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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### 48 CFR Part 219 and Appendix I to Chapter 2

[DFARS Case 96-D317]

#### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of Defense Procurement is amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to extend the dates for application into, and reimbursement of costs under, the DoD Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 18, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Susan Schneider, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0131; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 96-D317 in all correspondence related to this issue.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

This final rule implements Section 802 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201). Section 802: (1) extends, to September 30, 1998, the date by which an interested company must apply for participation as a mentor firm under the DoD Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program; and (2) extends to September 30, 1999, the date by which mentor firms must incur costs in order to be eligible for reimbursement under the Program.

##### B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577, and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610.

##### C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the final rule does not contain any information collection requirements that require Office of Management and Budget approval under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

#### List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 219

Government procurement.

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Therefore, 48 CFR Part 219 and Appendix I to Chapter 2 are amended as follows:

#### PART 219—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 219 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

##### 219.7104 [Amended]

2. Section 219.7104 is amended in the last sentence of paragraph (b) by revising the date "October 1, 1996" to read "October 1, 1999".

##### Appendix I to Chapter 2 [Amended]

3. Appendix I to Chapter 2 is amended in section I-102, paragraphs (a) and (b), and in section I-103, paragraph (a), by revising the date "September 30, 1996" to read "September 30, 1998".

4. Appendix I to Chapter 2 is amended in section I-103, paragraph (b) introductory text, by revising the date "September 30, 1996" to read "September 30, 1999".

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AC47

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for Four Plants and Threatened Status for One Plant from the Central Sierran Foothills of California

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) determines endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) for four plants—*Calystegia stebbinsii* (Stebbins' morning-glory), *Ceanothus roderickii* (Pine Hill ceanothus), *Fremontodendron californicum* ssp. *decumbens* (Pine Hill flannelbush), and *Galium californicum* ssp. *sierrae* (El Dorado bedstraw). The Service also determines threatened

status for *Senecio layneae* (Layne's butterweed). These species all occur on gabbroic or serpentine-derived soils in the central Sierran foothills of California within chaparral or oak woodland communities. Urbanization and the ensuing habitat fragmentation, road construction and maintenance, herbicide spraying, change in fire frequency, off-road vehicle use, unauthorized dumping, horse overgrazing, competition from invasive alien vegetation, and mining imperil these five species. This rule implements Federal protection and recovery provisions afforded by the Act for these five plants.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 18, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The complete file for this rule is available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Sacramento Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3310 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, California 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kirsten Tarp, Sacramento Field Office (see ADDRESSES section) (telephone 916/979-2122; facsimile 916/979-2128).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

*Calystegia stebbinsii* (Stebbins' morning-glory), *Ceanothus roderickii* (Pine Hill ceanothus), *Fremontodendron californicum* ssp. *decumbens* (Pine Hill flannelbush), *Galium californicum* ssp. *sierrae* (El Dorado bedstraw), and *Senecio layneae* (Layne's butterweed) occur primarily on the Pine Hill intrusion, an area of approximately 10,400 hectares (ha) (25,700 acres (ac)), in western El Dorado County, California, ranging in elevation from 138 to 628 meters (m) (453 to 2,060 feet (ft)). In addition, *C. stebbinsii* and *S. layneae* have a few known isolated occurrences in El Dorado, Nevada, and/or Tuolumne counties, California. All of the species included in this final rule exhibit substrate preferences. *Ceanothus roderickii*, *F. californicum* ssp. *decumbens*, and *G. californicum* ssp. *sierrae* are endemic to gabbro-derived soils on the Pine Hill intrusion, and *C. stebbinsii* and *S. layneae* occur on gabbro and serpentine-derived soils. One known occurrence of *S. layneae* was found on metamorphic-derived soils.

Gabbro-derived soils originate from mafic rocks (gabbrodiorite) that are mildly acidic, are rich in iron and magnesium, and often contain other heavy metals such as chromium (Wilson 1986). Gabbro, a dark large-crystalled rock, is formed when liquid magma cools slowly underground. A red soil is