

Seismic—Related to or caused by earthquakes.

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4. Sections 1792.103 and 1792.104 are revised to read as follows:

§ 1792.103 Seismic design and construction standards for new buildings.

(a) In the design and construction of federally assisted buildings, the borrowers and grant recipients must utilize the seismic provisions of the most recent edition of those standards and practices that are substantially equivalent to or exceed the seismic safety level in the most recent or immediately preceding edition of the NEHRP Recommended Provisions for the Development of Seismic Regulation for New Buildings.

(b) Each of the following model codes or standards has been found to provide a level of seismic safety substantially equivalent to that provided by the use of the 1994 NEHRP Recommended Provisions and appropriate for federally assisted new building construction:

(1) 1997 International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) Uniform Building Code. Copies are available from ICBO, Austin Regional Office, 9300 Jollyville Road., Suite 101, Austin, Texas 78759-7455.

(2) 1995 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 7, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*. Copies are available from ASCE, 345 East 47th Street, New York, New York 10017-2398.

(c) The NEHRP Recommended Provisions for the Development of Seismic Regulations for New Buildings is available from the Office of Earthquakes and Natural Hazards, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

§ 1792.104 Seismic acknowledgments.

For each applicable building, borrowers and grant recipients must provide RUS a written acknowledgment from a registered architect or engineer responsible for the design stating that seismic provisions pursuant to § 1792.103(b) will be used in the design of the building. This acknowledgement will include the identification and date of the model code or standard that is used for the seismic design of the building project and the seismic factor for the building location.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

Jill Long Thompson,

Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

12 CFR Parts 900, 940, 950, 955 and 956

[No. 2000-20]

RIN 3069-AA98

Federal Home Loan Bank Acquired Member Assets, Core Mission Activities, Investments and Advances

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Board.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 3, 2000, the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) published a proposed rule in the *Federal Register* (65 FR 25676 (May 3, 2000)) that would: add a new part 955 to the Finance Board's regulations to authorize the Federal Home Loan Banks (Banks) to hold acquired member assets; amend the Finance Board's recently adopted part 940 to enumerate the types of core mission assets that must be addressed in the Banks' strategic business plans; and make related changes to the Finance Board's regulations governing the Banks' investment and advances authorities.

The Finance Board has received a number of requests for an extension of the June 2, 2000 deadline for written comments on the proposed rule. In order to provide interested parties ample opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process, the Finance Board is extending the comment period for the proposed rule from June 2, 2000 to June 15, 2000.

DATES: The comment period on the proposed rule is extended until June 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to: Elaine L. Baker, Secretary to the Board, by electronic mail at bakere@fhfb.gov, or by regular mail at the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. Comments will be available for public inspection at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Bothwell, Director and Chief Economist, (202) 408-2821; Scott L. Smith, Deputy Director, (202) 408-2991; Ellen E. Hancock, Senior Financial Analyst, (202) 408-2906; Christina K. Muradian, Senior Financial Analyst, (202) 408-2584, Office of Policy, Research and Analysis; or Eric M. Raudenbush, Senior Attorney-Advisor, (202) 408-2932; Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Dated: May 22, 2000.

By the Board of Directors of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Bruce A. Morrison,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD05-00-015]

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Safety Zone; Atlantic Ocean, Virginia Beach, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes establishing temporary safety zones for the Virginia Beach Fireworks displays, north of the Virginia Beach Fishing Pier, in the Atlantic Ocean. This action would restrict vessel traffic on the Atlantic Ocean within a 2500-foot radius of a fireworks-laden barge. The safety zone is necessary to protect mariners and spectators from the hazards associated with the fireworks display.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before June 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments and related material to USCG Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, 200 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA, or deliver them to the same address between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. USCG Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and materials received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at the above address between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Petty Officer Roddy Corr, project officer, USCG Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, telephone number (757) 441-3290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and

address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (CGD05-00-015), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8.5 by 11 inches, suitable for copying. The comment period for this regulation is 10 (ten) days. This time period is adequate since the events are well publicized in the local maritime community. In addition these events are held in the same area at about the same time each year with no objection. If you would like to know that your comments reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting, but you may submit a request for a meeting by writing to USCG Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

The city of Virginia Beach is sponsoring several fireworks events from July 9, 2000 through September 9, 2000. The fireworks will be fired from a barge in approximate position 36° 50.75' N, 076° 58.40' W, which position is in the vicinity of the Virginia Beach Fishing Pier.

The purpose of these regulations is to promote maritime safety and protect the boating public from the hazards associated with a fireworks display. These regulations will provide a safety buffer around the fireworks-laden barge. The regulations will affect the movement of all vessels operating in the specified areas of the Atlantic Ocean.

Public notifications would be made prior to the event via marine information broadcasts.

Discussion of Proposed Rule

The Coast Guard is proposing to establish temporary safety zones for the Virginia Beach fireworks displays, north of the Virginia Beach Fishing Pier, in the Atlantic Ocean. The safety zones would restrict vessel traffic within a 2500-foot radius of a fireworks-laden barge, in approximate position 36° 50.75' N, 076° 58.40' W. The safety zone is necessary to protect mariners and

spectators from the hazards associated with the fireworks display.

The safety zone would be enforced from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. on July 9, 2000—rain date July 15, 2000; July 16, 2000—rain date July 22, 2000; July 23, 2000—rain date July 29, 2000; July 30, 2000—rain date August 5, 2000; August 6, 2000—rain date August 12, 2000; August 13, 2000—rain date August 19, 2000; August 20, 2000—rain date August 26, 2000; August 27, 2000; September 2, 2000—rain date September 3, 2000; and September 9, 2000.

Regulatory Evaluation

This proposed rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. It is not “significant” under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979).

We expect the economic impact of this proposed rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This proposed rule will only affect a limited area for two hours per event, alternative routes exist for maritime traffic, and advance notification via marine information broadcasts will enable mariners to plan their transit to avoid the safety zones.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), we considered whether this proposed rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This proposed rule would affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to operate or anchor in portions of the Atlantic Ocean off Virginia Beach, Virginia within a 2500-foot radius of a fireworks laden barge located in approximate position 36° 50.75' N, 076° 58.40' W.

These safety zones would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: This proposed rule only affects a limited area for two hours per event, alternative routes exist for maritime traffic, and advance notification via marine information broadcasts will enable mariners to plan their transit to avoid entering the safety zones.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact Chief Petty Officer Roddy Corr, project officer, USCG Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, telephone number (757) 441-3290.

Collection of Information

This proposed rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13132 and have determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) governs the issuance of federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a state, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government's having first provided the funds to pay those unfunded mandate costs. This proposed rule would not impose an unfunded mandate.

Taking of Private Property

This proposed rule would not effect a taking of private property or otherwise

have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This proposed rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

We considered the environmental impact of this proposed rule and concluded that under figure 2-1, paragraph (34)(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.IC, this proposed rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" will be available in the docket where indicated under

ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46. Section 165.100 is also issued under authority of Sec. 311, Pub. L. 105-383.

2. Add temporary section 165.T05-015 to read as follows:

§ 165.T05-015 Safety Zone; Atlantic Ocean, Virginia Beach, VA.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of the Atlantic Ocean within a 2500-foot radius of a fireworks laden barge in approximate position 36°50.75' N, 076°58.40' W.

(b) *Captain of the Port.* Captain of the Port means the Commanding Officer of the Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA or any Coast Guard

commissioned, warrant, or petty officer who has been authorized to act on his behalf.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) All persons are required to comply with the general regulations governing safety zones found in section 165.23 of this part.

(2) Persons or vessels requiring entry into or passage through a safety zone must first request authorization from the Captain of the Port. The Coast Guard representative enforcing the safety zone can be contacted on VHF marine band radio, channels 13 and 16. The Captain of the Port can be contacted at telephone number (757) 484-8192.

(3) The Captain of the Port will notify the public of changes in the status of this safety zone by marine information broadcast on VHF marine band radio, channel 22 (157.1 MHz).

(d) *Effective Date.* This section will be enforced from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. on the following dates:

(1) July 9, 2000—rain date July 15, 2000.

(2) July 16, 2000—rain date July 22, 2000.

(3) July 23, 2000—rain date July 29, 2000.

(4) July 30, 2000—rain date August 5, 2000.

(5) August 6, 2000—rain date August 12, 2000.

(6) August 13, 2000—rain date August 19, 2000.

(7) August 20, 2000—rain date August 26, 2000.

(8) August 27, 2000.

(9) September 2, 2000—rain date September 3, 2000.

(10) September 9, 2000.

Dated: May 22, 2000.

J.E. Schrunner,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Hampton Roads.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 55

[FRL-6706-7]

Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations; Consistency Update for California

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule—consistency update.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to update a portion of the Outer Continental Shelf ("OCS") Air Regulations. Requirements

applying to OCS sources located within 25 miles of states' seaward boundaries must be updated periodically to remain consistent with the requirements of the corresponding onshore area ("COA"), as mandated by section 328(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 ("the Act"). The portion of the OCS air regulations that is being updated pertains to the requirements for OCS sources for which the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (Santa Barbara County APCD) and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (Ventura County APCD) are the designated COAs. The intended effect of approving the OCS requirements for the above Districts, contained in the Technical Support Document, is to regulate emissions from OCS sources in accordance with the requirements onshore. The changes to the existing requirements discussed below are proposed to be incorporated by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations and are listed in the appendix to the OCS air regulations.

DATES: Comments on the proposed update must be received on or before June 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be mailed (in duplicate if possible) to: EPA Air Docket (Air-4), Attn: Docket No. A-93-16 Section XXI, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Division, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105.

Docket: Supporting information used in developing the rule and copies of the documents EPA is proposing to incorporate by reference are contained in Docket No. A-93-16 Section XXI. This docket is available for public inspection and copying Monday-Friday during regular business hours at the following locations:

EPA Air Docket (Air-4), Attn: Docket No. A-93-16 Section XXI, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Division, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105.

EPA Air Docket (LE-131), Attn: Air Docket No. A-93-16 Section XXI, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Room M-1500, Washington, DC 20460.

A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Vineyard, Air Division (Air-4), U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 744-1197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: