

(h) When conditions permit, the official patrol or tank shipmaster should:

(1) Permit vessels constrained by their navigational draft or restricted in their ability to maneuver to pass within 100 yards of a tank ship in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules;

(2) Permit commercial vessels anchored in a designated anchorage area to remain at anchor when within 100 yards of a passing tank ship; and

(3) Permit vessels that must transit via a navigable channel or waterway to pass within 100 yards of a moored or anchored tank ship with minimal delay consistent with security.

(i) *Exemption.* Public vessels as defined in paragraph (b) above are exempt from complying with this section.

(j) *Exception.* 33 CFR Part 161 promulgates Vessel Traffic Service regulations. Measures or directions issued by Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound pursuant to 33 CFR Part 161 shall take precedence over the regulations in this section.

(k) *Enforcement.* Any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer may enforce the rules in this section. In the navigable waters of the United States to which this section applies, when immediate action is required and representatives of the Coast Guard are not present or not present in sufficient force to provide effective enforcement of this section in the vicinity of a tank ship, any Federal Law Enforcement Officer or Washington Law Enforcement Officer may enforce the rules contained in this section pursuant to 33 CFR § 6.04–11. In addition, the Captain of the Port may be assisted by other federal, state or local agencies in enforcing this section.

Dated: December 9, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Ch. I

United Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions; Correction

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains an entry that was inadvertently omitted from the Unified Agenda of Federal

Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, published on December 9, 2002.

In the issue of Monday, December 9, 2002, the following text should have appeared on page 75137:

Office of the Inspector General 3050 Referral of Information Regarding Criminal Violations

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.

Legal Authority: 5 U.S.C. app. 3; 38 U.S.C. 301; 38 U.S.C. 902

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 0.800; 38 CFR 0.810; 38 CFR 0.820; 38 CFR 0.830; 38 CFR 0.840; 38 CFR 14.560; 38 CFR 14.563; 38 CFR 17.170.

Legal Deadline: None.

Abstract: This document amends the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) conduct regulations to provide that VA employees are required to report information about possible criminal activity to appropriate authorities. The VA Police and the VA Office of Inspector General, the Department's two law enforcement entities, will receive such information, will investigate those cases within their respective jurisdiction, and will refer proper cases for prosecution. In addition, this document clarifies and more accurately states the investigative jurisdiction of the Office of Inspector General. The intended effect of this action is to protect the VA, its employees, and the veterans it serves by having information about criminal activity reported and properly investigated as quickly and thoroughly as possible to prevent additional harm and to bring criminal perpetrators to justice.

TIMETABLE

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action ...	12/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No.

Small Entities Affected: No.

Government Levels Affected: Federal.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 9, 122, 123, 124, and 130

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Withdrawal of Revisions to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation and Revisions to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program in Support of Revisions to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Today's action proposes to withdraw the final rule entitled "Revisions to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation and Revisions to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program in Support of Revisions to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation ("the July 2000 rule") published in the **Federal Register** on July 13, 2000. The July 2000 rule amended and clarified existing regulations implementing a section of the Clean Water Act (CWA), which requires States to identify waters that are not meeting applicable water quality standards and to establish pollutant budgets, called Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), to restore the quality of those waters. The July 2000 rule also amended EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") regulations to include provisions addressing implementation of TMDLs through NPDES permits. The July 2000 rule has never become effective; it is currently scheduled to take effect on April 30, 2003. Regulations that EPA promulgated in 1985 and amended in 1992 remain the regulations in effect for implementing the TMDL Program. Today, EPA is proposing to withdraw the July 2000 rule, rather than allow it to go into effect or again propose to extend its effective date. EPA believes that significant changes would need to be made to the July 2000 rule before it could serve as the blueprint for an efficient and effective TMDL Program. Furthermore, EPA needs additional time beyond April 2003 to decide whether and how to revise the currently-effective regulations implementing the TMDL Program in a way that will best achieve the goals of the CWA.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule should be submitted by January 27, 2003. Comments provided electronically will be considered timely