

data anyone may have regarding the durability of NMA grouts relative to acrylamide grouts. Useful information, for this purpose, would include controlled experimental data that explicitly compare the potential longevity of NMA grouts to acrylamide grouts under verifiable and replicable conditions. Other data will be considered to the extent that they are reliable and permit direct comparison of the durability of acrylamide to NMA grouts. In contrast, anecdotal information regarding experiences with these grouts following application in sewers or manholes will generally not be useful. Such extraneous factors as the competence of the grouters, the quality of their equipment and grouting material, the conditions of the pipes being grouted, the nature of the surrounding soil, and the frequency and rigor of follow-up inspections shape these real world outcomes more than the particular grout used. In addition, such data cannot address the relative durability of the two grouts, since only one is generally applied in any given operation.

Submitted information will be most useful if provided with sufficient documentation to ensure credibility. Such documentation would include:

1. Copies of the original research.
2. Quality assurance plans prepared for the research.
3. Peer reviews conducted on the research.
4. The statistical significance of the findings.
5. Copies, or at least citations, of any research replicated by the submitted research.
6. Statements regarding agreement or conflict with other research.
7. Discussion of the practical significance of the findings.

In addition, the Agency is interested in promotional material that sellers of acrylamide and NMA grouts (both importers and grouters) make available to purchasers in which the grouting properties of the chemicals are discussed, and annual sales volume data, in comparable units, for both acrylamide and NMA grouts since NMA was introduced onto the market. Sales information would be particularly helpful if broken down by use (i.e., sewer lines, manholes, etc.).

EPA is re-opening the record to solicit information concerning the relative durability and efficacy of acrylamide and NMA because the Agency has received recent assertions that credible information relating to this subject exists, but has never been provided to the Agency. EPA has not received any suggestions that other new information

exists that may materially affect some issue relevant to this rulemaking other than the relative durability of acrylamide and NMA. If any person has material information, which was not previously submitted, relating to any other issue relevant to the determination of whether acrylamide and/or NMA grouts present an unreasonable risk to health or the environment, that information may be submitted during the comment period. For example, any neurotoxicity information with regard to acrylamide and NMA. Such submissions should be accompanied by a brief cover letter explaining why the submitter considers the information relevant to this rulemaking and why the information was not submitted during the initial comment period. If significant new information on other issues is presented during the comment period, that information may be considered by the Agency in its preparation of a final rule. If any person believes it necessary to respond to any new information submitted during this comment period, a response to the new information may be submitted within 2 weeks of the close of the comment period.

Anyone responding to this request for information may assert a claim of confidentiality for the information submitted. Any claim of confidentiality must accompany the information when it is submitted to EPA. Information claimed as confidential must be clearly marked with the statement "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or other appropriate designation. EPA will disclose information subject to a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2, subpart B. If a person does not assert a claim of confidentiality for information at the time it is submitted to EPA, EPA may make the information public without further notice to that person.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Acrylamide and N-methylolacrylamide,
Reporting and recordkeeping.

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Lynn R. Goldman,

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Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[WT Docket No. 96-6; DA 96-225]

Flexible Service Offerings in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of time.

SUMMARY: In this *Order*, we extend the period which comments and reply comments must be filed in the CMRS Flex proceeding (WT Docket No. 96-6). We grant NARUC's motion for extension of time because the deadline of February 26, 1996 for filing initial comments falls two days before the conclusion of its previously scheduled winter meeting. With respect to the date for filing reply comments, we find that the deadline does not give NARUC's members sufficient time to review initial comments and formulate a response. The intended effect of this *Order* is to extend the comment date to March 1, 1996 and extend the reply comment date to March 25, 1996.

DATES: Comments are due on or before March 4, 1996, reply comments are due on or before March 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mika Savir, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Commercial Wireless Division, at (202) 418-0620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This *Order* in WT Docket No. 96-6, adopted February 22, 1996, and released February 22, 1996, is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 230, 1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 2100 M Street NW., Suite 140, Washington DC 20037 (202) 857-3800.

Synopsis of Order

1. The Commission released the *Notice*, Amendment to the Commission's Rules to Permit Flexible Service Offerings in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WT Docket No. 96-6, FCC 96-17, 61 FR 6189 (February 16, 1996) (*Notice*), on January 25, 1996. The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC") has

filed a motion to extend the dates that initial and reply comments are due in the above-referenced docket.

Specifically, NARUC requests that the date that initial comments are due be extended from February 26, 1996 to March 1, 1996 and the date reply comments are due be extended from March 18, 1996 to March 26, 1996.

2. NARUC states that the present deadline of February 26, 1996 for filing initial comments falls two days before the conclusion of its previously scheduled winter meeting. With respect to the date for filing reply comments, NARUC states that the deadline does not give its members sufficient time to review initial comments and formulate a response. Therefore, the Commission is issuing this *Order* to extend the period which comments and reply comments must be filed in the CMRS Flex proceeding (WT Docket No. 96-6).

3. The deadlines for the filing of all comments and reply comments in this proceeding are revised. The Commission recognizes that NARUC is attempting to overcome concrete timing problems beyond its own control and that granting an extension permits NARUC to develop a consensus position and ensures that each of its members has a chance to actively participate in these proceedings. Accordingly, initial comments will be due on March 4, 1996 and reply comments will be due on March 25, 1996.

4. Pursuant to applicable procedures set forth in Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before March 4, 1996, and reply comments on or before March 25, 1996. To file formally in this proceeding, parties must file an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, and supporting comments. For each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of the comments, parties must file an original and nine copies. Comments and reply comments should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street NW., Room 222, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 1919 M Street NW., Room 239, Washington, DC 20554.

Ex Parte Rules—Non-Restricted Proceeding

This is a non-restricted notice and comment rulemaking proceeding. *Ex parte* presentations are permitted, except during the Sunshine Agenda period, provided that they are disclosed as provided in the Commission's rules. 47 CFR §§ 1.1202, 1.1203, 1.1206.

Ordering Clauses

It is ordered that, pursuant to Sections 1, 4, 201-205, 215, 218, 220, and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154, 201-205, 215, 218, 220, and 303(r), the motion for extension of time filed by NARUC is granted to the extent described herein and otherwise denied.

It is further ordered, that comments in WT Docket No. 96-6 will be due March 4, 1996 and reply comments will be due March 25, 1996.

Federal Communications Commission.
David Furth,
*Acting Chief, Commercial Wireless Division,
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Operations

48 CFR Parts 401 through 453

RIN 0599-AA00

Agriculture Acquisition Regulation; Review and Revision

AGENCY: Office of Operations, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) is the Department of Agriculture's agency acquisition regulation, issued to implement or supplement the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). The Department of Agriculture has started to revise the AGAR to eliminate obsolete and unnecessary material and to incorporate regulatory changes required by recent statutes, Executive Orders, Office of Federal Procurement Policy Letters, and changes to the FAR. The Department of Agriculture is seeking public comment to assist its effort to streamline and to revise the AGAR.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 29, 1996. However, the revision is an ongoing process and comments received after the due date will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Operations, Procurement Policy Division, Room 1546-S, Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph J. Daragan, Office of Operations, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-5729.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AGAR implements the FAR, where further implementation is needed, and supplements the FAR when coverage is needed for subject matter not covered by the FAR. The AGAR was first published in the Federal Register in March, 1984 (49 FR 12111, March 28, 1984). Since then, three changes to the AGAR have been published in the Federal Register. The last published change to the AGAR was Agriculture Acquisition Circular Number 3, which was published in March, 1990 (55 FR 7334, March 1, 1990). The bulk of material in the AGAR dates to its initial publication, or to Agriculture Acquisition Circular Number 2, an amendment to the AGAR published in February, 1988 (53 FR 6062, February 29, 1988). The AGAR thus contains a number of obsolete references which must be updated or stricken from the AGAR. A thorough revision of the AGAR is necessary to reflect the regulatory changes in the FAR which implement the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994. The AGAR must also incorporate other changes necessitated by Executive Orders and recent Office of Federal Procurement Policy Letters. Furthermore, the AGAR is being revised as part of the National Performance Review (NPR) program to eliminate unnecessary regulations and improve those that remain in force.

As an initial step in the NPR regulatory review initiative, the Department of Agriculture identified parts of the AGAR which required updating or streamlining. The Department's review indicated that almost all parts required revision. Accordingly, the Department plans to revise all parts of the AGAR and to republish the entire regulation in the Federal Register. To develop the revised regulation, the Department is seeking comments and suggestions from the public concerning what changes should be made to the AGAR. Both general comments concerning the AGAR and comments concerning specific sections of the AGAR (48 CFR parts 401 through 453) are invited.