

rule and, therefore, that a backfit analysis is not required, because this proposed rule does not involve any provisions that would impose backfits as defined in 10 CFR Chapter 1.

#### List of Subjects in 10 CFR Part 63

Criminal penalties, High-level waste, Nuclear power plants and reactors, Nuclear materials, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waste treatment and disposal.

For the reasons set out in the preamble and under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended; the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended; the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended; and 5 U.S.C. 553, NRC is proposing to adopt the following amendments to 10 CFR Part 63.

#### PART 63—DISPOSAL OF HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE IN A GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA

1. The authority citation for Part 63 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Secs. 51, 53, 62, 63, 65, 81, 161, 182, 183, 68 Stat. 929, 930, 932, 933, 935, 948, 953, 954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2071, 2073, 2092, 2093, 2095, 2111, 2201, 2232, 2233); secs. 202, 206, 88 Stat. 1244, 1246 (42 U.S.C. 5842, 5846); secs. 10 and 14, Pub. L. 95–601, 92 Stat. 2951 (42 U.S.C. 2021a and 5851); sec. 102, Pub. L. 91–190, 83 Stat. 853 (42 U.S.C. 4332); secs. 114, 121, Pub. L. 97–425, 96 Stat. 2213g, 2238, as amended (42 U.S.C. 10134, 10141); and Pub. L. 102–486, sec. 2902, 106 Stat. 3123 (42 U.S.C. 5851).

2. Section 63.342 is revised to read as follows:

##### § 63.342 Limits on performance assessments.

DOE's performance assessments should not include consideration of very unlikely features, events, or processes, i.e., those that are estimated to have less than one chance in 10,000 of occurring within 10,000 years of disposal. DOE's assessments for the human intrusion and ground-water protection standards should not include consideration of unlikely features, events, and processes, or sequences of events and processes, i.e., those that are estimated to have less than one chance in 10 and at least one chance in 10,000 of occurring within 10,000 years of disposal. In addition, DOE's performance assessments need not evaluate the impacts resulting from any features, events, and processes or sequences of events and processes with a higher chance of occurrence if the results of the performance assessments would not be changed significantly.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of January, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Annette Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### 15 CFR Part 70

[Docket Number 020103004–2004–01]

#### Cutoff Dates for Recognition of Boundary Changes for Census 2000 and for the Intercensal Period

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is establishing cutoff dates for recognition of boundary changes to geographic entities for which the Census Bureau reports data in various surveys, estimates, censuses, programs, compilations, and publications throughout the period between decennial censuses (years 2001 through 2009). These operations include, but are not limited to, the American Community Survey, the Population Estimates Program, and the 2002 and 2007 Economic Censuses. The Census Bureau establishes cutoff dates for including boundary changes to be used in tabulating data from these operations; such cutoff dates were last established for Census 2000. For the tabulation and dissemination of data from its intercensal operations, the Census Bureau will recognize only those boundaries legally in effect on January 1 of the survey, estimate, or census year that have been reported officially to the Census Bureau no later than April 1 of the same year.

**DATES:** Any comments, suggestions, or recommendations concerning this proposed rule should be submitted in writing by February 25, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all written comments to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2049, Federal Building 3, Washington DC 20233–0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert W. Marx, Chief, Geography Division, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Stop 7400, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–7400, telephone (301) 457–2131, or e-mail ([rmrmarx@geo.census.gov](mailto:rmrmarx@geo.census.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau proposes to amend Title

15, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 70, to establish cutoff dates for recognition of boundary changes for all geographic data operations throughout the intercensal period (years 2001 through 2009). This amendment is necessary because the dates established for Census 2000 on March 3, 1998, (63 FR 10303) do not cover the intercensal period. For the intercensal period, the Census Bureau will recognize only those boundaries legally in effect on January 1 of the survey, estimate, or census year that have been reported officially to the Census Bureau no later than April 1 of the same year.

#### Administrative Procedure Act

Because this rule makes only procedural changes to Title 15, CFR, part 70, the Administrative Procedure Act does not require the Census Bureau to issue a proposed rule and request for comments (Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 553(b)(3)(A)). Nevertheless, the Census Bureau is doing so in order to ensure that the public is given a forum to provide any comments or raise any issues.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, so a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared (5 U.S.C. 603(a)).

#### Executive Orders

This rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866. It has been determined that this rule does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, Title 44, U.S.C., Chapter 35.

#### List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 70

Census data.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, Part 70 is amended as follows:

#### PART 70—CUTOFF DATES FOR RECOGNITION OF BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR CENSUS 2000 AND FOR THE INTERCENSAL PERIOD

1. The authority citation for Part 70 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 13 U.S.C. 4 and Department of Commerce Organization Order 35–2A (40 FR 42765).

2. Revise the heading of Part 70 to read as set forth above.

3. Amend §70.1 by revising the second sentence and by adding a third sentence to read as follows:

**§ 70.1 Cutoff dates and effect on enumeration and data tabulation.**

\* \* \* The Bureau of the Census enumerates respondents on the date of the decennial census as residing within the legal limits of municipalities, county subdivisions, counties, states, federal and state American Indian reservations and federal off-reservation trust land, Alaska Native Regional Corporations, Hawaiian home lands, and equivalent entities as those limits legally exist on January 1, 2000. For the tabulation and publication of data from its surveys, estimates, censuses, and other operations during the intercensal period (years 2001 through 2009), the Bureau of the Census will recognize only those boundaries legally in effect on January 1 of the survey, estimate, or census year that have been reported officially to the Bureau of the Census no later than April 1 of the same year.

4. Amend § 70.2 by revising the second sentence and by adding a third sentence to read as follows:

**§ 70.2 "Municipality and "county subdivision" defined for census purposes.**

\* \* \* A more complete description appears on pages A-13, A-14, A-18 and A-19 of Appendix A, Geographic Terms and Concepts, which appear in the Census 2000 printed reports (PHC-1, Summary Population and Housing Characteristics; PHC-2, Summary Social, Economic, and Housing Characteristics; and PHC-3, Population and Housing Unit Totals). The same text (Appendix A, Geographic Terms and Concepts) also is available online under Technical Documentation, Summary File 1, 2000 Census of Population and Housing.

5. Amend §70.3 by adding both a third and fourth sentence to read as follows:

**§ 70.3 Effect of boundary changes occurring or reported after the cutoff dates.**

\* \* \* For the tabulation and publication of data from surveys, estimates, censuses, and other operations during the intercensal period (years 2001 through 2009), the Census Bureau will not recognize changes in boundaries that become effective after January 1 of the survey, estimate, or census year. The Census Bureau will not recognize changes in boundaries occurring on or before January 1 of the survey, estimate, or census year, if reported officially to the Census Bureau after April 1 of the same year.

Dated: January 8, 2002.

**William G. Barron, Jr.,**

*Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**18 CFR Part 35**

[Docket No. RM02-1-000]

**Standardizing Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures; Notice of Extension of Time**

January 16, 2002.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On October 25, 2001, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) seeking comments on a standard generator interconnection agreement and procedures that would be applicable to all public utilities that own, operate or control transmission facilities under the Federal Power Act, 66 FR 55140 (November 1, 2001). The date for filing comments is being extended at the request of various interested parties.

**DATES:** Comments on issues posed by the ANOPR published at 66 FR 55140 (November 1, 2001) shall be filed on or before February 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linwood A. Watson, Jr., Acting Secretary, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 16, 2002, the American Public Power Association, the American Wind Energy Association, the Edison Electric Institute, the Electric Power Supply Association, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and the Project for Sustainable FERC Policy (collectively, Petitioners) filed a joint motion for an extension of time for the filing of comments on the issues posed by the Commission's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR), as directed by the Notice issued by the

Commission on December 14, 2001, in the above-docketed proceeding.

In its motion, Petitioners state that due to the voluminous nature of the documents involved in this proceeding to date, additional time is needed for industry personnel to prepare and file comments. The motion also states that an extension will not unduly delay the Commission's process and will lead to more thoughtful and well-developed comments in the effort to enhance the ANOPR process.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time for the filing of comments on issues posed by the ANOPR is granted to and including February 1, 2002.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

**30 CFR Part 250**

**RIN 1010-AC92**

**Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf-Suspension of Operations for Exploration Under Salt Sheets; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** MMS proposed to modify regulations that govern suspension of operations for oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in the **Federal Register** of January 9, 2002 (67 FR 1171). The title of the signer of that document was in error. This action corrects that error.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Mirabella, Engineering and Operations Division, 703/787-1598.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** document published on January 9, 2002, there was an error in the title of the signer of the document. While the authority of the signer was not diminished by the erroneous title, the Department wishes that an accurate title be indicated on the document. The Department is correcting the documents as follows:

In proposed rule document (Federal Register document 02-521) make the following correction:

On page 1173, in the second column, 3 lines from the top of the column, the