

Examples of such information and evidence are found in § 284.30(a).

(i) We will review the assessment provided by the Territory, along with other available data on the Territory's TANF plan and eligibility criteria, other supportive services and assistance plans, and economic circumstances; make a determination whether the increase in the child poverty rate is due to the Territory's TANF program; and notify the Territory whether a corrective action plan is required as specified in § 284.40 and § 284.45.

**§ 284.40 When is a corrective action plan due?**

Each State and Territory must submit a corrective action plan to ACF within 90 days of the date we notify it that, as a result of TANF, its child poverty rate increased by 5 percent or more for the applicable two calendar year period.

**§ 284.45 What is the content and duration of the corrective action plan?**

(a) The corrective action plan must outline the manner in which the State or Territory will reduce the child poverty rate in the State and include a description of the actions to be taken by the State or the Territory under such a plan.

(b) A State or Territory shall implement the corrective action plan until the State or Territory determines that the child poverty rate in the State is less than the lowest child poverty rate on the basis of which the State was required to submit the corrective action plan.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**45 CFR Parts 286 and 287**

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**Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (Tribal TANF) and Native Employment Works (NEW) Program**

**AGENCY:** Administration for Children and Families.

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

**SUMMARY:** On July 22, 1998, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for the Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy

Families Program (Tribal TANF) and the Native Employment Works (NEW) Program with a comment period of 60 days, ending September 21, 1998. We are now extending the comment period for an additional 60 days for the purpose of allowing Tribes and other interested parties sufficient time for review and to formulate comments on the NPRM.

**DATES:** You must submit comments by COB November 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand-deliver comments to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of Tribal Services, 5th Floor, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447. You may also transmit written comments electronically via the Internet. To transmit comments electronically, or download an electronic version of the proposed rule, you should access the ACF Welfare Reform Home Page at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/news/welfare> and follow any instructions provided.

We will make all comments available for public inspection on the 5th Floor, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, DC 20447, from Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, except for holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Bushman, Director, Division of Tribal Services, Office of Community Services, ACF, at 202-401-2418; Raymond Apodaca, Tribal TANF Team Leader at 202-401-5020; or Ja-Na Oliver, (NEW) Team Leader at 202-401-5713.

Deaf and hearing-impaired individuals may call the Federal Dual Party Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Eastern time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NPRM was published July 22, 1998, in the *Federal Register* [63 FR 39366-39429] with a 60 day comment period. Based on information received from the Tribes and other interested parties, it has been determined that additional time is needed to review the NPRM.

**Comment Procedures**

We will not consider comments received beyond the 120 day comment period in developing the final rule. Because of the large volume of comments we anticipate, we will accept written comments only. In addition, your comments should:

- Be specific;
- Address issues raised by the proposed rule;

• Where appropriate, propose alternatives;

- Explain reasons for any objections or recommended changes; and
- Reference the specific section of the proposed rule that you are addressing.

We will not acknowledge the comments we receive. However, we will review and consider all comments that are germane and that are received during the comment period.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs: 93.558, TANF programs—Tribal Family Assistance Grants; 93.559—Loan Fund; 93.594—Native Employment Works Program; 93.959—Welfare Reform Research, Evaluations and National Studies)

Dated: September 17, 1998.

**Donna E. Shalala,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

**46 CFR Part 197**

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**Commercial Diving Operations**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Advanced notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** In response to public requests, the Coast Guard is extending the period for public comment on its Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM), Commercial Diving Operations, published in the *Federal Register* on June 26, 1998. The comment period will be extended for 45 days.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before November 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-1998-3786), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401