

performing a part of the substantive research program (as opposed to suppliers from whom recipients purchase goods or services). For further information, see item a. under the heading "Nondiscrimination" in Appendix B to 32 CFR part 22.

4. Prohibitions on discrimination on the basis of age, in the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.). They apply to all financial assistance and require flow down to subrecipients. For further information, see item d. under the heading "Nondiscrimination" in Appendix B to 32 CFR part 22.

5. Prohibitions on discrimination on the basis of handicap, in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794). They apply to all financial assistance and require flow down to subrecipients. For further information, see item e.1. under the heading "Nondiscrimination" in Appendix B to 32 CFR part 22.

6. Preferences for use of U.S.-flag air carriers in the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 40118), which apply to uses of U.S. Government funds.

C. Other Assurances

Additional requirements listed in Appendix B to 32 CFR part 22 may apply in certain circumstances, as follows:

1. If construction work is to be done under a TIA or its subawards, it is subject to the prohibitions in Executive Order 11246 on discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. For further information, see item b. under the heading "Nondiscrimination" in Appendix B to 32 CFR part 22.

2. If the research involves human subjects or animals, it is subject to the requirements in item a. or b., respectively, under the heading "Live organisms" in Appendix B to 32 CFR part 22.

3. If the research involves actions that may affect the environment, it is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act, which is item b.1. under the heading "Environmental Standards" in Appendix B to 32 CFR part 22. It also may be subject to one or more of the other requirements in items b.2 through b.6. under that heading, which concern flood-prone areas, coastal zones, coastal barriers, wild and scenic rivers, and underground sources of drinking water.

4. If the project may impact a historic property, it is subject to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470, et seq.), as described under the heading "National Historic Preservation" in Appendix B to 32 CFR part 22.

33. Appendix E to part 37 is revised to read as follows:

Appendix E to Part 37—What Provisions May a Participant Need To Include when Purchasing Goods or Services Under a TIA?

A. As discussed in § 37.705, you must inform recipients of any national policy requirements that flow down to their purchases of goods or services (e.g., supplies or equipment) under their TIAs. Note that purchases of goods or services differ from

subawards, which are for substantive research program performance.

B. Appendix A to 32 CFR part 34 lists seven national policy requirements that commonly apply to firms' purchases under grants or cooperative agreements. Of those seven, two that apply to all recipients' purchases under TIAs are:

1. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). A contractor submitting a bid to the recipient for a contract award of \$100,000 or more must file a certification with the recipient that it has not and will not use Federal appropriations for certain lobbying purposes. The contractor also must disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. For further details, see 32 CFR part 28, the DoD's codification of the Governmentwide common rule implementing this amendment.

2. Debarment and suspension. A contract award with an amount expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 and certain other contract awards (see 32 CFR 25.220) shall not be made to parties listed on the government-wide Excluded Parties List System, in accordance with the DoD adoption at 32 CFR part 25 of the government-wide rule implementing E.O.s 12549 (3 CFR, 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR, 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The Excluded Parties List System contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549.

C. One other requirement applies only in cases where construction work is to be performed under the TIA with Federal funds or recipient funds counted toward required cost sharing:

1. Equal Employment Opportunity. Although construction work should happen rarely under a TIA, the agreements officer in that case should inform the recipient that Department of Labor regulations at 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) prescribe a clause that must be incorporated into construction awards and subawards. Further details are provided in Appendix B to Part 22 of the DoDGARs (32 CFR part 22), in section b. under the heading "Nondiscrimination."

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

Discontinuance of Volume Discount Availability for IPA and ISAL Mailers

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would delete International Mail Manual (IMM) 292.212, 292.213, and 293.75, which authorize mailers who spend \$2 million

or more combined on International Priority Mail (IPA) and International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) in the preceding Postal Service fiscal year to receive discounted postage rates.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 18, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Mailing Standards, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Room 3436, Washington DC 20260-3436. Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Postal Service Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., 11th Floor North, Washington DC. Comments may also be submitted via fax to 202-268-4955, ATTN: Rick Klutts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Klutts, 202-268-7268.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current standards authorize postage discounts for mailers who spend \$2 million or more combined on International Priority Mail (IPA) and International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) in the preceding Postal Service fiscal year. These discounts would be discontinued. This change is required due to recent USPS reviews of costs for providing these services.

These changes do not affect the standards for existing or prospective customers who participate or would like to participate in the International Customized Mail (ICM) service agreement program as defined in IMM 297.

Although the Postal Service is exempt from the advance notice requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act regarding proposed rulemaking (5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)) by U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comments on the following proposed revisions to the International Mail Manual, which is incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR Part 20.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

International postal service, Foreign relations.

PART 111—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 401, 404, 407 and 408.

2. Amend the International Mail Manual as set forth below:

2 Conditions for Mailing

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290 Commercial Services

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292 International Priority Airmail Service

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292.2 Postage**292.21 Rates**

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[Delete 292.212 and 292.213; renumber 292.214 through 292.217 as 292.212 through 292.215.]

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293 International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) Service

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293.7 Postage

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[Delete 293.75; renumber 293.76 as 293.75.]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[II223-1b; FRL-7784-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve a site-specific revision to the Illinois volatile organic compound

(VOC) State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Argonne National Laboratory's (Argonne) degreasing operations. Argonne is a United States government-owned research and development facility in Argonne, DuPage County, Illinois. By its submittal dated March 11, 2004, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) requested that EPA approve an Adjusted Standard, from Illinois' cold cleaning regulations, for Argonne's solvent cleaning operations because its research activities require sample surface areas to be completely free of any residual contamination, necessitating the use of cleaning solvents that exceed the vapor pressure limitations of Illinois' cold cleaning regulations. EPA is approving this adjusted standard because there are no feasible alternatives for the preparation of sample materials and associated apparatus used for research and development at Argonne's DuPage facility and also because no more than one ton per year of solvents are used for cold cleaning. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal, because EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will

not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 27, 2004.

Comments may also be submitted electronically or through hand delivery/courier, please follow the detailed instructions described in the **ADDRESS** section and the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the related direct final rule which is published in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Rosenthal, Environmental Engineer, Criteria Pollutant Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6052
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final notice which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**. Copies of the request and the EPA's analysis are available for inspection at the above address. (Please telephone Steven Rosenthal at (312) 886-6052 before visiting the Region 5 Office.)

Dated: June 18, 2004.

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