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Additionally, any person may obtain a copy of this notice by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, ATA-400, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-8783. Communications must identify both docket numbers for this notice. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should call the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, for a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to revise J-10 between the Farmington, NM, VORTAC, and the HIPPI intersection. The current J-10 route is aligned from Farmington, NM, via the Drake, AZ, VORTAC, to the HIPPI intersection. This proposal realigns J-10 from Farmington, NM, to the Flagstaff VORTAC, to the HIPPI intersection. The proposed change is part of the FAA's National Airspace Redesign effort and is intended to improve the management of aircraft operations in Arizona.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation: (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this proposed rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Jet routes are published in paragraph 2004, of FAA Order 7400.9J dated August 31, 2001, and effective September 16, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The jet route listed in this

document would be published subsequently in the order.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 31, 2001, and effective September 16, 2001, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 2004—Jet Routes

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J-10 [Revised]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 184

[Docket No. 99P-5332]

Substances Affirmed as Generally Recognized as Safe: Menhaden Oil

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to amend its regulation on menhaden oil which has been affirmed as generally recognized as safe (GRAS) as a direct human food ingredient with specific limitations. FDA is proposing to reallocate the uses of menhaden oil in food that currently are established in FDA's regulations. This proposal responds to a citizen petition on menhaden oil from the National Fish Meal and Oil Association (NFMOA).

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments by May 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence J. Lin, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740-3835, 202-418-3103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the *Federal Register* of June 5, 1997 (62 FR 30751), FDA published a final rule to affirm that menhaden oil is GRAS for use as a direct human food ingredient with specific limitations (hereinafter referred to as the June 1997 final rule). FDA published the June 1997 final rule in response to a GRAS petition (GRASP 6G0316) submitted by the NFMOA. FDA concluded in the June 1997 final rule that, based on scientific procedures (including published and other information), the use of menhaden oil as a direct human food ingredient is safe, provided that the combined daily intake of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) from menhaden oil does not exceed 3.0 grams per person per day (g/p/d).

Affirming the GRAS status of menhaden oil with specific limitations (§ 184.1(b)(2) (21 CFR 184.1(b)(2))) was necessary because of the agency's concerns over possible adverse effects of fish oils on bleeding time (the time taken for bleeding from a standardized skin wound to cease), glycemic control, and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol. These issues were discussed fully in the June 1997 final rule.

II. The Citizen Petition

The NFMOA has submitted a citizen petition (Docket No. 99P-5332) under 21 CFR 10.20 and 10.30 requesting that the agency amend § 184.1472 *Menhaden oil* (21 CFR 184.1472) by reallocating the

uses of menhaden oil in food, while maintaining the total daily intake of EPA and DHA from menhaden oil at a level not exceeding 3.0 g/p/d. The maximum limit of 3.0 g/p/d on the total daily intake of EPA and DHA has been considered a reasonable safeguard against the possible adverse effects stated above and to date no new information available has caused the

agency to alter this limit. The reallocation is performed by: (1) Reducing the maximum levels of use of menhaden oil in some of the currently listed food categories; (2) adding additional food categories along with assigning maximum levels of use in these new categories; and (3) eliminating the listing of subcategories, for example, cookies and crackers,

bread and rolls, fruit pies and custard pies, and cakes, and including them under broader food categories, i.e., baked goods and baking mixes.

Table 1 shows the current maximum levels of use of menhaden oil in the currently listed food categories as established in § 184.1472(a)(3).

TABLE 1.—CURRENT MAXIMUM LEVELS OF USE OF MENHADEN OIL

| Category of food ¹ | Current maximum level of use in food (as served) |
|---|--|
| Cookies and crackers (1) | 5.0 percent |
| Breads and rolls (white and dark) (1) | 1.0 percent |
| Fruit pies and custard pies (1) | 7.0 percent |
| Cakes (1) | 10.0 percent |
| Cereals (4) | 4.0 percent |
| Fats and oils (12), but not in infant formula | 20.0 percent |
| Yogurt (31) | 4.0 percent |
| Cheese products (5) | 5.0 percent |
| Frozen dairy products (20) | 5.0 percent |
| Meat products (29) | 10.0 percent |
| Egg products (11) | 5.0 percent |
| Fish products (13) | 20.0 percent |
| Condiments (8) | 5.0 percent |
| Soup mixes (40) | 3.0 percent |
| Snack foods (37) | 5.0 percent |
| Nut products (32) | 5.0 percent |
| Gravies and sauces (24) | 5.0 percent |

¹The number in parenthesis following each food category is the paragraph listing of that food category in § 170.3(n) (21 CFR 170.3(n)).

Table 2 shows the new maximum levels of use of menhaden oil in the currently listed food categories plus

new food categories, as proposed by the NFMOA.

TABLE 2.—NEW MAXIMUM LEVELS OF USE OF MENHADEN OIL

| Category of food ¹ | Proposed maximum level of use |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Baked goods and baking mixes (1) | 5.0 percent |
| Cereals (4) | 4.0 percent |
| Cheese products (5) | 5.0 percent |
| Condiments (8) | 5.0 percent |
| Egg products (11) | 5.0 percent |
| Fats and oils (12), but not in infant formula | 12.0 percent |
| Fish products (13) | 5.0 percent |
| Frozen dairy desserts (20) | 5.0 percent |
| Gravies and sauces (24) | 5.0 percent |
| Meat products (29) | 5.0 percent |
| Milk products (31) | 5.0 percent |
| Nut products (32) | 5.0 percent |
| Snack foods (37) | 5.0 percent |
| Soup mixes (40) | 3.0 percent |
| Nonalcoholic beverages (3) | 0.5 percent |
| Chewing gum (6) | 3.0 percent |
| Confections and frostings (9) | 5.0 percent |
| Dairy product analogs (10) | 5.0 percent |
| Gelatins and puddings (22) | 1.0 percent |
| Pastas (23) | 2.0 percent |
| Hard candy (25) | 10.0 percent |
| Jams and jellies (28) | 7.0 percent |
| Plant protein products (33) | 5.0 percent |
| Poultry products (34) | 3.0 percent |
| Processed fruit juices (35) | 1.0 percent |
| Processed vegetable juices (36) | 1.0 percent |
| Soft candy (38) | 4.0 percent |
| White granulated sugar (41) | 4.0 percent |

TABLE 2.—NEW MAXIMUM LEVELS OF USE OF MENHADEN OIL—Continued

| Category of food ¹ | Proposed maximum level of use |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Sugar substitutes (42) | 10.0 percent |
| Sweet sauces, toppings, and syrups (43) | 5.0 percent |

¹The number in parenthesis following each food category is the paragraph listing of that food category in § 170.3(n).

As shown in table 1, the currently listed food categories include several subcategories, such as cookies and crackers, breads and rolls, fruit pies and custard pies, and cakes. These items are subcategories of baked goods and baking mixes as described under § 170.3(n)(1). The proposed reallocation (in table 2) does not list any subcategory, but rather includes the food category baked goods and baking mixes, which would include all of these items. Also, the currently listed food categories include another subcategory, i.e., yogurt, a subcategory of milk product as described under § 170.3(n)(31). Similarly, the proposed reallocation does not list yogurt, but rather includes the food category milk products, which would include yogurt.

Although each food category in the proposed reallocation (table 2) is associated with a paragraph in § 170.3(n), menhaden oil may not be added to all foods included in that paragraph, unless such food is listed in table 2. For example, § 170.3(n)(23) includes grain products and pastas, but menhaden oil only could be added to pastas (not grain products) under this proposed reallocation in table 2. In other words, only the food categories that are listed in table 2 are those that the NFMOA is requesting for the amendment of the regulation on menhaden oil.

The NFMOA has provided exposure analyses that contain estimates of EPA and DHA intake from menhaden oil for the revised uses of the currently listed food categories and the proposed uses of the new food categories. The NFMOA states that the estimated daily exposure to EPA and DHA from those uses of menhaden oil is 2.7 g/p/d. The NFMOA concludes that menhaden oil is GRAS for the revised uses of the currently listed food categories and the proposed uses of the new food categories, because the total daily intake of EPA and DHA from those uses of menhaden oil would not exceed 3.0 g/p/d, consistent with the June 1997 final rule.

III. Proposed Action

Based on information in the citizen petition and other relevant material, FDA tentatively has determined that the GRAS status of menhaden oil with specific limitations remains unchanged

if uses of menhaden oil in food are reallocated, because the total daily intake of EPA and DHA from menhaden oil from the revised uses of the currently listed food categories and the proposed uses of the new food categories would not exceed 3.0 g/p/d. Because not all foods in the marketplace within those food categories in table 2 would contain menhaden oil that substitutes for other edible fat or oil, and because not all foods that a consumer chooses daily would be those with menhaden oil used as a substitute oil, the actual total daily intake of EPA and DHA from menhaden oil for an average person should be significantly below 3.0 g/p/d. Further, because the total daily intake of EPA and DHA from menhaden oil based on the uses proposed in this rulemaking would not exceed 3.0 g/p/d, and the agency is not aware of any new data and information that would prompt the agency to change the upper limit of safety of 3.0 g/p/d, FDA intends to rely on its safety determination from its prior GRAS affirmation for finding these uses safe. Therefore, the agency is proposing to amend the regulation on menhaden oil to reallocate its use in food.

IV. Environmental Impact

The agency carefully has considered the potential environmental effects of this action. FDA tentatively has concluded that the action will not have a significant impact on the human environment, and that an environmental impact statement is not required. The agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding, contained in an environmental assessment, may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

V. Analysis of Economic Impacts

A. Preliminary Regulatory Impact Analysis

FDA has examined the economic implications of this proposed rule as required by Executive Order 12866. Executive Order 12866 directs agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize

net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity). Executive Order 12866 classifies a rule as significant if it meets any one of a number of specified conditions, including having an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million, adversely affecting a sector of the economy in a material way, adversely affecting competition, or adversely affecting jobs. A regulation also is considered a significant regulatory action if it raises novel legal or policy issues. FDA has determined that this proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined by Executive Order 12866.

FDA is proposing to amend its regulation on menhaden oil, which the agency believes is GRAS with specific limitations. This proposed rule would reallocate the uses of menhaden oil in food, without causing the combined daily intake of EPA and DHA from menhaden oil to exceed 3.0 g/p/d.

The main benefit of this proposed rule would be the expansion of the potential uses of menhaden oil as proposed in table 2. Firms choosing to use menhaden oil would bear labeling and other costs. Because these costs are voluntary, they will be borne only if doing so is anticipated to be advantageous to the firm.

FDA proposes to reduce maximum use levels of menhaden oil for pies, cakes, fats, oils, fish products, and meat products. The potential compliance costs of this proposed rule would be borne by firms making products that now use menhaden oil at levels below the current maximum but above the proposed maximum. The proposed rule would force them to either reformulate their products or cease production. Although the potential cost of both reformulation and ceasing production may be large, FDA does not know of any products that would be forced to bear these costs. Using menhaden oil in pies, cakes, fats, oils, fish products, and meat products at the current maximum levels leads to products with undesirable flavors. Based on both market observations and taste, FDA assumes that no products currently contain levels of menhaden oil above the proposed maximum levels and thus

there are no costs associated with reformulation or ceasing production based on this proposal. We request comments on this assumption.

B. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

FDA has examined the economic implications of this proposed rule as required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612). If a rule has a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act requires agencies to analyze regulatory options that would lessen the economic effect of the rule on small entities.

FDA is proposing to amend the GRAS affirmation for menhaden oil by establishing new maximum levels of use. The use of the menhaden oil by any small business is voluntary and is undertaken only if anticipated to be advantageous to the small business. Small businesses would only bear a compliance cost if, as stated above, they make products that are below the current maximum but above the proposed maximum levels of use. The proposed rule would force them to either reformulate their products or cease production. Although the potential cost of both reformulation and ceasing production to small businesses may be large, FDA does not know of any small businesses that would be forced to bear these costs. Using menhaden oil in pies, cakes, fats, oils, fish products, and meat products at the current maximum levels leads to products with undesirable flavors. Based on both market observations and taste, FDA assumes that no products currently contain levels of menhaden oil above the proposed maximum levels and thus there are no costs associated with reformulation or ceasing production based on this proposal. The agency therefore tentatively concludes that the new maximum levels proposed would not impose significant costs on a

substantial number of small entities. The agency requests comments from small businesses on this assumption. Based on the assumption that no small businesses make products that would be affected by reducing the maximum levels of menhaden oil in pies, cakes, fats, oils, fish products, and meat products, FDA finds that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

C. Unfunded Mandates

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–4) requires cost-benefit and other analyses before any rulemaking if the rule would include a “Federal mandate that may result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100,000,000 or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any 1 year.” The current inflation-adjusted statutory threshold is \$110 million. FDA has determined that this proposed rule does not constitute a significant rule under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

VI. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This proposed rule contains no collections of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 is not required.

VII. Federalism Impact

FDA has analyzed this proposed rule in accordance with the principles set forth in Executive Order 13132. FDA has tentatively determined that the proposed rule does not contain policies that have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. The agency invites comments on its tentative conclusion that the proposed rule does

not contain policies that have federalism implications as defined in the order, and consequently, a federalism summary impact statement is not required.

VIII. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding this proposed rule by May 13, 2002. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 184

Food additives, Food ingredients.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and redelegated to the Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, it is proposed that 21 CFR part 184 be amended as follows:

PART 184—DIRECT FOOD SUBSTANCES AFFIRMED AS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE

1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 184 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321, 342, 348, 371.

2. Section 184.1472 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(3) to read as follows:

§ 184.1472 Menhaden oil.

(a) * * *

(3) In accordance with § 184.1(b)(2), the ingredient may be used in food only within the following specific limitations:

| Category of food | Maximum level of use in food (as served) |
|---|--|
| Baked goods, baking mixes, § 170.3(n)(1) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Cereals, § 170.3(n)(4) of this chapter. | 4.0 percent |
| Cheese products, § 170.3(n)(5) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Chewing gum, § 170.3(n)(6) of this chapter. | 3.0 percent |
| Condiments, § 170.3(n)(8) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Confections, frostings, § 170.3(n)(9) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Dairy product analogs, § 170.3(n)(10) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Egg products, § 170.3(n)(11) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Fats, oils, § 170.3(n)(12) of this chapter, but not in infant formula. | 12.0 percent |
| Fish products, § 170.3(n)(13) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Frozen dairy desserts, § 170.3(n)(20) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Gelatins, puddings, § 170.3(n)(22) of this chapter. | 1.0 percent |
| Gravies, sauces, § 170.3(n)(24) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Hard candy, § 170.3(n)(25) of this chapter. | 10.0 percent |
| Jams, jellies, § 170.3(n)(28) of this chapter. | 7.0 percent |
| Meat products, § 170.3(n)(29) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |

| Category of food | Maximum level of use in food (as served) |
|--|--|
| Milk products, § 170.3(n)(31) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Nonalcoholic beverages, § 170.3(n)(3) of this chapter. | 0.5 percent |
| Nut products, § 170.3(n)(32) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Pastas, § 170.3(n)(23) of this chapter. | 2.0 percent |
| Plant protein products, § 170.3(n)(33) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Poultry products, § 170.3(n)(34) of this chapter. | 3.0 percent |
| Processed fruit juices, § 170.3(n)(35) of this chapter. | 1.0 percent |
| Processed vegetable juices, § 170.3(n)(36) of this chapter. | 1.0 percent |
| Snack foods, § 170.3(n)(37) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| Soft candy, § 170.3(n)(38) of this chapter. | 4.0 percent |
| Soup mixes, § 170.3(n)(40) of this chapter. | 3.0 percent |
| Sugar substitutes, § 170.3(n)(42) of this chapter. | 10.0 percent |
| Sweet sauces, toppings, syrups, § 170.3(n)(43) of this chapter. | 5.0 percent |
| White granulated sugar, § 170.3(n)(41) of this chapter. | 4.0 percent |

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Dated: January 11, 2002.

L. Robert Lake,

Director of Regulations and Policy, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

33 CFR Part 203

Natural Disaster Procedures: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Activities of the Corps of Engineers

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Corps is proposing to revise its regulations to reflect current policy, add features required by the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (WRDA 96) (Pub. L. 104-303), and streamline certain procedures concerning Corps authority addressing disaster preparedness, response, and recovery activities. WRDA 96 additions include the option to provide nonstructural alternatives in lieu of structural repairs to levees damaged by flood events, and the provision of a levee owner's manual. Other significant changes include a change in the cost share provision for rehabilitation of both Federal and non-Federal flood control works, expansion of investigation ability for potential Advance Measures work, and a streamlined approach for requests for assistance from Native American tribes and Alaska Native Corporations.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to HQUSACE, ATTN: CECW-OE, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314-

1000. See Supplementary Information section for electronic filing addresses.

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE CONTACT: Mr. Robert K. Grubbs, P.E., Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Civil Emergency Management Branch, CECW-OE, at (202) 761-4561.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to its authorities in 33 U.S.C. 701n (commonly and hereinafter referred to as Pub. L. 84-99), the Corps proposes to revise 33 CFR part 203. Public Law 84-99 authorizes the Corps to undertake preparedness, response, and recovery activities for natural disasters. The Water Resources Development Act of 1996 amended Public Law 84-99 to add the authority to provide, at the option of the non-Federal sponsor, nonstructural alternatives in lieu of structural repairs to levees damaged by flood events, and also added the requirement to provide a levee owner's manual. Other significant changes include a change in the cost share provision for rehabilitation of both Federal and non-Federal flood control works, expansion of investigation ability for potential Advance Measures activities, and a streamlined approach for requests for assistance from Federally recognized Native American tribes and Alaska Native Corporations. In addition, these changes will modify and streamline policy involving the Corps policy concerning assistance for ice jams, and the Corps policy requiring reimbursement in kind or in cash for certain loaned supplies and materials. Subpart D clarifies the definition and inspection of "Active" flood control works (i.e., those flood control works eligible for consideration to receive Corps assistance when damaged in a flood, hurricane, or coastal storm), provides clarification concerning Corps inspections of non-Federal flood control works, and adds a new section that addresses inspections and rehabilitation of Federal flood control works that merely incorporates existing Corps

policy. A new section (§ 203.49) incorporates existing Corps policy on the use of Public Law 84-99 funds for rehabilitation of Hurricane/Shore Protection Projects, and, when undertaking such a rehabilitation effort, requires incorporation of the existing Project Cooperation Agreement to have the project sponsor cost share the renourishment/repair effort. In addition, Corps policy is revised to specify that, during droughts, water is provided for human consumption only, not for livestock. The revised rule is anticipated to go into effect 60 days after publication of the final rule in the **Federal Register**, except that all requests for assistance received by the Corps, for emergencies declared by the appropriate District Engineer prior to the effective date of the final rule, will be "grandfathered" under the previous rule for any assistance provided.

Electronic Access and Filing Addresses. You may submit comments by E-mail to robert.k.grubbs@usace.army.mil. Comments should be in one of the following formats: Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII. The subject line for submission of comments should begin with "33 CFR 203 Comments from (insert name of agency, organization, or individual)."

Procedural Requirements

a. *Review under the National Environmental Policy Act.* This revision is not a major Federal action. There are no significant changes to any aspects of this regulation that may impact on the human environment. When a specific action (e.g., a proposal to rehabilitate a damaged levee) occurs, appropriate environmental documentation, to include an Environmental Assessment/ Environmental Impact Statement when required, is prepared by the Corps.

b. *Unfunded Mandates Act.* This proposed rule does not impose an enforceable duty among the private