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(1) A change in the amount of the fellowship;

(2) A change in the academic institution you attend; or

(3) A change in the duration of your fellowship.

(b) You must obtain the EPA project officer's written approval of changes in the field of study or approved research project.

(c) You do not need EPA approval of minor changes that are consistent with the objective of the fellowship agreement. Minor changes do not, however, obligate EPA to provide additional funds for any costs you incur in excess of the fellowship agreement amount.

§ 46.195 Project period.

Based on the "Date Fellow Will Enter on Duty" which you enter on the Activation Notice (see § 46.185(a)), EPA will establish the project period for the fellowship. If you incur costs before the date of the fellowship award, the date on the Activation Notice must reflect that fact (see also § 46.170(b)).

§ 46.200 Payment.

EPA will not make payments under a fellowship agreement until the award official receives the signed "Fellowship Activation Notice" (EPA Form 5770-7) as required by § 46.185. Unless the fellowship provides another payment process, EPA makes payments as follows:

(a) EPA pays tuition and fees directly to the educational institution.

(b) EPA pays any stipend directly to you on a monthly or other basis approved by the project officer and included in the fellowship agreement.

(c) EPA pays any book or other expense allowance to you or to the educational institution, as specified in the fellowship agreement. If EPA pays your expense allowance to the educational institution, the institution may deduct not more than two percent of the expense allowance as a handling fee.

§ 46.205 Intangible property.

In general, if you develop intangible property under a fellowship agreement (*e.g.*, copyrighted software), EPA reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish,

or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so. EPA's requirements for dealing with such intangible property are found at 40 CFR 30.36 of EPA's Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations.

§ 46.210 Termination.

(a) EPA may terminate your fellowship agreement in whole or in part in accordance with the following:

(1) If you fail to submit the "Fellowship Activation Notice" as required by § 46.185.

(2) If you fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the fellowship agreement.

(b) You may voluntarily terminate your fellowship by sending the award official written notification setting forth the reasons for termination and the effective date. In that case, the EPA project officer may discuss the terms of the termination with you, and EPA may send you a letter or other document which states any termination conditions.

(c) Costs resulting from obligations you incur after termination of an award are not allowable unless EPA expressly authorizes them in the notice of termination or subsequently approves them. Costs after termination which are necessary and not reasonably avoidable are allowable if:

(1) The cost results from obligations which you properly incurred before the effective date of termination, were not in anticipation of the termination, and are noncancellable; and

(2) The cost would be allowable if the award expired normally.

§ 46.215 Enforcement.

(a) You must use fellowship funds for the purposes stated in the fellowship agreement. If you fail to comply with the terms and conditions of an award, EPA may take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate:

(1) Temporarily withhold or suspend payments pending your correction of the deficiency or pending other enforcement by EPA;

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(2) Disallow all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;

(3) Wholly or partly terminate the fellowship agreement in accordance with § 46.210(a);

(4) Withhold the award of additional funds under the fellowship; or

(5) Take other remedies that may be legally available.

(b) In taking an enforcement action, EPA will provide you an opportunity for hearing, appeal, or other administrative proceeding to which you are entitled under any statute or regulation applicable to the action involved, including § 46.220.

(c) The enforcement remedies identified in this section, including withholding of payment and termination, do not preclude debarment and suspension action under Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 and EPA's implementing regulations (40 CFR part 32).

§ 46.220 Disputes.

(a) If you and the EPA award official or project officer have a disagreement, you should make reasonable efforts to resolve it at that level.

(b) If you cannot reach agreement, an EPA disputes decision official will provide a written final decision. The EPA disputes decision official is the individual designated by the award official to resolve disputes concerning assistance agreements. The dispute procedures outlined at 40 CFR part 31, subpart F, will apply.

Subpart E—After the Fellowship

§ 46.225 Equipment.

(a) If EPA authorizes you to purchase equipment (see § 46.140(b)) and the equipment retains a fair market value of more than \$5,000, you must request disposition instructions from the EPA project officer when you no longer need it for the work under the fellowship.

(b) If you purchase an item with an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or less, the item belongs to you.

§ 46.230 Closeout procedures.

(a) You must submit the "EPA Fellowship Completion of Studies Notice" (EPA Form 5770-9) signed by your sponsor or department head of the edu-

cational institution when the project period ends. In certain instances, *e.g.*, your program of study is at an EPA facility, the EPA project officer may sign as sponsor on the Completion of Studies Notice. You may request an extension to submit the form if you need it.

(b) You must retain all records related to your fellowship agreement for three years after the completion date you insert on the "Completion of Studies Notice" (EPA Form 5770-9).

(c) EPA, the Inspector General, Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, has the right of timely and unrestricted access to your documents, papers, or other records related to your fellowship, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts and copies of such documents. The rights of access in this paragraph are not limited to the required retention period, but shall last as long as records are retained.

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§ 47.100 Purpose and scope.

This regulation codifies policy and procedures for the award of grants or cooperative agreements under section 6 of the NEEA. Specifically, this regulation defines eligible applicants, eligible activities, EPA priorities for selecting recipients, funding limits, and matching requirements. Projects funded under this regulation are also subject to the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) part 31 for State and local recipients, and part 30 for other than State