

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Proposed Findings; Documents, Environmental Assessments, and Findings of No Significant Impact**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed findings documents, Environmental assessments, and findings of no Significant impact on approval of Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs for Massachusetts, Maryland, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the Proposed Findings Documents, Environmental Assessments (EA's), and Findings of No Significant Impact for Massachusetts, Maryland, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Coastal states were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in July 1995. The Findings documents were prepared by NOAA and EPA to provide the rationale for the agencies' decision to approve each state and territory coastal nonpoint pollution control program. Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. 1455b, requires states and territories with coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint pollution control programs. The EA's were prepared by NOAA, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, to assess the environmental impacts associated with the approval of the coastal nonpoint pollution control programs submitted to NOAA and EPA by Massachusetts, Maryland, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

NOAA and EPA have proposed to approve, with conditions, the coastal nonpoint pollution control programs submitted by Massachusetts, Maryland, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands. The requirements of 40 CFR parts 1500-1508 (Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations to implement the National Environmental Policy Act) apply to the preparation of the Environmental Assessments. Specifically, 40 CFR 1506.6 requires agencies to provide public notice of the availability of environmental documents. This notice is part of NOAA's action to comply with this requirement.

Copies of the Proposed Findings Documents, Environmental Assessments, and Findings of No Significant Impact may be obtained upon request from: Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713-3121, x201.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the proposed Findings or Environmental Assessments should do so by November 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be made to: Joseph A. Uravitch, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713-3155, x195.

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National Weather Service Modernization and Associated Restructuring

AGENCY: National Weather Service (NWS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The NWS is publishing the proposed certifications for the automation and consolidation of the following Weather Service offices. At each office the ASOS will be augmented at the FAA Weather Observation Service Level, determined appropriate. See the FAA Weather Observation Service Standards published by the FAA at 16 FR 32887 and the NWS Weather Service

Modernization Criteria for automation published at 61 FR 39862.

(1) Athens Weather Service Office (WSO) which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level C and services consolidated with the future Atlanta and Greenville/Spartanburg Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs);

(2) Austin WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level C and services consolidated with the future Austin/San Antonio, Houston/Galveston, Dallas/Fort Worth, and San Angelo WFOs;

(3) Residual Billings WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level B and services consolidated with the future Billings WFO;

(4) Eugene WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level C and services consolidated with the future Portland and Medford WFOs; and

(5) Olympia WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level C and services consolidated with the future Seattle/Tacoma and Portland WFOs.

In accordance with Public Law 192-567, the public will have 60-days in which to comment on these proposed automation and consolidation certifications.

DATES: Comments are requested by December 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the proposed automation and consolidation packages should be sent to Tom Beaver, Room 12314, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone 301-713-0300. All comments should be sent to Tom Beaver at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Scanlon at 301-713-1413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that any automation or consolidation will not result in any degradation of service to the affected areas of responsibility and must publish the proposed automation and consolidation certifications in the FR. Automate means to replace employees weather service observations at a field office with automated weather service observation equipment and consolidate means to remove some personnel from a field office after the commissioning of one or more NEXRADs, the decommissioning of the radar operated by that office, if any, and the combination of that office's responsibilities with those of another field office. The documentation