

period ended on October 24, 2000. The Coast Guard has received requests from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Manatee County, the town of Longboat Key, and the city of Sarasota for additional time to comment on this proposed rule. The Coast Guard believes additional time to comment on this notice of proposed rulemaking would be beneficial. Therefore, the Coast Guard is reopening the comment period for 60 days. All comments must be received by February 6, 2001.

Dated: November 27, 2000.

T.W. Allen,

U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 36

RIN 2900-AJ86

Loan Guaranty: Advertising and Solicitation Requirements

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) loan guaranty regulations by prohibiting advertisements or solicitations from lenders that falsely state or imply that they were issued by or at the direction of VA or any other entity of the United States Government. These provisions appear to be necessary to ensure that lenders do not provide misleading information.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273-9289; or e-mail comments to OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AJ86." All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. D. Finneran, Assistant Director for Loan Policy and Valuation (262), Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans

Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, VA guarantees loans made by private lenders to eligible veterans to purchase, construct, improve, or refinance their homes (the term veteran as used in this document includes any individual defined as a veteran under 38 U.S.C. 101 and 3701 for the purpose of housing loans). This document proposes to amend VA's loan guaranty regulations for both manufactured homes and conventionally built homes by adding new advertising and solicitation disclosure requirements.

We have become aware of written advertisements and solicitations from private lenders that appear to falsely state or imply that they came from VA. For example, one solicitation from a private lender stated that it was from the "Government Loans Programs" and contained a reference to a VA case number. Another solicitation from a private lender stated that "[I]n accordance with regulations determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs this notice is officially issued to * * *". Another solicitation from a private lender stated that "The Veterans Benefit Administration known as VA, a division of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is working with lenders to inform you * * *". Other solicitations from private lenders stated that they were from the "V.A. Loan Department," "Veterans Department," "Direct VA Streamline Department," "Authorized VA Loan Center," and "VA Conversion Center." One solicitation from a private lender not only stated on the envelope that it was from the "Department of Veterans" but included the statement "Official Business, Penalty For Private Use, \$300."

Further, we have recently become aware of written advertisements and solicitations from private lenders that appear to falsely state or imply that they have been given special authority by VA to offer a unique loan product. For example, one solicitation from a private lender stated that "you are now eligible to take advantage of the Exclusive VA STREAMLINE refinance program." Another solicitation from a private lender stated that "The Veterans Administration in conjunction with * * * Mortgage offers a unique program * * *".

To address these issues regarding advertisements and solicitations, we are proposing to establish advertising and solicitation requirements. We propose that any advertisement or solicitation in any form (e.g., written, electronic, oral)

from private lenders concerning housing loans to be guaranteed or insured by the Secretary must not include information falsely stating or implying that it was issued by or at the direction of VA or any other department or agency of the United States and must not include information falsely stating or implying that the lender has an exclusive right to make loans guaranteed or insured by VA.

If the proposed requirements are adopted, noncompliance may lead to suspension, debarment, or limited denial of participation in the VA housing loan program pursuant to 38 CFR part 44. Also, under 38 CFR part 44, such action could affect the lender's ability to participate in other governmental programs.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that the adoption of the proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. The proposed rule would not have more than a minuscule effect on any small entities. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the proposed rule is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program number is 64.114.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 36

Condominiums, Handicapped, Housing, Indians, Individuals with disabilities, Loan programs-housing and community development, Loan programs-Indians, Loan programs-veterans, Manufactured homes, Mortgage insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Veterans.

Approved: October 31, 2000.

Hershel W. Gober,

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR part 36 is proposed to be amended as set forth below.

PART 36—LOAN GUARANTY

1. The authority citation for part 36 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 3701-3704, 3707, 3710-3714, 3719, 3720, 3729, 3762, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 36.4227 is added immediately after the authority citation at the end of § 36.4226 to read as follows:

§ 36.4227 Advertising and solicitation requirements.

Any advertisement or solicitation in any form (e.g., written, electronic, oral) from a private lender concerning manufactured housing loans to be guaranteed or insured by the Secretary:

(a) Must not include information falsely stating or implying that it was issued by or at the direction of VA or any other department or agency of the United States, and

(b) Must not include information falsely stating or implying that the lender has an exclusive right to make loans guaranteed or insured by VA.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3703, 3704)

3. Section 36.4365 is added immediately after § 36.4364 to read as follows:

§ 36.4365 Advertising and Solicitation Requirements.

Any advertisement or solicitation in any form (e.g., written, electronic, oral) from a private lender concerning housing loans to be guaranteed or insured by the Secretary:

(a) Must not include information falsely stating or implying that it was issued by or at the direction of VA or any other department or agency of the United States, and

(b) Must not include information falsely stating or implying that the lender has an exclusive right to make loans guaranteed or insured by VA.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3703, 3704)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Revisions to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Administrative Code for the Air Pollution Control Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing approval of revisions to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's (ADEM) Administrative Code submitted on August 10, 2000, by the State of Alabama. The revisions comply with the regulations set forth in the Clean Air Act (CAA). On August 10,

2000, the State of Alabama through ADEM submitted revisions to chapters 335-3-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 15, and 16. In chapter 335-3-1 the definition of "New Source" is being clarified to indicate that it is not applicable to the definitions of new source in chapters 335-3-10 Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and chapter 11 National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants, which are not part of the federally enforceable state implementation plan (SIP).

ADEM combined rule 335-3-5-.03(5) and 335-3-5-.03(6) to be consistent with Alabama Administrative Procedures Act, and revised rule 335-3-14-.05(2)(i) to be consistent with 40 CFR 51, subpart I. ADEM deleted rule 335-3-4-.08(4) pertaining to emissions from wood waste boilers at pulp mills in Autauga County. International Paper (formally Union Camp) operates the only pulp mill in Autauga County which has been upgraded and no longer requires a bubble. The Union Camp boilers are subject to other emission limits in the federally approved SIP.

ADEM revised the numbering system in chapters 335-3-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 15, and 16 to comply with numbering system required by the Legislative Reference Service under Alabama Administrative Procedures Act.

In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Sean Lakeman, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Copies of the documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Atlanta Federal Center, Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Lakeman of the EPA Region 4, Air Planning Branch at (404) 562-9043 and at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 63**

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RIN 2060-AH82

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymers Production

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action proposes national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for the Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and Copolymers Production source category. These proposed NESHAP require that PVC and copolymers production facilities, which already must comply with the existing Vinyl Chloride NESHAP, continue to comply with that existing NESHAP. This proposed rule reflects EPA's determination that the hazardous air pollutants (HAP) control level resulting from compliance with the existing Vinyl Chloride NESHAP already reflects the application of maximum achievable control technology (MACT) and, thus, meets the requirements of section 112(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the PVC and Copolymers Production source category. The EPA has determined that this source category includes facilities that are major sources of HAP, including vinyl chloride, vinylidene chloride (1,1 dichloroethylene), and vinyl acetate. The EPA has classified vinyl chloride as