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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Office of the Secretary

#### 15 CFR Part 4a

#### Classification, Declassification and Public Availability of National Security Information; Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Final rule; Correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects the effective date of a final rule relating to the classification, declassification and public availability of national security information published at 46 FR 16251, March 12, 1981.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan F. Brown, 202-377-1722.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The effective date of 15 CFR Part 4a as revised in FR Doc. 81-7640 published at 46 FR 16251, March 12, 1981, third column, was incorrectly listed as September 1980. The correct effective date should be September 4, 1980.

William H. Randolph,

Director, Office of Investigations and Security, U. S. Department of Commerce.

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#### 15 CFR Part 19

#### Federal Interaction With Voluntary Standards Bodies; Procedures

**AGENCY:** Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Productivity, Technology and Innovation, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Deferral of effective date of final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Procedures on Federal Interaction with Voluntary Standards Bodies were published at 46 FR 1574, January 6, 1981 to become effective February 5, 1981. In response to President Reagan's Memorandum of January 29, 1981, the effective date of these procedures was postponed until March 30, 1981 by notice of rulemaking published at 46 FR 11657, February 10, 1981. The effective date is being further postponed until April 29, 1981 to allow time to complete a rulemaking proceeding on the issues of (1) whether

the procedures should be suspended indefinitely pending reexamination, and (2) whether the procedures should be allowed to have interim effect while they are under review. See FR Doc. 81-9525 in Proposed Rules section of this issue.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The effective date of 15 CFR Part 19 is deferred until April 29, 1981. This amendment is effective March 27, 1981.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Robert B. Ellert, Acting Assistant Secretary for Productivity, Technology and Innovation, Room 3859, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 377-5394; or Mr. Donald M. Malone, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Productivity, Technology and Innovation, Room 3859, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 377-5394.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Commerce issued, on December 31, 1980 Part 19 of Title 15, entitled "Federal Interaction With Voluntary Standards Bodies; Procedures." This part appeared in the Federal Register for January 6, 1981. These procedures were issued in response to Section 7a(1)(a) of OMB Circular A-119, entitled "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Standards". In response to President Reagan's Memorandum of January 29, 1981 entitled, "Postponement of Pending Regulations", the effective date of the procedures was postponed to March 30, 1981 [see 46 FR 11657, February 10, 1981].

During the period of postponement ordered in the President's Memorandum of January 29, 1981, comments were received questioning the appropriateness of the procedures. A decision has therefore been made to reexamine these procedures, insofar as there is lawful discretion to do so. A notice of proposed rulemaking appears in this issue in the proposed rules section (FR Doc 81-9525). That notice proposes to suspend the procedures for an indefinite period of time while they are being reexamined, and further proposes that they be permitted to go into effect on an interim basis during the period of reexamination. To allow time for completion of the rulemaking proceeding initiated by that notice, the effective date of the procedures is being extended for an additional 30 days until April 29, 1981.

Effective date of this amendment: March 27, 1981.

Issued: March 25, 1981.

Robert B. Ellert,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Productivity, Technology and Innovation.

1. The preamble to FR Doc 81-254, published at 46 FR 1574, January 6, 1981 is amended by revising the effective date caption in the first column to read "Effective Date: April 29, 1981."

#### § 19.5 [Amended]

2. The first sentence of § 19.5 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (46 FR 1574, 1579) is amended to read as follows:

This subpart shall become effective on April 29, 1981.

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## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### 15 CFR Parts 935 and 936

#### Channel Islands and Point Reyes-Farallon Islands National Marine Sanctuaries; Partial Suspension of Regulations

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of deferral of effective date of final rules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The majority of the regulations issued pursuant to the designations of the Channel Islands and Point Reyes-Farallon Islands national marine sanctuaries will become final as originally scheduled (15 CFR Parts 935 and 936). However, those provisions which would directly prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting hydrocarbon development within each Sanctuary will be suspended for an additional period of 30 days during which NOAA will consider whether to further suspend the regulations or make them effective on an interim basis while they are being reconsidered in accordance with Executive Order 12291. This reconsideration will involve an analysis of the costs and benefits to the nation which would result from imposing prohibitions on hydrocarbon activities in addition to the controls imposed under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and other Federal statutes and may take up to six months.

**DATES:** The provisions in §§ 935.6, 935.7 and 936.6 which would directly prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting hydrocarbon development are suspended until April 30, 1981.

Comments on whether they should continue to be suspended or thereafter be made effective on an interim basis are requested for a period of 15 days from publication in the *Federal Register* (April 14, 1981). Comments on the substantive issues involved in the analysis of the regulations will be accepted until June 30, 1981.

**ADDRESS:** Send comments to: Dr. Nancy Foster, Deputy Director, Sanctuary Programs Office, Office of Coastal Zone Management, 3300 Whitehaven Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20235.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Nancy Foster, telephone (202) 634-4236.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Regulations pursuant to the designation of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary were published on October 2, 1980 (45 FR 65198). Regulations for the designation of the Point Reyes-Farallon Islands National Marine Sanctuary were published on January 26, 1981 (46 FR 7936).

In accordance with Section 302(h)(2) of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1432(h)(2), (the Act) each set of regulations provided that they would not become effective until the expiration of a period of 60 calendar days of continuous session of Congress from the date of their transmittal to Congress, concurrent with publication. Under Section 302(h) of the Act, this period is broken by an adjournment *sine die* and tolled by an adjournment of either House of more than three days to a day certain.

The Congressional review period was still running for both sets of regulations on January 29, 1981, when President Reagan ordered a 60-day suspension of pending regulations. In response to this order, NOAA amended the regulations to provide that they would become effective on March 30, 1981, or upon the expiration of the 60-day Congressional period, whichever date was later (46 FR 14741, March 2, 1981). Assuming no further adjournments, the Channel Islands regulations will become effective on March 30, 1981, and the Point Reyes-Farallon Islands regulations on April 5, 1981.

On February 17, 1981, the President issued Executive Order 12291 directing Federal agencies to further suspend or postpone the effective dates of any pending "major" regulation to the extent permitted by law in order to reconsider the regulation in accordance with the objectives of the Executive Order and

prepare a Regulatory Impact Analysis. A major regulation is defined as one "likely to result in:

- "1. An annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more;
- "2. A major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or
- "3. Significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic or export markets."

A Federal agency's initial determination is whether a regulation meets these criteria. The only regulations in either Sanctuary which might meet these criteria are § 935.6 limiting or prohibiting hydrocarbon exploration, development, and production activities in the Channel Islands Sanctuary, § 935.7 to the degree that it has the effect of limiting or prohibiting hydrocarbon activities in the Channel Islands Sanctuary, and § 936.6 limiting or prohibiting hydrocarbon exploration, development and production activities within the Point Reyes-Farallon Islands Sanctuary.

In response to the President's Executive Order, NOAA will be reviewing in depth these proposed hydrocarbon development prohibitions in the two sanctuaries. NOAA has examined the issues in considerable detail already to satisfy Executive Order 12044, the predecessor to Executive Order 12291. However, NOAA will be reexamining them in light of Executive Order 12291 (46 FR 13193, February 19, 1981) and determining whether the prohibitions meet the criteria for "major" regulations and, in any event, whether they are consistent with the general requirements of section 2 of this Executive Order including the requirement that the potential benefits to the Nation outweigh the potential costs. Comments on these issues are invited until June 30, 1981.

Reconsideration will take up to six months. Therefore, NOAA will determine whether to allow the hydrocarbon regulations to become effective on an interim basis during the balance of the period of reexamination. The other option is to suspend the regulations pending completion of our review. Comments on the issue of interim effectiveness versus suspension are requested for a period of fifteen days. Comments on the substantive

issues connected with reconsideration will be requested again in a subsequent notice prior to April 30, 1981, announcing whether the relevant regulations will continue to be suspended or will be made effective on an interim basis.

Dated: March 25, 1981.

Donald W. Fowler,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Coastal Zone Management.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Part 282

[Docket No. RM79-14]

#### Incremental Pricing Acquisition Cost Thresholds Under Title II of the NGPA

Issued: March 24, 1981.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Order prescribing incremental pricing thresholds.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of the Office of Pipeline and Producer Regulation is issuing the incremental pricing acquisition cost thresholds prescribed by Title II of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR 282.304. The Act requires the Commission to compute and publish the threshold prices before the beginning of each month for which the figures apply. Any cost of natural gas above the applicable threshold is considered to be an incremental gas cost subject to incremental pricing surcharging.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 1981.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth A. Williams, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 (202) 357-8500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In the matter of publication of prescribed incremental pricing acquisition cost threshold of the NGPA of 1978; order of the Director, OPR.

Section 203 of the NGPA requires that the Commission compute and make available incremental pricing acquisition cost threshold prices prescribed in Title II before the