

considers whether this proposed rule, if adopted, will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

Records of the Coast Guard indicate that as of December 31, 1997, there were 32,414 undocumented vessels numbered by the Coast Guard in Alaska. Of those, 7,107 vessels (23 percent) are owned by commercial entities (4,945 commercial fishing vessels, 1,656 commercial passenger-carrying vessels, and 506 rental or livery vessels), some of which may qualify as "small entities." Also, in 1997, the Coast Guard issued 6,377 original certificates of number, 5,053 renewal certificates of number, and 601 duplicate certificates of number or replacement validation stickers. The proposed fees would increase the cost of three-year original and renewal certificates of number by \$18.00 and \$10.00, respectively, for an annual rise in cost of about \$6.00 and \$3.33, respectively, where the fees applied at all. The fees would increase the cost of duplicate certificates of number and replacement validation stickers by \$8.00 and \$8.75, respectively, when needed. The Coast Guard estimates that the fees could increase costs about \$36,000, or about \$12,000 annually, for the entire fleet of currently numbered commercial-use vessels in Alaska. Again, however, under the general Federal statute on user fees, the Coast Guard is bound to recover its costs. But, under 5 U.S.C. 610 and Circular A-25, the Coast Guard is bound to review these fees every two years.

Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule, if adopted, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. If, however, you think that your business or organization qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on your business or organization, please submit a comment to the Docket Management Facility explaining why you think it qualifies and in what way and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

#### Collection of Information

This proposed rule does not provide for a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

#### Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this proposed rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this proposed rule does not have sufficient implications for federalism to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. The Coast Guard is complying with the general Federal statute on user fees, and the specific Federal statute for services provided under subtitle II of title 46.

#### Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this proposed rule and concluded that under figure 2-1, paragraph (34)(a), of Commandant Instruction M16475.IC, this proposed rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. The rulemaking merely adjusts the fee amounts charged to owners of undocumented vessels for issuing vessel numbers and validation stickers. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under ADDRESSES.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 173

Marine Safety, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 173 as follows:

#### PART 173—VESSEL NUMBERING AND CASUALTY AND ACCIDENT REPORTING

1. Revise the authority citation for Part 173 to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 610; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 46 U.S.C. 2110, 6101, 12301, 12302; OMB Circular A-25; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. Revise § 173.85 to read as follows:

#### § 173.85 Fees levied by the Coast Guard.

(a) In a State where the Coast Guard is the issuing authority, the fees for issuing certificates of number are:

- (1) Original or transferred certificate of number and two validation stickers—\$24.00;
- (2) Renewal of certificate of number and two validation stickers—\$16.00;
- (3) Duplicate certificate of number—\$9.00; and
- (4) Replacement of lost or destroyed validation stickers—\$9.00.

(b) Fees are payable by check or money-order made payable to the "U.S. Coast Guard"; by major credit card (MasterCard or Visa); or, when the owner applies in person, in cash.

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#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

#### 36 CFR Part 1228

#### Facility Standards; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NARA will hold a public meeting to discuss its plans to revise regulations on facility standards for records centers used to store Federal records (36 CFR part 1228, subpart K). Additional background information on the planned regulation may be found in the October 1998 Regulatory Plan and the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, at page 61388 of the November 9, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 61388).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 18, 10 a.m. to noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Lecture Rooms B, C, and D, in NARA's College Park facility at 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

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Dated: January 27, 1999.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### 40 CFR Part 262

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#### 180-Day Accumulation Time for Waste Water Treatment Sludges From the Metal Finishing Industry

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** As part of the Common Sense Initiative (CSI), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today proposing a cleaner, cheaper, and smarter opportunity for environmental