

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 36.4311 is amended by:

a. Revising paragraph (d) introductory text;

b. In paragraph (d)(2), removing “12 months nor later than 18 months”, and adding, in its place, “36 months”;

c. Revising paragraph (d)(4) introductory text;

d. In paragraph (d)(5) introductory text, removing “no later than on the date upon which the lender provides the prospective borrower with a”, and adding, in its place, “at the time of”; and by removing, “included in the loan submission to VA”, and adding, in its place, “furnished to VA upon request”; and

e. Revising the authority citation at the end of the section.

The revisions read as follows:

§ 36.4311 Interest rates.

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(d) Effective October 1, 2003, adjustable rate mortgage loans which comply with the requirements of this paragraph (d) are eligible for guaranty.

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(4) *Initial rate and magnitude of changes.* The initial contract interest rate of an adjustable rate mortgage shall be agreed upon by the lender and the veteran. Annual adjustments in the interest rate shall correspond to annual changes in the interest rate index, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

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(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3707A, 3710)

3. In § 36.4312, paragraph (e)(2), in the first sentence, is amended by removing “one-half of”; and by revising the authority citation at the end of the paragraph to read as follows:

§ 36.4312 Charges and fees.

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(Authority: 38 U. S. C 3729(b))

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[NM–46–1–7615b; FRL–7571–2]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Revision to Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets in Bernalillo County, NM Carbon Monoxide Air Quality Maintenance Plan Using MOBILE6

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions for Bernalillo County, New Mexico, which is a carbon monoxide maintenance area. This SIP revision was submitted to EPA by the Governor of New Mexico on May 15, 2003. More specifically, EPA is proposing approval of the county’s revised Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget (MVEB) for carbon monoxide (CO) for 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2006. This budget was developed using EPA’s latest emissions modeling program, MOBILE6. This submittal updates the maintenance plan by establishing new transportation conformity MVEBs for use by the Mid-Region Council of Governments, the area’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). These budgets will continue to maintain the total on-road mobile source emissions for the area at or below the attainment level for the CO National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this action may submitted either by mail or electronically. Written comments should be mailed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733. Comments may also be submitted electronically via email to Diggs.Thomas@epa.gov or to <http://www.regulations.gov> which is an alternative method for submitted electronic comments to EPA. To submit comments, please follow the detailed instructions described in the “Final Action” section of the direct final rule which is located in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Peggy Wade of the EPA Region 6 Air Planning Section at (214)665–7247 or Wade.Peggy@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State’s SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comment. 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. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, we may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

For additional information, see the Direct Final rule which is located in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 30, 2003.

Richard E. Greene,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 228**

[FRL–7572–2]

Ocean Disposal; Proposed Rule; Proposed Designation of Dredged Material Disposal Sites in the Central and Western Portions of Long Island Sound, CT; Extension of Comment Period and Addition of One Public Hearing; Correction

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period; correction.

SUMMARY: In response to public request, EPA is extending the comment period for its proposed action to designate dredged material disposal sites in the Central and Western Long Island Sound, Connecticut. EPA is extending the comment period by an additional 21 days, announcing the addition of a public hearing and correcting site location information in the proposed rulemaking published on September 12, 2003 (68 FR 53687–53696).

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on or before November 17, 2003. Public comments on this document are requested and will be considered before taking final action on this designation.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Ms. Ann Rodney, Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA—New England, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CWQ), Boston, MA 02114–2023 or electronically to Rodney.Ann@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann Rodney, (617) 918–1538 or e-mail Rodney.Ann@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

EPA is extending the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed designation of dredged material disposal sites in the Central and Western Long Island Sound, Connecticut, and announcing the addition of a public hearing.

Corrections

The September 12, 2003 document (68 FR 53687–53696), is corrected on page 53688, 53689, 53690 and 53695 as follows:

1. On page 53688 in the preamble, first column, following the caption **DATES:**, the language is corrected to read: “Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on or before November 17, 2003. The additional public hearing date is November 13, 2003 from 4p.m.–8p.m.”. On page 53689 the language is corrected to read as follows: “Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on or before November 17, 2003.”.

2. On page 53688, in the preamble, first column, following the caption **ADDRESSES:**, Public Hearing Locations section, the language is corrected to read: “The Public Hearing locations are: 1. September 30, 2003—New York at SUNY, Stony Brook, NY 11794–1603—Charles B. Wang Asian-American Center 2. October 1, 2003 and November 13, 2003—Westin Stamford, One First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902.”.

3. On page 53688, in the preamble, first column, following the caption **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**, the language is corrected to include the addition of libraries and is corrected to read: “Public Review of Documents: The file supporting this proposed designation is available for inspection at the following locations: In person. The Proposed Rule and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which includes the Site Management and Monitoring Plans (Appendix J), are available for inspection at the following locations: A. EPA New England Library, 11th Floor, One Congress Street, Suite

1100 (CWQ), Boston, MA 02114–2023. For access to the documents, call Peg Nelson at (617) 918–1991 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, excluding legal holidays, for an appointment. B. Mamaroneck Public Library Inc., 136 Prospect Ave., Mamaroneck, NY. C. Port Jefferson Free Library, 100 Thompson Street, Port Jefferson, NY. D. E. Bridgeport Public Library, 925 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT. E. Milford City Library, 57 New Haven Ave., Milford, CT. F. New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT. G. New London Public Library, 63 Huntington Street, New London, CT. H. Norwalk Public Library, 1 Belden Ave., Norwalk, CT. I. Acton Public Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT. J. Ferguson Library, 752 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT. K. Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston Street, Copley Square, Boston, MA. L. New York State Library, Cultural Education Center, 6th Floor, Empire State Center, Albany, NY. M. Information Service Division, CT State Library, 231 Capital Ave., Hartford, CT. Electronically. You also may review and/or obtain electronic copies of these documents from the EPA home page at the **Federal Register**, <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>, or on the EPA New England Region’s home page at <http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/lisdrreg/>.”

4. On page 53690, Section D. Site Descriptions, second column is corrected to read as follows: CLIS 41°9.5′ N., 72°54.4′ W.; 41°9.5′ N., 72°51.5′ W.; 41°8.4′ N., 72°51.5′ W.; 41°8.4′ N., 72°54.4′ W. The third column is corrected to read as follows: WLIS 41°00.1′ N., 73°29.8′ W.; 41°00.1′ N., 73°28.0′ W.; 40°58.9′ N., 73°28.1′ W.; 40°58.9′ N., 73°29.8′ W.

§ 228.15 [Corrected]

5. On page 53695, in amendment 2. for § 228.15 paragraph (b)(3)(i) is corrected to read as follows: (i) Location: Corner Coordinates (NAD1983) 41°9.5′ N., 72°54.4′ W.; 41°9.5′ N., 72°51.5′ W.; 41°8.4′ N., 72°51.5′ W.; 41°8.4′ N., 72°54.4′ W. Paragraph (b)(4)(i) is corrected to read as follows: (i) Location: Corner Coordinates (NAD1983) 41°00.1′ N., 73°29.8′ W.; 41°00.1′ N., 73°28.0′ W.; 40°58.9′ N., 73°28.1′ W.; 40°58.9′ N., 73°29.8′ W.

Dated: October 3, 2003.

Ira W. Leighton,

Acting Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 300

[I.D. 091603E]

National Marine Fisheries Service, Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment (EA); request for written comments; notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intent to prepare an EA and to hold scoping meetings to inform interested parties of the potential impacts on the human environment of the implementation of the regulatory changes resulting from the recently extended Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Treaty). As part of this process, NMFS intends to conduct two scoping meetings to allow stakeholders the opportunity to express their views regarding information that NMFS should consider in preparing the EA for the implementation of the regulatory changes required under the recently renegotiated Treaty.

DATES: The dates for the public scoping meetings are:

1. October 24, 2003, in San Diego, California.
2. November 13, 2003, in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting locations are:

1. Embassy Suites Hotel, San Diego Bay, 4 p.m. – 10 p.m.
2. Utulei Convention Center, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Written comments on the issues, range of alternatives, impacts that should be discussed in the EA, and requests to be included on a mailing list of persons interested in the EA should be sent to Raymond Clarke, International Affairs Division, Pacific Islands Regional Office, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814. Comments may be sent to the Regional Office via facsimile (fax) at 808–973–2941 and must be received by December 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Karnella or Raymond Clarke, telephone (808) 973–2937.