

how this proposed temporary rule might impact tribal governments, even if that impact may not constitute a "tribal implication" under the Order.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this proposed temporary rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a "significant energy action" under that order because it is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. It has not been designated by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Environment

We have considered the environmental impact of this proposed temporary rule and concluded that, under figure 2-1, paragraph (32) (e), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to temporarily amend 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. From October 15, 2003, through May 14, 2004, § 117.720(b) is temporarily suspended and a new paragraph (c) is added to read as follows:

§ 117.720 Great Channel.

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(c) From 8 a.m. on October 15, 2003, until 11 p.m. on May 14, 2004, the draw of the County of Cape May Bridge, mile 0.7, between Stone Harbor and Nummy Island need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

Dated: June 3, 2003.

Sally Brice-O'Hara,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,
Fifth Coast Guard District.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 204 and Appendix G to Chapter 2

[DFARS Case 2003-D005]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; DoD Activity Address Codes in Contract Numbers

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to prescribe the use of DoD activity address codes in the first six positions of solicitation and contract numbers, instead of the current practice of using DoD activity address numbers in the first six positions. This change will provide consistency in the method of identifying DoD activities and will eliminate the need for maintenance of the list of DoD activity address numbers in DFARS Appendix G.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before August 11, 2003, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite DFARS Case 2003-D005 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Susan Schneider, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2003-D005.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Schneider, (703) 602-0326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This rule proposes amendments to DFARS Subpart 204.70 to prescribe the use of a contracting office's DoD activity address code in the first six positions of a solicitation or contract number, instead of the DoD activity address number found in DFARS Appendix G. DoD is planning to use activity address codes in numbering solicitations and contracts, beginning October 1, 2003. DoD activity address codes are maintained by the Defense Logistics Agency and are available at <https://day2k1.daas.dla.mil/dodaac/dodaac.asp>.

The proposed change will eliminate the need for maintenance of the list of activity address numbers in DFARS Appendix G. However, there will still be a need to maintain the two-position codes, presently found in Appendix G, that contracting offices use when placing an order against another activity's contract or agreement. These codes will be relocated to the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Web site (<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap>), and Appendix G will be removed from the DFARS. The administrative information included in section 204.7005 of this proposed rule is also being considered for a location outside of the DFARS.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because assignment of solicitation and contract numbers is an administrative function performed by the Government. Since the rule makes no change to the number of characters in a solicitation or contract number, it should not have a significant effect on the operation of automated systems. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2003-D005.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any information collection

requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 204

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR Part 204 and Appendix G to Chapter 2 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 204 and Appendix G to subchapter I continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 204—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Section 204.7000 is revised to read as follows:

204.7000 Scope.

This subpart—

(a) Prescribes policies and procedures for assigning numbers to all solicitations, contracts, and related instruments; and

(b) Does not apply to communication service authorizations issued by the Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization of the Defense Information Systems Agency in accordance with 239.7407–2.

3. Section 204.7003 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows:

204.7003 Basic PII number.

(a) * * *

(1) *Positions 1 through 6.* The first six positions identify the department/agency and office issuing the instrument. Use the DoD Activity Address Code (DoDAAC) assigned to the issuing office. DoDAACs can be found at <https://day2k1.daas.dla.mil/dodaac/dodaac.asp>.

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4. Section 204.7004 is amended in paragraph (d)(2)(i) by revising the second sentence to read as follows:

204.7004 Supplementary PII numbers.

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(d) * * *

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(i) * * * The first and second positions contain the call/order code assigned to the ordering office in accordance with 204.7005. * * *

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5. Section 204.7005 is added to read as follows:

204.7005 Assignment of order codes.

(a) The Defense Logistics Agency, Acquisition Operations Team, Fort

Belvoir, VA 22060–6221, is the executive agent for maintenance of code assignments for use in the first two positions of an order number when an activity places an order against another activity's contract or agreement (see 204.7004(d)(2)). The executive agent distributes blocks of two-character order codes to department/agency monitors for further assignment.

(b) Contracting activities submit requests for assignment of or changes in two-character order codes to their respective monitors in accordance with department/agency procedures. Order code monitors—

(1) Approve requests for additions, deletions, or changes; and

(2) Provide notification of additions, deletions, or changes to—

(i) The executive agent; and

(ii) The executive editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062.

(c) Order code monitors are—

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(d) Order code assignments can be found at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap>.

Appendix G to Chapter 2—[Removed and Reserved]

6. Appendix G to Chapter 2 is removed and reserved.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 171, 172, and 173

[RSPA–03–15327 (Docket No. HM–206B)]

RIN 2137–AD28

Hazardous Materials: Changes to the Hazard Communication Requirements, Including Revision of Design of Labels and Placards for Materials Poisonous by Inhalation (PIH)

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: RSPA is proposing changes to the hazard communication requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR), including revisions of the specifications for labels and placards, based on petitions for rulemaking, requests for clarification, and our own belief that clarifications and improvements in the HMR may be appropriate. The effect of the proposed regulatory changes would be to improve safety of emergency responders and the public, and of offerors and transporters of hazardous materials.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 11, 2003. To the extent possible, we will accept late-filed comments as we develop a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Dockets Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Comments should identify Docket Number RSPA–03–15327 (HM–206B) and be submitted in two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. You may also submit comments by e-mail by accessing the Dockets Management System Web site at “<http://dms.dot.gov/>” and following the instructions for submitting a document electronically. If you prefer, you can fax comments to 202–493–2251 for filing in the docket.

The Dockets Management System is located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. You can review public dockets there between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. You can also review comments on-line at the DOT Dockets Management System Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov/>.