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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### 42 CFR Part 82

RIN 0920-ZA00

#### Methods for Radiation Dose Reconstruction Under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act of 2000

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Interim Final Rule; Reopening of Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is reopening the comment period for the interim final rule for dose reconstruction for certain claims for cancer under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Program Act (EEOICPA) that was published in the **Federal Register** of Friday, October 5, 2001. After considering these comments, comments previously received, and comments from the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH) DHHS will publish a final rule.

**DATES:** Any public written comments not submitted at the meeting of the ABRWH must be received on or before Wednesday, January 23, 2002.

ABRWH must submit any comments and recommendations on the interim final rule to DHHS by Wednesday, February 6, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: Attention—Dose Reconstruction Comments, Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Robert A. Taft Laboratories, MS-C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone: (513) 533-8450, Fax: (513) 533-8285, e-mail: [NIOCINDOCKET@CDC.GOV](mailto:NIOCINDOCKET@CDC.GOV).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Elliott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, Telephone 513-841-4498 (this is not a toll free number). Information requests may also be submitted by e-mail to [OCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:OCAS@CDC.GOV).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 5, 2001, HHS published an

interim final rule establishing methods for radiation dose reconstruction to be conducted for certain cancer claims filed under EEOICPA, Public Law 106-398 [See FR Vol. 66, No. 194, 50978]. The notice included a public comment period that ended on November 5, 2001. However, DHHS is requesting the ABRWH to conduct a review of its dose reconstruction methods. ABRWH will be conducting its review during a meeting of the ABRWH scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2002 and Wednesday, January 23, 2002.

To permit HHS to consider the ABRWH review and any comments and recommendations of ABRWH in the rulemaking, DHHS will reopen the public comment period. This will also provide the public with the opportunity to participate in this review. The public comment period will be reopened to include the ABRWH meeting transcript and any statements submitted for the record of that meeting in the docket for this rule. DHHS will also accept additional public written comments submitted to its docket office on or before Wednesday, January 23, 2002. The record for this rulemaking will close on Wednesday, February 6, 2002, by which time ABRWH must submit any comments and recommendations on the interim final rule to DHHS.

Dated: January 14, 2002.

**Tommy G. Thompson,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 46 CFR Part 126

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#### Alternate Compliance Program; Incorporation of Offshore Supply Vessels

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** On October 23, 2001, we published a direct final rule (66 FR 53542). The direct final rule notified the public of our intent to incorporate Offshore Supply Vessels (OSVs) into the Alternate Compliance Program (ACP). This action will improve the flexibility of regulations governing OSVs by providing an alternative method for vessel design, inspection, and

certification without compromising existing safety standards. We have not received an adverse comment, or notice of intent to submit an adverse comment, on this rule. Therefore, this rule will go into effect as scheduled.

**DATES:** The effective date of the direct final rule is confirmed as January 22, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this rule, contact Lieutenant Benjamin Nicholson, United States Coast Guard Office of Design and Engineering Standards (G-MSE), at 202-267-0143, or e-mail him at [BNicholson@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:BNicholson@comdt.uscg.mil).

Dated: January 10, 2002.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 600

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#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues this final rule to revise the regulations implementing the essential fish habitat (EFH) provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). This rule establishes guidelines to assist the Regional Fishery Management Councils (Councils) and the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) in the description and identification of EFH in fishery management plans (FMPs), the identification of adverse effects to EFH, and the identification of actions required to conserve and enhance EFH. The regulations also detail procedures the Secretary (acting through NMFS), other Federal agencies, and the Councils will use to coordinate, consult, or provide recommendations on Federal and state actions that may adversely affect EFH. The intended effect of the rule is to promote the protection, conservation, and enhancement of EFH.