

of remote housing authorities administering Indian housing programs should be represented. However, the Department has recognized the unique and special circumstances of administering public housing programs in Alaska by not applying the performance funding system (PFS) regulations to housing owned by HAs in Alaska, as well as the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam. Operating subsidy payments to these HAs are based upon budgets approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis. Since the purpose of the committee is to develop a proposed rule that would change the current PFS approach to payment of operating subsidies to vacant units, HAs that use a non-PFS approach do not have a direct interest that should be represented on the committee.

CLPHA commented that large housing authorities that are directly experiencing serious vacancy problems should constitute the majority of the committee. The Department notes that housing authorities now have 8 of the 14 committee memberships and that 1 of the public interest groups given membership is an association representing housing authorities in Illinois. Of the eight HA members, six are currently dealing with vacancy problems or have done so in the recent past. Clearly, the collective interests of HAs are well represented, as are the interests of those large authorities with vacancy problems. It should also be emphasized that the committee will try to achieve its goals of developing a new proposed vacancy rule through measures that seek to achieve a consensus among all committee members.

#### Tentative Schedule

HUD will hold the first meeting of the committee on March 7-9, 1995. On March 7, the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and run until completion; on March 8, the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and run until completion; and on March 9, the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and run until approximately 1:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be the Captain's Room of the Channel Inn Hotel, 650 Water Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. The purpose of the meeting will be to orient members to the negotiated rulemaking (reg-neg) process, establish a basic set of understandings and ground rules (protocols) regarding the process that will be followed in seeking a consensus, and begin to address the issues. This meeting is open to the public.

Decisions with respect to future meetings will be made at the first

meeting and from time to time thereafter. Notices of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register** if time permits.

To prevent delays that might postpone timely issuance of a proposed rule, HUD intends to terminate the committee's activities if it does not reach consensus within 5 months of the first meeting. The process may end earlier if the FMCS conveners/facilitators believe that sufficient progress cannot be made or that an impasse has developed that cannot be resolved.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 1437g, 3535(d).

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### 32 CFR Part 184

[DoD 4145.26-M]

#### Contractor's Safety for Ammunition and Explosives

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On December 16 1994, 59 FR 64911, the Department of Defense published a proposed rule which codifies its revised explosives safety standards for ammunition and explosives (A&E) work performed under DoD contracts. The proposed rule is necessary to minimize the potential for mishaps that could interrupt DoD operations, delay project completion dates, adversely impact DoD production base or capability, damage or destroy DoD-owned material/equipment, cause injury to DoD personnel, or endanger the general public. Comments were requested by February 14, 1995. The DoD Explosives Safety Board has been requested by several interested contractors to extend the comment period to provide time for a more detailed technical review. In the interest of all concerned parties, including the DoD and its potential A&E contractors, notice is hereby given of an extension of the Comment period from February 14, 1995 through May 15, 1995.

**DATES:** Comments are requested by May 15, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Chairman, Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board, (DDESB), 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331-0600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ray B. Sawyer, Director, Technical Programs Division, DDESB, telephone (703) 325-8624.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

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#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans South Carolina: Title V, Section 507, Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of South Carolina for the purpose of establishing a small business assistance program (SBAP). In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment 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 that direct final 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. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

**DATES:** To be considered, comments must be received by March 27, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to: Ms. Kimberly Bingham, Regulatory Planning and Development Section, Air Programs Branch, Air,