

settlement agreement, where the FAR–NOPR approach would only allow 80% of the contractor's costs to be reimbursed, even if the settlement agreement provides for full reimbursement.

The Department is considering switching to the FAR–NOPR approach and amending existing paragraphs in its clause, rather than creating a new stand-alone paragraph. DOE urges interested members of the public to comment on the two approaches and whether the Department should adopt the FAR approach in its final rulemaking.

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Richard H. Hopf,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

#### 49 CFR Parts 171, 173 and 180

[Docket No. HM–200; Notice No. 96–14]

RIN 2137–AB37

#### Hazardous Materials in Intrastate Transportation; Access to Docket During Temporary Closure of Dockets Unit

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Access to docket during temporary closure of Dockets Unit.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an alternate location for information contained in Docket HM–200 (Hazardous Materials in Intrastate Transportation) during temporary closure of RSPA's Dockets Unit.

**DATES:** *Written Comments:* The closing date for written comments under Notice No. 96–9 [61 FR 24904] remains August 16, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie Smith or Diane LaValle, (202) 366–8553, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, RSPA, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In an effort to improve the indoor air quality in the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the building's owner have initiated a major cleaning project. This project entails a thorough cleaning of the building on a floor-by-floor basis. During the cleaning of each floor, the

floor will be closed to employees and visitors. It is estimated that the cleaning of each floor will take approximately three weeks. During this three-week period, the offices on each floor will be closed and the affected employees will be relocated to another building. Once the cleaning of a floor is complete, employees and visitors may return to that floor. RSPA's Dockets Unit is located on the eighth floor. Cleaning of the eighth floor is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 12, 1996 and last until September 3, 1996. As a result, RSPA's Dockets Unit is scheduled to close for approximately three weeks.

Because of the volume of materials in the Dockets Unit, it cannot be relocated during the cleaning and will be closed. However, since the comment period is open until August 16, 1996 under the supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking, extension of comment period [61 FR 24904], Docket HM–200 will be relocated and made available for review in Room 5414A of the Nassif Building, telephone (202) 366–4900. The public may view this docket between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Following completion of cleaning, Docket HM–200 will be returned to the Dockets Unit in Room 8421 of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590–0001, telephone (202) 366–5046.

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Alan I. Roberts,  
*Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018–AC22

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Six Month Extension on the Proposed Rule to List the Barton Springs Salamander as an Endangered Species

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of extension.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) gives notice that the deadline to determine whether the Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea*

*sosorum*) is an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, is extended for a period not to exceed August 30, 1996.

**DATES:** The new deadline for final action on the proposed listing of the Barton Springs salamander as an endangered species is August 30, 1996. The public comment period on this proposed listing was closed on July 10, 1996 by virtue of an order issued on that date by the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries regarding the proposed listing should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 10711, Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512) 490–0057, facsimile (512) 490–0974.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Service published a proposed rule to list the Barton Springs salamander as an endangered species on February 17, 1994 (59 FR 7968). As set forth in the proposal, the primary threat to this species is contamination of the waters that supply Barton Springs by potential catastrophic events and chronic degradation resulting from urban activities. Also of concern are disturbances to the salamander's above-ground springhead habitats (the waters in Barton Springs, Eliza Pool, and Sunken Garden Springs) and reduced groundwater supplies resulting from increased groundwater withdrawal.

The comment period on the proposed listing originally closed April 18, 1994. It was reopened May 26, 1994 and closed July 1, 1994 (59 FR 27257; May 26, 1994). On March 19, 1995, the Service published a notice extending the deadline for final action on this proposed listing for a period of up to six months and the public comment period was reopened until May 17, 1995 (60 FR 13105). The notice indicated this extension was necessary because, "during the comment periods and subsequent to the close of comment on this proposal, the Service received recommendations and information relevant to a final decision on the listing of the salamander. In order to adequately incorporate all pertinent information in the deliberation leading