

documents MMS has incorporated by reference in the 30 CFR part 250 regulations. The rulemaking also included revisions and reaffirmations of several documents. The table of documents incorporated by reference in § 250.198(e) of the published final rule contained some minor errors and typographical mistakes which we are correcting.

**Need for Correction**

As published, the final regulations contain errors which may prove to be

misleading and are in need of clarification.

**Correction of Publication**

Accordingly, the publication on December 28, 1999, of the final regulations, which were the subject of FR Doc. 99-31869, is corrected as follows:

**§ 250.198 [Corrected]**

On page 72790, in the table in § 250.198(e), in column two for the three entries for API MPMS, Chapter 2, Section 2A; API MPMS, Chapter 3,

Section 1A; and API MPMS, Chapter 3, Section 1B, the citation “§ 250.1202(1)(4)” is corrected to read “§ 250.1202(l)(4)”. On pages 72790 and 72791, in the table in § 250.198(e), the entries for four documents are corrected, and the two entries that were printed as one entry should be reprinted, to read as follows:

**§ 250.198 Documents incorporated by reference.**

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(e) \* \* \*

Title of document	Incorporated by reference at
* * * * * API MPMS, Chapter 2, Section 2B, Calibration § 250.1202(1)(4) Calibration of Upright Cylindrical Tanks Using the Optical Reference Line Method, First Edition, March 1989, reaffirmed May 1996, API Stock No. H30023; also available as ANSI/ASTM D 4738-88.	250.1202(1)(4).
* * * * * API MPMS, Chapter 11.1, Volume Correction Factors, Volume 1, Table 5A—Generalized Crude Oils and JP-4, Correction of Observed API Gravity to API Gravity at 60°F, and Table 6A—Generalized Crude Oils and JP-4, Correction of Volume to 60°F, against API Gravity 60°F, First Edition, August 1980, reaffirmed March 1997, API Stock No. H27000; also available as ANSI/ASTM D 1250.	§ 250.1202(a)(3), (g)(3) and (1)(4).
* * * * * API MPMS, Chapter 11.2.2, Addendum to 250.1202(a)(3). Correlation of Vapor Pressure Correction for Natural Gas Liquids, First Edition, December 1984, reaffirmed March 1997, API Stock No. H27308; also available as GPA TP-15.	§ 250.1202(a)(3).
* * * * * API MPMS, Chapter 14, Section 3, Part 2, Specification and Installation Requirements, Third Edition, February 1991, reaffirmed May 1996, API Stock No. H30351; also available as ANSI/API 2530, 1991.	§ 250.1203(b)(2).
* * * * * API MPMS, Chapter 14, Section 5, Calculation of Gross Heating Value, Relative Density, and Compressibility Factor for Natural Gas Mixtures from Compositional Analysis, Revised 1996; order from Gas Processors Association, 6526 East 60th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145..	§ 250.1203(b)(2).
* * * * * API MPMS, Chapter 14, Section 6, Continuous Density Measurement, Second Edition, April 1991, reaffirmed May 1998, API Stock No. H30346.	§ 250.1203(b)(2).

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**Coast Guard**  
**33 CFR Part 155**  
**Oil or Hazardous Material Pollution Prevention Regulations for Vessels**

*CFR Correction*

In Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 125 to 199, revised as of July 1, 1999, part 155 is corrected by

reinstating §§155.235 and 155.240 to read as follows:

**§ 155.235 Emergency towing capability for oil tankers.**

An emergency towing arrangement shall be fitted at both ends on board all oil tankers of not less than 20,000 deadweight tons (dwt), constructed on or after September 30, 1997. For oil tankers constructed before September 30, 1997, such an arrangement shall be fitted at the first scheduled dry-docking, but not later than January 1, 1999. The design and construction of the towing arrangement shall be in accordance with IMO resolution MSC.35(63).

[CGD 95-028, 62 FR 51194, Sept. 30, 1997]

**§ 155.240 Damage stability information for oil tankers and offshore oil barges.**

(a) Owners or operators of oil tankers and offshore oil barges shall ensure that their vessels have prearranged, prompt access to computerized, shore-based damage stability and residual structural strength calculation programs.

(b) Vessel baseline strength and stability characteristics must be pre-entered into such programs and be consistent with the vessel’s existing configuration.

(c) Access to the shore-based calculation program must be available 24 hours a day.

(d) At a minimum, the program must facilitate calculation of the following:

(1) Residual hull girder strength based on the reported extent of damage.

(2) Residual stability when the vessel's compartments are breached.

(3) The most favorable off-loading, ballasting, or cargo transfer sequences to improve residual stability, reduce hull girder stresses, and reduce ground-force reaction.

(4) The bending and shear stresses caused by pinnacle loads from grounding or stranding.

[CGD 90-068, 58 FR 67996, Dec. 22, 1993, as amended by USCG-1998-3799, 63 FR 35531, June 30, 1998]

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Parts 19 and 20

RIN 2900-AJ72

#### Appeals Regulations and Rules of Practice—Case Docketing

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) adjudicates appeals from decisions on claims for veterans' benefits filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This document updates the Board's procedures to reflect changes made by section 1003 of the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998 and to reflect the change in the name of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

**DATES:**

*Effective Date:* March 17, 2000.

*Applicability Date:* November 10, 1998, except for §§ 20.609(i), 20.714(a)(5), 20.717(b), and 20.900(d) which are applicable March 1, 1999.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Initial decisions on claims for veterans' benefits are made at VA field offices throughout the nation. Claimants may appeal those decisions to the Board. Section 1003 of the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, Public Law 105-368, 112 Stat. 3315, 3363-64 (1998), amended 38 U.S.C. 7107 to make these changes in procedures for processing cases before the Board:

(1) Serious illness and severe financial hardship are now included in the statutory grounds for advancing a

case on the Board's docket. 38 U.S.C. 7107(a)(2).

(2) A new provision permits postponement of consideration of a case in order to afford an appellant a hearing. 38 U.S.C. 7107(a)(3).

(3) The order in which the Board conducts field hearings in areas served by VA regional offices has been changed from the order in which requests for hearings in each area are received to the docket order of the cases that are scheduled for hearings within the same area. 38 U.S.C. 7107(d)(2).

(4) The statutory grounds in 38 U.S.C. 7107(d)(3) for advancing a hearing within an area served by a regional office now conform to the grounds in 38 U.S.C. 7107(a)(2) for advancing a case on the Board's docket.

This document amends 38 CFR 19.75, 20.704, and 20.900 to conform to these statutory changes.

Section 511 of the same public law, 112 Stat. at 3341, changed the name of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Amendments to 38 CFR 20.609, 20.714, 20.717, and 20.900 change references to the Court to reflect its new name.

VA finds under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) that notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest inasmuch as these amendments merely reflect statutory changes.

Because no notice of proposed rulemaking was required in connection with the adoption of this final rule, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612). Even so, the Secretary hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

There is no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this final rule.

#### List of Subjects

##### 38 CFR Part 19

Administrative practice and procedure; Claims; Veterans; Authority delegations (government agencies).

##### 38 CFR Part 20

Administrative practice and procedure; Claims; Lawyers; Legal services; Veterans; Authority delegations (government agencies).

Approved: March 10, 2000.

**Togo D. West, Jr.,**

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR parts 19 and 20 are amended as set forth below:

#### PART 19—BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS: APPEALS REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 19 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 19.75 is revised to read as follows:

##### § 19.75 Field hearing docket.

Hearings on appeal held at Department of Veterans Affairs field facilities will be scheduled for each area served by a regional office in accordance with the place of each case on the Board's docket, established under § 20.900 of this chapter, relative to other cases for which hearings are scheduled to be held within that area. Such scheduling is subject to § 20.704(f) of this chapter pertaining to advancement of a case on the hearing docket.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7107)

#### PART 20—BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS: RULES OF PRACTICE

The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

4. Section 20.704 is amended by revising the second sentence of paragraph (a); and revising paragraph (f) to read as follows:

##### § 20.704 Rule 704. Scheduling and notice of hearings conducted by the Board of Veterans' Appeals at Department of Veterans Affairs field facilities.

(a) *General.* \* \* \* Subject to paragraph (f) of this section, the hearings will be scheduled in the order specified in § 19.75 of this chapter.

\* \* \*

(f) *Advancement of the case on the hearing docket.* A hearing may be scheduled at a time earlier than would be provided for under § 19.75 of this chapter upon written motion of the appellant or the representative. The same grounds for granting relief, motion filing procedures, and designation of authority to rule on the motion specified in Rule 900(c) (§ 20.900(c) of this part) for advancing a case on the Board's docket shall apply.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7107)