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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)

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48 CFR Ch. 9

Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy has prepared and today is publishing its semiannual regulatory agenda pursuant to Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review," 58 FR 51735,

and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. sections 601-612 (1988).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about any particular item on the regulatory agenda, please contact the individual listed under that item. For further information on the regulatory agenda in general, please contact: Richard L. Farman, Room 6E-078, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Entries appended to this notice reflect the status of activities as of approximately March

20, 2003. They are divided into categories first by subagencies and then according to their stage of rulemaking action: prerule, proposed rulemaking, final rulemaking, long-term action, or completed action.

A draft of this regulatory agenda has been transmitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration for comment, if any, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 602(b).

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Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy—Prerule Stage

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Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy—Final Rule Stage

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696	Test Procedures for Commercial Water Heaters	1904-AA95
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698	Test Procedures for Commercial Air Conditioning Equipment	1904-AA97
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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
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703	Energy Efficiency Standards for Clothes Dryers and Dishwashers	1904-AA89
704	Energy Efficiency Standards for Pool Heaters and Direct Heating Equipment	1904-AA90
705	Energy Efficiency Standards for 1-200 HP Electric Motors	1904-AA91
706	Energy Efficiency Standards for Fluorescent and Incandescent Lamps	1904-AA92

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
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Defense and Security Affairs—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
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710	Criteria and Procedures for Non-Prejudicial Restriction of Access Authorization	1992-AA32
711	Polygraph Examination Regulations	1992-AA33

Defense and Security Affairs—Final Rule Stage

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713	Human Reliability Program	1992-AA29
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	part A	1992-AA31

Defense and Security Affairs—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
715	Criteria and Procedure for Establishment of the Personnel Security Assurance Program and Determinations of an Individual's Eligibility for Access to a Personnel Security Assurance Program Position	1992-AA30

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Departmental and Others—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
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723	Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs or Activities	1901-AA86
724	Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites: Technical Amend-	
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Departmental and Others—Completed Actions

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729	Payments for Special Burdens and In Lieu of Taxes	1901-AA58
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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
731	Energy Department Motor Vehicle Fleet Fuel Efficiency	1991-AB59
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Office of Procurement and Assistance Management—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
736	Organizational Conflict of Interest Disclosure	1991-AB52
737	Acquisition Regulation: Payment of Fee Relating to Security Issues/Conditional Payment of Fee	1991-AB54
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	Free Workplace (Grants)	1991-AB56
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Office of Procurement and Assistance Management—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
741	DEAR: Recycling	1991-AB47

Office of General Counsel—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
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Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE)

Prerule Stage

682. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL FURNACES, BOILERS, AND MOBILE HOME FURNACES

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Unfunded Mandates: This action may affect the private sector under PL 104-

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6295 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430 Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, January 1, 1994.

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, establishes initial energy efficiency standard levels for most types of major residential appliances and generally requires DOE to undertake two subsequent rulemakings, at specified times, to determine whether the extant standard for a covered product should be amended.

This is the initial review of the statutory standards for furnaces, boilers and mobile home furnaces.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
ANPRM	09/08/93	58 FR 47326
Framework Workshop	07/17/01	
Venting Workshop	05/08/02	
Notice of Availability	08/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Additional Information: Based on its recent analysis, the Department is

reclassifying this action as low priority, pending further review. The Department will publish a notice of availability discussing this analysis and seeking comments from stakeholders. Based on the comments received, a decision will be made whether any further action is necessary.

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RIN: 1904–AA78

683. DETERMINATION FOR SMALL ELECTRIC MOTORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 6317

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, April 24, 1995, Determination Notice.

Abstract: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires the Department to prescribe test procedures for small electric motors for which the Secretary makes a determination that energy conservation standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Determination Notice	09/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: The

Department's regulatory actions related to energy efficiency standards have been categorized as high, medium, and low priority based on significant input from the public. This action is a high priority and the Department is gathering information and conducting analyses in preparation for a determination under 42 U.S.C. 6317(b).

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684. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS

Priority: Economically Significant.

Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6317 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, (EPCA) establishes initial energy efficiency standard levels for certain types of major residential appliances and certain types of commercial equipment. EPCA contains no energy efficiency standards for distribution transformers. This rulemaking will determine whether it

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is appropriate to establish such standards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Determination Notice	10/22/97	62 FR 54809
ANPRM	07/00/03	
NPRM	03/00/04	
Final Action	10/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AB08

685. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING UNITS AND HEAT PUMPS RATED 65-240 KBTUS/HR

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Unfunded Mandates: This action may affect the private sector under PL 104-

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6293 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended, establishes initial energy efficiency standard levels for certain types of major residential appliances and certain types of commercial equipment. EPCA requires DOE to amend the standard for this product whenever ASHRAE

amends its standard.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Screening Workshop	10/01/01	66 FR 43123
ANPRM	08/00/03	
NPRM	04/00/04	
Final Action	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AB09

Department of Energy (DOE)

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE)

Proposed Rule Stage

686. STATE AND LOCAL INCENTIVES PROGRAM: ALTERNATIVE FUELS

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 42 USC 13235 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 409

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, April

24, 1993.

Abstract: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires DOE to issue regulations establishing the State and Local Incentives Program. Under this program DOE may grant financial assistance to States for projects in DOE-approved State plans to promote use of alternative fuels and alternative-fueled vehicles. With the publication of an integrated State Energy Program (61 FR 35890), the alternative fuel grant programs may be a part of the State grant special projects, depending on funding availability. The next action will be a cancellation notice of any separate State grant program.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	03/21/95 60 FR 15020
Withdraw NPRM	12/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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687. TEST PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 6317 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, April 24, 1995, Determination Notice.

Abstract: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires the Department to prescribe testing requirements for electric distribution transformers for which the Secretary makes a determination that energy conservation standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Determination Notice	10/22/97	62 FR 54809
NPRM	11/12/98	63 FR 63359

Action	Date
Supplemental NPRM	07/00/03
Final Action	02/00/04

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Due to the Department's limited staff and financial resources, regulatory actions related to energy efficiency standards have been categorized as high, medium, and low priority based on significant input from the public. This action is a high priority, and the Department is working actively on this action.

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RIN: 1904–AA85

688. ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLE ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FLEETS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

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Legal Authority: 42 USC 13257 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 490

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, May

1, 1999.

Final, Statutory, April 1, 2000.

Abstract: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (the Act) requires DOE to initiate a rulemaking to determine whether a private and local fleet program is deemed necessary to meet the fuel replacement goals of the Act. The criteria for making this determination are mandated by the Act.

DOE has completed the proposed rule and anticipates publication of the final rule in late 2003.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
ANPRM	04/17/98	63 FR 19372
Notice of Public Workshops	07/20/00	65 FR 44987
NPRM	03/04/03	68 FR 10320
NPRM Comment Period End	06/02/03	
Final Action	11/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Local

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RIN: 1904-AA98

689. ● ENERGY STANDARDS FOR NEW FEDERAL COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 6834 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 434

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 305(a)(1) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C 6834(a)(1), requires the Department to establish by rule building energy efficiency standards for all new Federal commercial and multi-family high-rise residential (over three stories in height above ground) buildings. In developing this rule, DOE is directed to consult

with other Federal agencies as well as private, State, and other appropriate entities.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	09/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AB13

690. ● COVERAGE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT (REACH-IN FREEZERS, REACH-IN REFRIGERATORS, VENDING MACHINES, AND BEVERAGE MERCHANDISERS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 6311; 42 USC

6312

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) section 341 allows the Secretary to include a type of industrial equipment as covered equipment. DOE is undertaking an analysis of reach-in refrigerators/freezers and beverage merchandisers/vending machines to determine whether to classify these products as "covered." If these products are covered, DOE will undertake rulemakings for test procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM - Coverage of Commercial Products	12/00/03	
Final Rule - Coverage of Certain Commercial Products	05/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AB14

691. ● COVERAGE OF CERTAIN INCANDESCENT REFLECTOR LAMPS, TORCHIERES, AND CEILING FANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6291; 42 USC

6292

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) section 322 allows the Secretary to classify additional consumer products as "covered products." DOE is undertaking an analysis of elliptical reflector and bulged reflector incandescent lamps, torchieres, and ceiling fans to determine whether to classify these products as "covered." If these products are covered, DOE will undertake rulemakings for test procedures. The Secretary is required to define "household" as part of the coverage process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM - Coverage of Residential Products	12/00/03	
Final Rule - Coverage of Residential Products	05/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: ${
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Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AB15

DOE—EE Proposed Rule Stage

692. ● ENERGY EFFICIENCY
PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL AND
INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT:
EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR 3PHASE AIR CONDITIONERS AND
HEAT PUMP LESS THAN 65 KBTU/H;
& TANKLESS GAS-FIRED
INSTANTANEOUS WATER HEATERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined Legal Authority: 42 USC 6311 to 6316;

42 USC 6313(a)

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The efficiency requirements in the statute correspond to the levels in ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1 as in effect on October 24, 1992. The statute further provides that if the efficiency levels in ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1 are amended after that date for any of the covered products, as recently occurred, the Secretary of Energy must establish an amended uniform national standard for such equipment at the new minimum level for each effective date specified in ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1, unless he determines that a more stringent standard is technologically feasible and economically justified and would result in significant additional energy conservation.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	12/00/03
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Additional Information: Due to the Department's limited staff and financial resources, regulatory actions related to

energy efficiency standards have been categorized as high, medium, and low priority based on significant input from the public. While this action had previously been considered a high priority, there is no clear and convincing evidence that indicates a more stringent standard would result in significant additional energy conservation. DOE plans to propose adopting the new amended ASHRAE 90.1-1999/2002 for 3-Phase units and ASHRAE 90.1-1999 for Instantaneous Water Heaters.

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RIN: 1904-AB16

693. ● ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT: EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR PACKAGED TERMINAL AIR CONDITIONERS AND HEAT PUMPS; AND OIL- AND GAS-FIRED COMMERCIAL PACKAGE BOILERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined Legal Authority: 42 USC 6311 to 6316; 42 USC 6313(a)

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The efficiency requirements in the statute correspond to the levels in ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1 as in effect on October 24, 1992. The statute

further provides that if the efficiency levels in ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1 are amended after that date for any of the covered products, as recently occurred, the Secretary of Energy must establish an amended uniform national standard for such equipment at the new minimum level for each effective date specified in ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1, unless he determines that a more stringent standard is technologically feasible and economically justified and would result in significant additional energy conservation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	12/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Additional Information: Due to the Department's limited staff and financial resources, regulatory actions related to energy efficiency standards have been categorized as high, medium, and low priority based on significant input from the public. While this action had previously been considered a high priority, there is no clear and convincing evidence that indicates a more stringent standard would result in significant additional energy conservation.

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Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE)

Final Rule Stage

694. TEST PROCEDURES FOR CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONERS AND HEAT PUMPS—AMENDMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6293 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These revisions to the test procedures for central air conditioners and heat pumps in accordance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act will reorganize the document in a logical order and update the references. The revisions include an updated nomenclature compatible with the test procedure for combined (domestic hot water and central air conditioners or

heat pumps) appliances, additional tables listing test tolerances, a clearer specification for the demand defrost credit, and test methods for ECM (electronically commutated motor) blowers and history-dependent defrosts.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	01/22/01	66 FR 6768
Final Action	07/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 1904–AA46

695. ENERGY EFFICIENCY CODE FOR NEW FEDERAL RESIDENTIAL LOW-RISE BUILDINGS

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 42 USC 6834 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 435 Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, October 24, 1994.

Abstract: Title III of the Energy
Conservation and Production Act as
amended by the Energy Policy Act of
1992 (PL 102-486, October 24, 1992)
provides that DOE establish Federal
building energy standards that require
in new Federal buildings those energy
efficiency measures that are
technologically feasible and
economically justified. The standards
for Federal buildings are intended to
parallel closely the voluntary building
energy codes of the Energy Policy Act
for private sector construction. Interim
energy performance standards which

DOE had issued before enactment of

effect for the Federal sector until the

the Energy Policy Act are to remain in

new Federal building energy standards

Timetable:

become effective.

Action	Date	
NPRM	05/02/97	62 FR 24164
NPRM Comment Period End	07/14/97	
Final Action	12/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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RIN: 1904–AA53

696. TEST PROCEDURES FOR COMMERCIAL WATER HEATERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 6293 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended, establishes energy conservation standards for commercial water heating products, prescribes test procedures, and requires labeling for such equipment. This action would promulgate by regulation the energy conservation standards and test procedures established in EPCA for these products. This action will incorporate by reference energy conservation standards and test procedures, as promulgated by EPCA and as revised by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	08/09/00	65 FR 48852
Final Action	05/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AA95

697. TEST PROCEDURES FOR COMMERCIAL WARM AIR FURNACES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 6293 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended, establishes energy conservation

standards for commercial furnaces, prescribes test procedures, and authorizes labeling for such equipment. This action would promulgate by regulation the energy conservation standards and test procedures established in EPCA for commercial furnaces. This action will also incorporate by reference energy conservation standards and test procedures for commercial furnaces, as revised by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), and will also enforcement and other provisions for commercial products generally.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	12/13/99 64 FR 69597
Final Action	05/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AA96

698. TEST PROCEDURES FOR COMMERCIAL AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 6293 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended, establishes energy conservation standards for commercial air conditioning equipment, prescribes test procedures, and authorizes labeling for such equipment. This action would promulgate by regulation the energy conservation standards and test procedures established in EPCA for these products. This action will also incorporate by reference energy conservation standards and test procedures, as promulgated by EPCA and as revised by the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute or by the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ARI/ASHRAE).

DOE—EE Final Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	08/09/00	65 FR 48828
Final Action	05/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AA97

699. TEST PROCEDURES FOR COMMERCIAL PACKAGE BOILERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 6293 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended, establishes energy conservation standards for commercial boilers,

prescribes test procedures, and authorizes labeling for such equipment. This action would promulgate by regulation these provisions. It would also incorporate by reference energy conservation standards and test procedures, as promulgated by EPCA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	08/09/00	65 FR 48838
Final Action	05/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AB02

700. TEST PROCEDURES FOR DISHWASHERS—AMENDMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 6293

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would add a new test procedure for soil-sensing dishwashers, using soiled dishes. It would also incorporate standby power consumption, where applicable.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	09/03/02 67 FR 56232
Final Action	08/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AB10

Department of Energy (DOE)

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE)

Long-Term Actions

701. NATIONAL VOLUNTARY RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATING GUIDELINES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 8236 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 437

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, April

24, 1994.

Abstract: DOE is required to establish by rule national voluntary guidelines for home energy rating systems. The guidelines are designed to encourage uniformity with regard to systems for rating the annual energy efficiency of residential buildings. The guidelines may be used to enable and encourage the assignment of energy efficiency ratings to residential buildings and the development of criteria for attractive financial instruments for energy efficient homes.

In response to the directives of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, DOE collaborated with hundreds of stakeholders and organizations, including the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Council, the National Association of State Energy Officials, and HERS providers, many of whom had been meeting regarding HERS since about 1987. Based on input from all the stakeholders, DOE issued for public comment a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on voluntary guidelines.

Most of the comments that DOE received on the proposed rule were readily resolved. But the issue of "fuel neutrality" was not easily incorporated into the rule. "Fuel neutrality" involved an interpretation of the requirement that the rule not "discriminate among fuel types" for which the EPACT legislation provided no clarification. In spite of an intensive effort by DOE to work with both the electric and gas industries, agreement was not reached, a definition regarding fuel neutrality was not resolved, and the issue remains hotly disputed.

In the fall of 2003, DOE plans to issue a Report to Congress on the HERS and Energy Efficient Mortgages, as required by Congress. This report will note that despite the fact that DOE has not issued a final rule, home energy raters are now available in 47 States, and the guidelines used by these raters are generally consistent in content with DOE's notice of proposed rulemaking on voluntary HERS guidelines.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	07/25/95	60 FR 37949
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 1904–AA74

DOE—EE Long-Term Actions

702. DETERMINATION FOR HIGH-INTENSITY DISCHARGE LAMPS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 6317 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, April 24, 1995, Determination Notice.

Abstract: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires the Department to prescribe test procedures and efficiency standards for high-intensity discharge lamps for which the Secretary makes a determination that energy conservation standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings.

Timetable:

Action

Date

Determination Notice 06/00/04

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: The

Department's regulatory actions related to energy efficiency standards have been categorized as high, medium, and low priority based on significant input from the public. This action is a high priority. The Department is gathering information and conducting analysis in preparation for a determination under 42 U.S.C. 631(b).

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RIN: 1904–AA86

703. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR CLOTHES DRYERS AND DISHWASHERS

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

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Unfunded Mandates: This action may affect the private sector under PL 104-

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6295 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430.32

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, May 14, 1996, Determination Notice.

Abstract: The statute requires the Department to revise the standards to

achieve the maximum improvement in energy efficiency for clothes washers and dryers, which the Secretary determines is technologically feasible and economically justified.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State,

Local

Additional Information: Due to the Department's limited staff and financial resources, regulatory actions related to energy efficiency standards have been categorized as high, medium, and low priority based on significant input from the public. The dishwasher standard has been upgraded to a medium priority, and the Department plans to begin work on this standard within the next two fiscal years. However, the clothes dryer standard remains a low priority.

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RIN: 1904–AA89

704. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR POOL HEATERS AND DIRECT HEATING EQUIPMENT

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Unfunded Mandates: This action may affect the private sector under PL 104-4.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6295 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, January 1, 1992, Determination Notice.

Abstract: The statute requires the Department to revise the standards to achieve the maximum improvement in energy efficiency which the Secretary determines is technologically feasible and economically justified.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Additional Information: Due to the Department's limited financial resources, regulatory actions related to

energy efficiency standards have been categorized as high, medium, and low priority based on significant input from the public. This action is a low priority, and the Department does not plan to begin substantive work on this action in the next two fiscal years.

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RIN: 1904-AA90

705. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR 1-200 HP ELECTRIC MOTORS

Priority: Economically Significant.

Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6313 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 431

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, October 24, 1999, Determination

Notice.

Abstract: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended, establishes initial energy efficiency standards and test procedures for commercial and industrial electric motors. EPCA requires the Department to revise the standards periodically to achieve the maximum improvement in energy efficiency which the Secretary determines is technologically feasible and economically justified.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Due to the Department's limited staff and financial resources, regulatory actions related to energy efficiency standards have been categorized as high, medium, and low priority based on significant input from the public. This action is a low priority, and the Department does not plan to begin substantive work on this action in the next two fiscal years.

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RIN: 1904–AA91

DOE—EE Long-Term Actions

706. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR FLUORESCENT AND INCANDESCENT LAMPS

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Unfunded Mandates: This action may affect the private sector under PL 104-

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6295 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430.32 Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, November 15, 1998, Determination Notice.

Abstract: The statute requires the Department to revise the standards to achieve the maximum improvement in energy efficiency which the Secretary

determines is technologically feasible and economically justified.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Additional Information: Due to the Department's limited staff and financial resources, regulatory actions related to energy efficiency standards have been categorized as high, medium, and low priority based on significant input from the public. This action is presently a low priority. However, industry has requested that the Department consider making this a higher priority in the

case of medium base compact fluorescent lamps. The specific concerns of industry are being reviewed prior to determining the most appropriate action to be taken. This request is also being considered in the context of existing priorities for budget and staff.

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RIN: 1904-AA92

Department of Energy (DOE)

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE)

Completed Actions

707. TEST PROCEDURES FOR RESIDENTIAL REFRIGERATORS AND REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 6293(b) CFR Citation: 10 CFR 430 subpart B,

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action amends the calculation of the test time period for long-time automatic defrost.

Action	Date	
NPRM	03/07/03	68 FR 11009
Direct Final Rule	03/07/03	68 FR 10957
NPRM Comment Period End	04/07/03	

Direct Final Rule 05/06/03 Effective

Timetable:

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1904–AB12

Department of Energy (DOE) Defense and Security Affairs (DSA)

Proposed Rule Stage

708. PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF SECURITY INTERESTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2011; 42 USC

7101

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 1046 subpart A; 10 CFR 1046 subpart B

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: 10 CFR part 1046, subparts A and B, establishes DOE contractor requirements in the areas of protective force medical, physical fitness, and firearms qualifications and training. The proposed revisions are to ensure protective force personnel receive quality medical services that are consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. They also will enhance communications between

Designated Physicians and personnel responsible for supervising physical fitness training and certification to assure better understanding of the risk of injury to Security Police Officers and Security Officers participating in physical fitness activities. Additionally, Security Police Officer I and Security Police Officer II positions were better defined to eliminate confusing physical fitness requirements. Finally, the current physical fitness qualification requirements are being revised.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	04/14/03	68 FR 17886
NPRM Correction	04/18/03	68 FR 19166
NPRM Comment Period End	06/13/03	
Final Action	10/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1992–AA23

709. COMPUTER SECURITY; ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 7101 et seq; 42 USC 2011 et seq; 50 USC 2425; 50

USC 2483(c)

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

DOE-DSA Proposed Rule Stage

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, January 3, 2000.

Abstract: This action would codify rules governing access by any individual to information on National Nuclear Security Administration computer systems.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	08/00/03	
Final Action	03/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1992-AA27

710. • CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR NON-PREJUDICIAL **RESTRICTION OF ACCESS AUTHORIZATION**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2165; 42 USC 2201; EO 10450; 42 USC 5814; 42 USC

5815

CFR Citation: 3 CFR 1949 to 1953 Comp., p. 936; 3 CFR 1959 to 1963 Comp., p. 398; 3 CFR ch IV, sec 104(c)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would amend the Department's regulations to allow for the automatic restriction of DOE access authorizations when cleared individuals are subject to a proposed involuntary separation from employment due to reduction in force, workforce restructuring, or other cause not predicated upon the personal actions of the individual. The proposed amendment would also allow for limited restoration of access to classified matter in order for essential work to continue.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	07/00/03
Interim Final Rule	09/00/03
Final Action	12/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Mary E. Gallion, Department of Energy, SO-112, 1000

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RIN: 1992–AA32

711. ● POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION **REGULATIONS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2011 et seq; 42 USC 7101 et seq; 42 USC 7383h-

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 709 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The purpose of this action is to promulgate new counterintelligence polygraph regulations consistent with section 3152 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	05/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1992-AA33

Department of Energy (DOE)

Defense and Security Affairs (DSA)

Final Rule Stage

712. PROCEDURAL RULES FOR DOE **NUCLEAR SECURITY ACTIVITIES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2011 et seq; 42 USC 7101 et seq; 42 USC 2282(b)

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 824 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would define the process for the imposition of civil penalties on contractors for violations relating to the safeguarding or security of classified or sensitive data.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	04/01/02 67 FR 15339
NPRM Comment Period End	07/01/02
Final Rule	05/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Phone: 202 586-4451 **RIN:** 1992–AA28

713. HUMAN RELIABILITY PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 7254

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 710; 10 CFR 711;

10 CFR 712

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would establish a Human Reliability Program that

would consolidate the Department's Personnel Security Assurance Program (PSAP) and its Personnel Assurance Program (PAP). PSAP is an access authorization program for individuals who apply for or occupy certain positions that are critical to the national security. The PSAP requires an initial and annual supervisory review, medical assessment, management evaluation, and a DOE personnel security review of all applicants or incumbents. The PAP is a nuclear explosives safety program using many of the evaluations of the PSAP to ensure that employees assigned to nuclear explosive duties do not have emotional, mental, or physical conditions that could result in an accidental or unauthorized detonation of nuclear explosives.

DOE-DSA Final Rule Stage

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Action Date NPRM 07/12/02 67 FR 46912 05/00/03 Final Action

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1992-AA29

714. CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED MATTER OR SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL, SUBPART A

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: EO 12968; 42 USC

2201

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 710, subpart A

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would update the responsibilities and authorities to reflect organizational changes.

Timetable:

Action Date Interim Final Rule 05/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1992-AA31

Department of Energy (DOE)

Defense and Security Affairs (DSA)

Completed Actions

715. CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE FOR **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE** PERSONNEL SECURITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM AND DETERMINATIONS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCESS TO A PERSONNEL SECURITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM **POSITION**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2165; 42 USC 2201; EO 10450; 42 USC 7251, 7254,

and 7256

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CFR Citation: 10 CFR 710, subpart B

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would amend the Department's regulations to allow

newly hired individuals in security police officer positions who have received an interim Q access authorization through DOE's Accelerated Access Authorization Program to be eligible to hold a Personnel Security Assurance Program (PSAP) position. Currently, DOE's regulations require a Q access authorization based on a full background investigation for all PSAP positions.

Timetable:

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NPRM	04/04/02 67 FR 16061

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Action Date NPRM Comment 05/06/02 Period End 10/28/02 67 FR 65690 Final Action

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1992-AA30

Department of Energy (DOE) Departmental and Others (ENDEP)

716. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 552 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 1004 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as amended, permits any person to request access to agency records. The DOE has promulgated a regulation at part 1004 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations to implement the FOIA. The DOE will revise its FOIA regulation to reflect current procedures for processing requests for information that are submitted to the agency, to ensure

compliance with the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996, and to make the regulation more user friendly.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	09/00/03	
Final Action	12/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 1901-AA32

717. RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 7101 et seq; 50 USC 2401 et seq

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would establish policies and procedures for handling research misconduct allegations.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	05/00/03	
Final Action	12/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 1901-AA89

718. OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION **PROTECTION**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 7191

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 835 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would amend the Department of Energy's occupational radiation protection regulations to provide additional flexibility in meeting requirements, to update the dosimetric models and dose terms, to establish certain concentration values and limits, and to clarify requirements for radioactive material transportation not subject to DOT regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	07/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Phone: 301 903-5641 **RIN:** 1901–AA95

719. TRANSMISSION RATE PROCEEDING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 16 USC 839e

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory,

October 1, 2003.

Abstract: Pursuant to section 7 of the Northwest Power Act, 16 USC 839e, the Bonneville Power Administration is required to periodically set and revise its rates. Transmission rates were last set for a two-year period in 2001, and expire September 30, 2003. BPA is required to set rates to recover its costs, including the amortization of the Federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System over a reasonable period of years. Therefore, the Transmission Business Line will set its rates in this rate case in order to recover its costs. Issues of cost allocation among customer classes may also be addressed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Proposed Record of Decision	06/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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720. • WORKER SAFETY AND **HEALTH**

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 42 USC 2282c CFR Citation: 19 CFR 851

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory,

December 2, 2003.

Abstract: Pursuant to section 234C of the Atomic Energy Act, 42 U.S.C. 2282c, DOE will propose regulations applicable to DOPE contractors with respect to worker safety and health at DOE facilities. The regulations would also provide for enforcement assessment of civil penalties and contract fee reductions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	06/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1901-AA99

Department of Energy (DOE) Departmental and Others (ENDEP)

Final Rule Stage

721. RADIATION PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2201; 42 USC

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 834 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would add a new 10 CFR 834 to DOE's regulations establishing a body of rules setting forth the basic requirements for

ensuring radiation protection of the public and environment in connection with DOE nuclear activities. These requirements stem from the Department's ongoing effort to strengthen the protection of health, safety, and the environment from the nuclear and chemical hazards posed by these DOE activities. Major elements of the proposal included a dose limitation system for protection of the public; requirements for liquid discharges; reporting and monitoring requirements;

and residual radioactive material requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	03/25/93	58 FR 16268
Second NPRM	08/31/95	60 FR 45381
Final Action	09/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

DOE—ENDEP Final Rule Stage

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RIN: 1901–AA38

722. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSFERS OF REAL PROPERTY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** PL 105-85, sec 3158

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 770 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would establish procedures for indemnifying and disposing of real property by sale or lease at the Department's defense nuclear facilities for the purpose of permitting economic development. It would also establish procedures for reporting actions to Congress, informing those acquiring the property of the availability of indemnification for injury to people or property from releases or threatened releases of hazardous materials, requesting indemnification, and making claims for indemnification.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Interim Final Rule	02/29/00	65 FR 10685
Final Action	09/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1901–AA82

723. NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 7254 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 1040

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would amend the

definition of "program."

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Action	Date	
NPRM	12/06/00	65 FR 76459
NPRM Comment Period End	01/05/01	
Final Action	09/00/03	
Final Action Effective	10/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Sharon Wyatt, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585 Phone: 202 586-2256

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RIN: 1901-AA86

724. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS OF REMEDIAL ACTION AT ACTIVE URANIUM AND THORIUM PROCESSING SITES: TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2296a et seq

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 765 **Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action would adopt several technical and administrative amendments to the procedural regulations governing the reimbursement of remedial action costs at active uranium and thorium processing sites. The original legislation authorizing the program has been amended four times to increase the amounts authorized for reimbursement, extend certain program dates, and make other technical corrections. The amendments to 10 CFR part 765 will reflect the legislative amendments and make other technical corrections that have been identified since the original rule was issued.

Timetable:

Action	Date
Final Rule	12/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Requirea: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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725. COMPLIANCE WITH FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** EO 11988; EO 11990

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 1022 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would revise the Department of Energy's floodplain and wetland environmental review requirements to add flexibility and remove unnecessary procedural burdens.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	11/18/02 67 FR 69480
NPRM Comment Period End	01/14/03
Final Action	05/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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RIN: 1901–AA94

726. SAFETY NET COST RECOVERY ADJUSTMENT RATE PROCEEDING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 16 USC 832e; 16 USC 825s; 16 USC 838; 16 USC 839e(a)(1)

CFR Citation: None **Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: BPA's Power Business Line has electric rates in effect through September 30, 2006. During the rate period, BPA periodically examines forecast and actual loads, market prices, and expenses. Under the General Rate Schedule Provisions there is a risk mitigation tool embedded within the rates called a Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause (CRAC). There are three levels of the CRAC under which a rate may incrementally increase. The first is the Load-Based CRAC (LB CRAC), which triggers if BPA's augmentation cost exceeds the amount

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forecast. The second is the Financial-Based CRAC (FB CRAC), which triggers based on the generation function's forecasted level of accumulated net revenues. The third is the Safety-Net CRAC (SN CRAC), which would be an upward adjustment to posted power rates subject to the FB CRAC by modifying the FB CRAC parameters.

Prior to each six month period of the 2002-2006 rate period (beginning October 2001), BPA establishes the LB CRAC for that six-month period. The LB CRAC is calculated based on the current forecast of forward market prices for each year, shaped, and the amount by which contracted loads exceed BPA's resources. About 90 days after the end of each six-month period, BPA trues up the LB CRAC based on actual augmentation purchases during the period, and a debit or credit will be made to the customer's bill. BPA establishes the LB CRAC percentage about 90 days prior to the beginning of the next six-month period. Then, about 90 days after the end of the most recent six-month period, BPA calculates the over- or under-collection of actual LB CRAC revenues for the previous six-month period. Any overor under-collection is treated separately from any charges for augmentation costs for the upcoming six-month period.

The FB CRAC allows a temporary, oneyear adjustment to the base rates in addition to the Load Based CRAC for non-Slice customers, if the Power Business Line's accumulated net

revenues fall below a preset threshold. It can trigger in all 5 years of the rate period. It is designed to generate additional cash in a given fiscal year. The thresholds for triggering the FB CRAC vary depending on the particular year of the rate period. The rate adjustment is based on the prior August's third-quarter-review forecast of year-end accumulated net revenues. If the forecast accumulated net revenues are below the threshold, the administrator will propose an FB CRAC adjustment by the end of August that will apply to rates beginning in October. BPA will notify customers in September of the percentage increase. It is trued-up for actual accumulated net revenues in the second half of the year. The SN CRAC would trigger if it appeared the FB CRAC parameters need modification based upon market and other risk factors as discussed above. Changes to the terms and conditions of the FB CRAC would be conducted through a rate proceeding.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Proposed Record of Decision	03/13/03	68 FR 12048
Final Record of Decision	08/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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727. ● COLLECTION OF CLAIMS OWED THE UNITED STATES

 $\textbf{Priority:} \ \textbf{Substantive, Nonsignificant}$

Legal Authority: 42 USC 7254 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 1015 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would amend 10 CFR 1015 to reflect the revisions to the Federal Claims Collections Standards issued by the Department of Treasury and the Department of Justice on November 22, 2000. The revisions would clarify and simplify the Department of Energy's debt collection standards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Direct Final Rule	08/00/03	
Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1901–AA98

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Long-Term Actions

728. ANNOTATION OF LAND RECORDS FOR REMEDIATED PROPERTIES IN THE URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION PROJECT (UMTRA)

Departmental and Others (ENDEP)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** PL 95-604, sec 104(d); PL 104-259, sec 4(a)

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Under section 104(d) of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, the Department of Energy (DOE) is required to issue appropriate rules and regulations concerning the annotation of land records of designated inactive uranium mill sites and vicinity properties included for remedial action under the Act. The annotation is intended to ensure that future purchasers of remediated inactive uranium mill sites and vicinity properties will be notified, prior to such purchase, of the condition of the land.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	04/14/89	54 FR 29732
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Reguired: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

Additional Information: Public Law 104-259, signed into law on October 9, 1996, amended the annotation requirement to provide for States to receive certification from the Secretary for "a program which would achieve the purposes" of the annotation under section 104(d) of the UMTRCA in regards to vicinity properties. DOE sent letters to the affected States regarding the amendment language. Some States expressed concerns about the land annotation requirements. The Department and the States are engaged in discussions to resolve those concerns before proceeding with this action.

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Completed Actions

729. PAYMENTS FOR SPECIAL **BURDENS AND IN LIEU OF TAXES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 2208 Atomic Energy Act of 1954, sec 168

CFR Citation: 10 CFR 610 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would have revised the Department of Energy's policy on making payments for special burdens and in lieu of taxes to State and local taxing jurisdictions pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Withdrawn	03/24/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State,

Local

Federalism: Undetermined

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RIN: 1901–AA58

730. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND SANCTIONS; ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM PERMITS AND REPORTS; SHORT-TERM IMPORTS AND **EXPORTS OF NATURAL GAS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: PL 95-91; PL 10485 as amended by EO 12038; 15 USC 717

b; 42 USC 7101 et seq; EO 12009 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 205.300; 10 CFR

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would streamline the existing procedures for applying to the DOE for Presidential permits and electricity export authorizations by eliminating the use of FERC procedures and establishing a less adversarial process of decisionmaking. It would

also establish that the DOE's decisional criterion is only electric power system reliability and impacts to the environment and not the economic or commercial viability of projects. These actions are in response to the restructuring of the electric power industry.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Withdrawn	03/19/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Department of Energy (DOE)

Office of Procurement and Assistance Management (PR)

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731. ENERGY DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLE FLEET FUEL EFFICIENCY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 2201 CFR Citation: 48 CFR 947; 48 CFR

970.52

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would implement sections 403 and 505 of Executive Order 13101, Greening the Government through Federal Fleet and Transportation Efficiency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	05/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991-AB59

732. NEW AND REVISED DEAR **CLAUSES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 2201; 42 USC

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 970: 48 CFR 901 to 952

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would revise part 970 and related parts of DEAR to

eliminate provisions that are unnecessary, obsolete, or duplicated elsewhere in title 48.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	05/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991-AB60

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733. ● DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ACQUISITION REGULATION: MANAGEMENT CONTRACTOR COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2201; 42 USC

7101; 50 USC 2401

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 970.22; 48 CFR 970.31; 48 CFR 970.52

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would amend the policy and procedures regarding compensation for personal services under contracts for management of Department of Energy facilities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	05/00/03	
Final Action	09/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991–AB61

734. ● DEAR: MAKE OR BUY PLANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2201; 42 USC

7101; 50 USC 2401

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 901; 48 CFR 970

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The requirement for detailed Make or Buy Plans under all DOE management contracts is being eliminated. Make or buy analysis will be retained for major systems acquisitions. A new clause entitled Performance Improvement and Collaboration is being added. It provides for collaboration among DOE's management contractors and the Department to identify possible improvements in contract performance.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	06/00/03	
Final Action	10/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991–AB63

735. ● DEAR: WORK FOR OTHERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2201; 42 USC

7101; 50 USC 2401

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 970.1707; 48 CFR

970.5217-1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would amend the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations (DEAR) to provide policies and procedures regarding work for non-DOE entities performed by DOE contractors who manage and operate DOE owned or leased facilities. These procedures are being relocated from the DOE Directives to the DEAR as part of a larger effort to decrease overly prescriptive guidance. The contractor requirements previously found in DOE order 481.1B are being relocated to the DEAR.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	06/00/03	
Final Action	10/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991–AB64

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Office of Procurement and Assistance Management (PR)

Final Rule Stage

736. ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 7254

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 909; 48 CFR 970

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would amend provisions that cover organizational conflicts of interest and purchases from affiliated sources to protect the Department in transactions involving a DOE M&O contractor and its affiliates.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	10/13/99 64 FR 55453
Final Action	05/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991–AB52

737. ACQUISITION REGULATION: PAYMENT OF FEE RELATING TO SECURITY ISSUES/CONDITIONAL PAYMENT OF FEE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 7254; 40 USC

486(c)

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 970

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would make the payment of fees to the Department's major operating contractors conditional on meeting safeguard and security requirements.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	02/01/01	66 FR 8560
Final Action	05/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Michael L. Righi, Procurement Analyst, Department of Energy, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, 1000 Independence Avenue SW.,

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738. GOVERNMENTWIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT) AND GOVERNMENTWIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** EO 12549; EO 12689;

PL 103-355, sec 2455 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 1036 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This Governmentwide rulemaking proposes changes to clarify and simplify the debarment and suspension process and drug-free workplace requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date
NPRM	01/23/02 67 FR 3265
NPRM Comment Period End	03/25/02
Final Action	06/00/03

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991-AB56

739. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REGULATION: ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 7173 CFR Citation: 10 CFR 600 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action seeks comments on whether to issue a rule that prescribes administrative requirements for financial assistance awards tailored specifically to for-profit organizations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
ANPRM	05/08/01	66 FR 23197
NPRM	08/26/02	67 FR 54850
Final Action	11/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991–AB57

740. ● TECHNICAL AMENDMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ACQUISITION REGULATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2201; 42 USC

7101; 50 USC 2401

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 030; 48 CFR 952;

48 CFR 970

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would make technical amendments and corrections to various parts of the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Direct Final Rule	08/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991–AB62

Department of Energy (DOE)

Office of Procurement and Assistance Management (PR)

741. DEAR: RECYCLING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 7254; 42 USC

486(c)

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 923; 48 CFR

970.52; 48 CFR 970.23 **Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This action would implement E.O. 13101, Greening the Government Through Recycling, Waste Prevention,

and Federal Acquisition. It would increase the procurement of products containing recycled materials and reduce waste generation at DOE facilities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
NPRM	11/30/00	65 FR 71292
Final Action	02/07/03	68 FR 6355

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Completed Actions

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1991–AB47

Department of Energy (DOE) Office of General Counsel (OGC)

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742. CONDUCT OF EMPLOYEES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 42 USC 7211 et seq; PL 103-160, sec 3161; EO 12674 **CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 1010; 5 CFR

2635

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The DOE regulation on conduct of employees needs to be revised to reflect the issuance of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (5 CFR 2635) and the repeal of conflict-of-interest provisions formerly applicable to DOE employees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Interim Final Rule	07/05/96	61 FR 35085
Final Action	05/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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Phone: 202 586-1522 **RIN:** 1990–AA19

743. CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 28 USC

2672; 42 USC 7101 et seq CFR Citation: 10 CFR 1014 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action would provide for the indemnification of employees or former employees of the Department of

Energy who are personally liable to pay damages for their official acts or omissions as a result of an adverse judgment or settlement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	
Interim Final Rule	05/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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