

(2) Replace the jettison fuel pump with a fuel pump modified in accordance with paragraph (i) of this AD.

Installation of Modified Pumps

(i) For all airplanes: Except as provided by paragraphs (g)(2) and (h)(2) of this AD, within 24 months after the effective date of this AD, install modified center tank override and jettison fuel pumps that are not subject to the unsafe condition described in this AD. The installation shall be accomplished in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate.

Terminating Action

(j) Accomplishment of the requirements of paragraph (e) of this AD constitutes terminating action for the requirements of AD 94-11-05, amendment 39-8921 (59 FR 27970, May 31, 1994).

(k) Accomplishment of the requirements of paragraph (i) of this AD constitutes terminating action for the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (g), and (h) of this AD, and the requirements of AD 94-11-05, amendment 39-8921.

Spares

(l) As of the effective date of this AD, no person shall install on any airplane a fuel pump having part number S343T002-5, -8, -12, or -15, unless that pump has been inspected and corrective actions have been performed in accordance with the requirements of either paragraph (b) or (c), and paragraph (e), of this AD.

(m) As of the effective date of this AD, no person shall install on any airplane a fuel pump having part number S343T002-23, -51, -81, or -121.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(n)(1) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Seattle ACO. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

(2) Alternative methods of compliance, approved previously in accordance with AD 97-19-15, amendment 39-10136, are approved as alternative methods of compliance when performing the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this AD.

Note 4: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(o) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 11, 2000.

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Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

20 CFR Part 655

[Docket No.

RIN 1205-AB24

Labor Certification and Petition Process for the Temporary Employment of Nonimmigrant Aliens in Agriculture in the United States; Modification of Fee Structure; Reopening and Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document reopens and extends the period for filing comments on the proposed rule that would require employers to submit the fees for labor certification and the associated H-2A petition with a consolidated application form at the time of filing. The proposed rule also would modify the fee structure for H-2A labor certification applications. This action is taken to permit additional comment from interested persons

EFFECTIVE DATE: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on or before September 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Dale Ziegler, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certifications, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4318, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-3010 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of July 13, 2000, (65 FR 43545-43583), we published a proposed rule to require employers to submit the fees for labor certification and the associated H-2A petition with a consolidated application form at the time of filing. The proposal also would modify the fee structure for H-2A labor certification applications.

Because of the continuing interest in this proposal, we believe it is desirable to extend the comment period for all interested persons. Therefore, the comment period for the proposed rule, revising 20 CFR Part 655, Subpart B (Labor Certification Process for Temporary Agricultural Employment in the United States (H-2A Workers)) is reopened and extended through September 18, 2000.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of August, 2000.

Raymond L. Bramucci,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6851-7]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed deletion of the General Electric (GE) Wiring Devices Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region II office proposes to delete the GE Wiring Devices Superfund Site (Site), which is located in the municipality of Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this action. The NPL constitutes Appendix B of 40 CFR part 300, which is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which EPA promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended. EPA and the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board have determined that the Site poses no significant threat to public health or the environment, as defined by CERCLA; and therefore, further remedial measures pursuant to CERCLA are not appropriate.

We are publishing a direct final action along with this proposed deletion without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no significant adverse or critical comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no significant

adverse or critical comments are received, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives significant adverse or critical comments, the direct final action will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments concerning this action must be received by September 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Caroline Kwan, Remedial Project Manager, Emergency and Remedial Response Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, 290 Broadway, 20th Floor, New York, New York 10007-1866.

Comprehensive information on this Site is available through the public docket contained at: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, Superfund Records Center, 290 Broadway, Room 1828, New York, New York 10007-1866, (212) 637-4308. Hours: 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

Information on the Site is also available for viewing at the following information repository locations: The Press Office at the Mayor's Office, Casa Alcaldia de Juana Diaz, Calle Degetau, (787) 837-2185. Hours: 8 AM to Noon; 1 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Centro Europa Building, 1492 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Suite 207, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907, (787) 729-6951 Ext. 263. Hours: 7 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kwan may be contacted at the above address, by telephone at (212) 637-4275, by FAX at (212) 637-4284 or via e-mail at kwan.caroline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final Action which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

Dated: July 28, 2000.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region II.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

42 CFR Part 405

[HCFA-3432-N4]

Medicare Program; Open Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Criteria for Making Coverage Decisions—August 31, 2000

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This document announces a town hall meeting for all interested parties to discuss criteria we would use to make certain national coverage decisions. This meeting presents one aspect of the evolving process for making the Medicare coverage process more open and responsive to the public.

DATES: August 31, 2000, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, E.D.T.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the HCFA headquarters auditorium, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Brocato-Simons at 410-786-0261.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On April 27, 1999, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 22619) that announced the process we use to make national coverage decisions under the Medicare program. We also announced that we would not be adopting, as final, a 1989 proposed rule that set forth the criteria we would have used to make coverage decisions under Medicare. On May 16, 2000, we published a notice of intent (NOI) in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 31124) that announced our intention to issue a proposed rule and solicited advance public comments on the criteria we would use to make national coverage decisions under the "reasonable and necessary" provisions of section 1862(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act). We extended the closing date of the comment period from June 15, 2000 to July 17, 2000. We received 118 public comments from major organizations and individuals with an interest in our coverage process. Commenters expressed their views on the following issues:

- Cost as a coverage criterion.
- Increased evidence burden.
- Limited choice or interference with the practice of medicine.
- Withdrawal of coverage.

- Burden of proof.

In the NOI, we explained that these coverage decisions are prospective, population-based policies that apply to a clinical subset or class of Medicare beneficiaries. We described the clinical circumstances and setting under which an item or service is available (or not available). We included information and approaches we are considering at this time for making coverage decisions. We also clarified that the NOI was not intended to address individual medical necessity determinations and claims adjudications by our contractors and other adjudicators, nor was it intended to address changes in current Medicare payment policies.

II. Format of Meeting

We will begin the meeting with a brief overview of the May NOI that solicited advance public comments on proposed criteria we would use in making future, national coverage decisions. Following this introduction will be a more detailed explanation of HCFA's NOI criteria for sake of clarity. This discussion will then be followed by a specified amount of time for public presentations by participants who submit a prior request to speak.

III. Registration

Individuals may register by contacting Ms. Patricia Brocato-Simons either by telephone at 410-786-0261, by mail, at 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S3-02-01, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850, fax, at 410-786-9286, or electronically at Pbrocatosimons@hcfa.gov. Please provide, as applicable, your name, title, firm name, address, telephone number, fax number, and electronic mailing address. Participants who wish to display an exhibit or make a presentation at the meeting are asked to contact Ms. Brocato-Simons at 410-786-0261 or via E-mail at Pbrocatosimons@hcfa.gov as soon as possible. Please identify the topic(s) for your presentation and an estimate of the amount of time required to make the presentation. Because of time constraints, we may need to limit the number of individuals who make presentations. We will notify participants who have been selected to make a presentation. We will assign presentation times before the meeting. While the meeting is open to the public, attendance is limited to the space available.

We will accept written questions, comments, or other materials, before and during the meeting, or up to 14 days after the meeting. Address comments to: DHHS, HCFA, ATTN: Patricia Brocato-