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(c) In addition to the final report, as defined at 1827.406-70(a)(3), submitted to the contracting officer, a reproducible copy and a printed or reproduced copy of the final report or data shall be concurrently submitted to: Center for AeroSpace Information (CASI), Attn: Document Processing Section, 7121 Standard Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076-1320, Phone: 301-621-0390, FAX: 301-621-0134.

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(e) The contractor shall not release the final report, outside of NASA, until the DAA review has been completed by NASA and availability of the report has been determined.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 1842

Exemption of SBIR/STTR Phase II Contracts from Interim Past Performance Evaluations

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule revises the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to make interim past performance evaluations under FAR Part 42 optional for SBIR/STTR Phase II contracts.

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 21, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Brundage, NASA Headquarters, Office of Procurement, Contract Management Division (Code HK), Washington, DC 20456-0001, (202) 358-0481, e-mail: pbrundage@hq.nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

NASA centers have reported that interim evaluations on SBIR/STTR contracts are usually perfunctory and without substance because there is seldom anything to evaluate until contract completion. This final rule makes interim evaluations for SBIR/STTR Phase II contracts optional.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

NASA certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small business entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) because it only affects NASA's internal implementation of existing regulatory requirements.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the NFS do not impose any recordkeeping or information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

Lists of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 1842

Government procurement.

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Associate Administrator for Procurement.

Accordingly, 48 CFR Part 1842 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 1842 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

PART 1842—CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT SERVICES

2. Revise section 1842.1502 to read as follows:

1842.1502 Policy.

(a) Within 60 days of every anniversary of the award of a contract having a term exceeding one year, contracting officers must conduct interim evaluations of performance on contracts subject to FAR subpart 42.15 and this subpart. On such contracts, both an interim evaluation covering the last period of performance and a final evaluation summarizing all performance must be conducted. However, interim past performance evaluations are optional for SBIR/STTR Phase II, procurements.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 600 and 660

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Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustments

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Fishing restrictions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces changes to trip limits in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery and the season dates for the limited entry, fixed gear sablefish fishery. These actions, which are authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), are intended to help the fisheries achieve optimum yield (OY).

DATES: Changes to management measures are effective 0001 hours local time (l.t.) July 18, 2000, except that changes to management measures for minor shelf rockfish and lingcod are effective 0001 hours l.t. August 1, 2000, unless modified, superseded, or rescinded. These changes are in effect until the effective date of the 2001 annual specifications and management measures for the Pacific coast groundfish fishery, which will be published in the **Federal Register**. Comments on this rule will be accepted through August 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to William Stelle, Jr., Administrator, Northwest Region (Regional Administrator), NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 or to Rodney McInnis, Acting Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne deReynier or Katherine King (Northwest Region, NMFS) 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following changes to current management measures were recommended by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council,) in consultation with the States of Washington, Oregon, and California, at its June 27-30, 2000, meeting in Portland, OR. Pacific coast groundfish landings will be monitored throughout