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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### 10 CFR Part 430

[Docket No. EE-RM/TP-99-500]

RIN 1904-AB04

#### Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedure for Dishwashers

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of the comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On September 28, 1999, the Department of Energy published a proposed rule to revise the test procedure for dishwashers under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (64 FR 54428). In response to a request from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), we are reopening the comment period for this rulemaking.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments, data, and information regarding the proposed rule no later than Monday, February 14, 2000. Please submit ten (10) copies. In addition, the Department requests that you provide an electronic copy (3½" diskette) of the comments in WordPerfect™ format.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments regarding the proposed rule to Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at the following address: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121.

You should identify all documents both on the envelope and on the documents as "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedure for Dishwashers, Docket No. EE-RM/TP-99-500."

You can read copies of the transcript of the public workshop held on November 2, 1999, and public

comments in the Freedom of Information Reading Room (Room No. 1E-190) at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The latest information regarding the dishwasher test procedure rulemaking is available on the Building Research and Standards web site at the following address: [http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/codes\\_standards/notices/notc0024/index.htm](http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/codes_standards/notices/notc0024/index.htm)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on September 28, 1999, entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedure for Dishwashers." The notice announced December 13, 1999, as the end of the written comment period. In a letter dated December 9, 1999, AHAM requested a postponement of the deadline for the comment period in order to pursue possible testing alternatives, gather additional data, and comply with some of the requests for information made by the Department during the November 2, 1999, workshop.

Because of the complex issues raised at the workshop concerning the selection of a test method that accurately measures the energy consumption of a variety of soil-sensing dishwasher models, we are reopening the comment period until Monday, February 14, 2000. We are especially interested in obtaining additional information and suggestions regarding the proposed formulas and procedures for testing soil-sensing models. We hope that this time extension will permit a more comprehensive investigation into the performance mechanisms of soil-sensing machines pertaining to cycle length, cycle response, and

corresponding energy and water consumption levels.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 91

[Docket No. 26242, Notice No. 00-01]

RIN 2120-AF30

#### Suspension of Certain Aircraft Operations From the Transponder With Automatic Pressure Altitude Reporting Capability Requirement

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is withdrawing a proposal to reinstate and modify the provisions of expired Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 62. SFAR No. 62 suspended certain regulations requiring the installation and use of a transponder with automatic altitude reporting capability within 30 nautical miles of a Class B airspace area primary airport. SFAR No. 62 expired on December 30, 1993. The proposed reinstatement was intended to provide additional time during which aircraft operators could equip their aircraft with automatic altitude reporting transponders. Ten years have passed since implementation of the requirement to install and use automatic altitude reporting transponders in aircraft operating within 30 nautical miles of a Class B airspace area. The FAA finds that ample time has been provided for affected operators to comply with this equipment requirement. Consequently the FAA believes that the relief provided by the proposed regulation is no longer needed. Therefore, the FAA is withdrawing this proposal.

**DATES:** The proposed rule published on August 25, 1994 (59 FR 43994), is withdrawn as of January 13, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Crum, Airspace and Rules