please submit a comment (see ADDRESSES) explaining why you think it qualifies and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact LT Kevin Lynn, Project Manager for Eighth Coast Guard District Commander, Hale Boggs Federal Bldg., 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, telephone (504) 589–6271.

Collection of Information

This proposed rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this proposed rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 or more in any one year. Though this proposed rule will not result in any such expenditure, we discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This proposed rule would not effect a taking of private property or otherwise having implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Indian Tribal Governments

This proposed rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a “significant energy action” under that Order because it is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has not designated it as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Commandant Instruction M1675.1D, which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have concluded that there are no factors in this case that would limit the use of categorical exclusion under section 2.B.2 of the Instruction. Therefore, this rule is categorically excluded, under figure 2–1 paragraph (34)(g), of the instruction, from further environmental documentation because this rule is not expected to result in any significant environmental impact as described in NEPA.

A draft “Environmental Analysis Check List” and a draft “Categorical Exclusion Determination” are available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES. Comments on this section will be considered before we make the final decision on whether the rule should be categorically excluded from further environmental review.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 147

Continental shelf, Marine safety, Navigation (water).

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 147 as follows:

PART 147—SAFETY ZONES

1. The authority citation for part 147 continues to read as follows:


2. Add § 147.837 to read as follows:

§ 147.837 Marco Polo Tension Leg Platform safety zone.

(a) Description. Marco Polo Tension Leg Platform, Green Canyon 608 (GC 608), located at position 27°21′43.32″ N, 90°10′53.01″ W. The area within 500 meters (1640.4 feet) from each point on the structure’s outer edge is a safety zone. These coordinates are based upon [NAD 83].

(b) Regulation. No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except the following:

(1) An attending vessel; or

(2) A vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing; or

(3) A vessel authorized by the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.


R.F. Duncan,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

36 CFR Parts 1220, 1222, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1240, 1242, 1244, and 1246

RIN 3095–AB16

Federal Records Management; Proposed Regulatory Framework

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NARA is seeking comments from Federal agencies and the public on
our regulations for Federal records management. We are considering revising and reorganizing the existing regulations to make the regulations easier to read, understand, and use. A proposed table of contents for the revision, which includes parenthetical references to the current configuration of the regulations, is also provided for review and comment.

Dates: Submit comments on or before May 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: NARA invites interested persons to submit comments on this ANPRM. Please include “Attn: 3095–AB16” and your name and mailing address in your comments. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- E-Mail: Send comments to comments@nara.gov. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your e-mail message, contact Cheryl Stadel-Bevans at 301–837–3021.
- Fax: Submit comments by facsimile transmission to 301–837–0319.
- Mail: Send comments to Regulations Comments Desk (NPOL), Room 4100, Policy and Communications Staff, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Stadel-Bevans at telephone number 301–837–3021 or fax number 301–837–0319.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NARA is concerned that the current Federal records management regulations do not reflect many of the recent changes in records management and, therefore, need updating to meet the challenges of a changing recordkeeping environment. We are considering revising the existing regulations to incorporate current standards and practices, such as new guidance on electronic recordkeeping and relevant portions of ISO 15489–1:2001, Records management—Part 1: General (ISO Records Management Standard).

In addition, we propose to restructure the regulations to better reflect the lifecycle of records, from creation through active agency use to disposition. We are considering consolidating all definitions under 36 CFR 1220; reorganizing the Parts of 36 CFR Chapter XII, Subchapter B, to more clearly reflect the lifecycle of records; and elevating subparts in the current 36 CFR 1228 to parts, for better emphasis. The regulations would also be re-written in accordance with plain language principles (such as using the question-style for the section headings) to make them easier to read, understand, and use.

Our goal is to make it easier for Federal agencies and records management contractors to follow our regulations. As part of the revision, we also intend to address the issues raised in the advance notice of proposed rulemaking, Records Management: Electronic Text Documents (RIN 3095–AB05) that was published October 10, 2001 (66 FR 51740).

More information about NARA’s Redesign of Federal Records Management may be found online at http://www.archives.gov/records_management/initiatives/rm_redesign_project.html.

Questions for Comment

What do you think about this proposal? Do you agree that the current Federal records management regulations need revision? Which regulations do you think need updating, revision, or expansion? Are there other records management issues that NARA should address? If you think the NARA regulations need to be revised, are there any priority areas that should be addressed first? Will the proposed reorganization of 36 CFR chapter XII, subchapter B, make the regulations easier to use? Will consolidating definitions in one section be useful? How do you see the proposed revision affecting the records management programs of Federal agencies? Please specify what further changes you would like to see.


Lewis J. Bellardo,
Deputy Archivist of the United States.

The following table of contents is a proposed outline for reorganizing the regulations for Federal records management and includes parenthetical references to the current configuration of the regulations. We attempted to lay out the regulations in a more serviceable order from the current structure. Please review and comment on the outline.

PART 1220—FEDERAL RECORDS, GENERAL

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PART 1223—MANAGEMENT OF VITAL RECORDS

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1223.10 Purpose. [1223.10]
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1223.20 Program objectives. [1223.20]
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1224.2 Disposition of vital records.

1224.3 Requirements that apply to records for all records storage facilities.

1224.4 What are the requirements that apply to records for all records storage facilities?

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1224.7 How does NARA process a waiver request? [1228.238]

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1224.32 Disposal clearances. [1228.282]

1224.34 What are the environmental controls for records storage facilities? [1228.232]

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1224.51 Sec. 1235.10 Authority. [1228.260]

1224.53 Types of records to be transferred. [1228.262]

1224.55 Certification for retention of records in agency custody. [1228.264]

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PART 1237—AERIAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT

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1237.10 NARA's micrographic services. [1237.10]

PART 1238—ARCHITECTURAL, AND AERIAL FILM MANAGEMENT

Subpart A—General

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1238.1 Applicability and scope. [New]
1238.2 Objectives. [New]

Subpart B—Architectural, and Aerial Film Management

1238.20 Agency program responsibilities. [New]
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