications, Equipment, and Certain Partial Quality Control Programs" (61 FR 19578, May 2, 1996) for 60 days.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit one original and two copies of written comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, DOCKET #95-032P, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4352, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia F. Stolfa, Associate Deputy Administrator, Science and Technology; (202) 205-0699.

Done in Washington, DC, July 2, 1996.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 1021

RIN 1901-AA67

National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Proposed rule; limited reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces a limited reopening of the comment period with respect to the proposed rule on implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE has decided to solicit further input on certain proposed amendments that pertain primarily to Federal power marketing activities. In a related document published elsewhere in this issue, DOE is publishing final amendments to 10 CFR 1021 not affected by this limited reopening of the comment period.

DATES: The limited reopening of the comment period will end August 8, 1996. Comments must be received by that date to ensure consideration. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0119. Comments may be hand-delivered to room 3E-080 at the Forrestal Building on workdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Comments may also be sent by facsimile to (202) 586-7031 or by electronic mail to the following Internet address: neparule@spok.oh.doe.gov. All comments will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Energy Freedom of Information Reading room, 1E-110 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0119, phone (202) 586-6020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Pulliam, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, at the above address, or telephone (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 20, 1996 (61 FR 6414), the Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend its implementing procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (10 CFR part 1021). Publication of the proposed rulemaking began a 45-day public comment period that originally ended on April 5, 1996.

In response to public requests, the comment period was reopened on April 19 and extended until May 10, 1996. A public hearing was also held in Washington, D.C. on May 6, 1996. DOE has decided to solicit further input, especially from state and Federal agencies that have responsibility for environmental review of comparable non-Federal utility projects in the Pacific Northwest, on the following proposed amendments to Subpart D, typical Classes of Action primarily affecting power marketing activities: B4.1, Contracts/marketing plans/policies for excess electric power; B4.2, Export of electric energy; B4.3, Electric power marketing rate changes; B4.6, Additions/modifications to electric power transmission facilities within previously developed area; B4.10, Deactivation, dismantling and removal of electric powerlines and substations; B4.11, Construction or modification of electric power substations; B4.12, Construction of electric powerlines (generally less than 10 miles in length), not integrating major new sources; B4.13, Reconstruction and minor relocation of existing electric powerlines (generally less than 20 miles in length); C4, Upgrading and constructing electric powerlines; C7, Allocation of electric power, no major new generation resource/major changes in operation of generation resources/major new loads; and D7, Allocation of electric power, major new generation resources/major changes in operation of generation resources/major loads. DOE is reopening the comment period on these proposed amendments only. The final rule on all of the proposed amendments other than those that pertain to power marketing activities is being published separately.

In response to a request, DOE is providing further clarification of the rationale for two of the proposed amendments: B4.1, Contracts/marketing plans/policies for excess electric power, and B4.3, Electric power marketing rate changes. For ease of comparison, the current B4.1 and B4.3 as they now appear in the DOE NEPA regulations (57 FR 15122, 1992) are reprinted below, followed by the amended language from the February 1996 proposed rule, and the clarified rationale for the amendment.

Current B4.1

Establishment and implementation of short-term contracts, marketing plans, policies, annual operating plans, allocation plans or acquisition of excess power, the terms of any of which do not exceed five years and would not cause changes in the normal operating limits

of generating projects, and if transmission would occur over existing transmission systems.

Proposed B4.1

Establishment and implementation of contracts, marketing plans, policies, allocation plans or acquisition of excess electric power that does not involve: (1) The integration of a new generation resource, (2) physical changes in the transmission system beyond the previously developed facility area, unless the changes are themselves categorically excluded, or (3) changes in the normal operating limits of generation resources.

Rationale for Amendment

The existing five-year term limit was proposed for elimination from this categorical exclusion because past experience has demonstrated that the mere length of a contract, policy, or plan does not have the potential for environmental impacts. Rather, the development or integration of new generating resources, changes in the operation of existing generation resources, or construction of transmission facilities, are the types of activities that have shown the potential for environmental impacts. By not allowing these changes in generation, operation or transmission, the proposed categorical exclusion would ensure that only those actions which have no potential for environmental impact would be categorically excluded. Those contracts, plans, and policies that do not satisfy the proposed criteria would require further NEPA analysis to ascertain the associated environmental impacts.

Current B4.3

Changes in rates for electric power, power transmission, and other products or services provided by a Power Marketing Administration that are based on a change in revenue requirements that does not exceed the change in the overall price level in the economy (inflation), as measured by the GNP fixed weight price index published by the Department of Commerce, during the period since the last rate adjustment for that product or service or, if the rate change does exceed the change in the GNP fixed weight price index, the rate change would have no potential for affecting the operation of power generation resources.

Proposed B4.3

Changes in rates for electric power, power transmission, and other products or services provided by a Power Marketing Administration that are based

on a change in revenue requirements if the operations of generation projects would remain within the normal operating limits.

Rationale for Amendment

The proposed change would eliminate the existing restriction that, in order to be categorically excluded, a proposed rate change must not exceed the rate of inflation, a condition that DOE has found is not relevant to the action's potential for environmental impacts. Any environmental impacts resulting from rate changes would be caused only if the rate change involved associated changes in generation resources. This categorical exclusion would only apply to those rate changes that would not affect the operation of generation projects. Those rate changes that could affect the operation of generation projects would require further NEPA analysis.

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Tara O'Toole,
Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-13]

Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Russellville, AR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to revise the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above ground level (AGL) at Russellville, AR. A new Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (RWY) 25 at Russellville Municipal Airport has made this proposal necessary. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for aircraft executing the GPS SIAP to RWY 25 at Russellville Municipal Airport, Russellville, AR.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to Manager, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Docket No. 96-ASW-13, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530. The official docket may be examined in