

limitation that specifies the maximum allowable number of start-stop stress cycles for the fan blade retention system. The life evaluation shall include the combined effects of high cycle and low cycle fatigue. If the operating limitation is less than 100,000 cycles, that limitation must be specified in Chapter 05 of the Engine Manual Airworthiness Limitation Section. The fan blade retention system includes the portion of the fan blade from the inner annulus flow path line inward to the blade dovetail, the blade retention components, and the fan disk and fan blade attachment features.

(e) Substantiate that, during the service life of the engine, the total probability of the occurrence of a hazardous engine effect defined in § 33.75 due to an individual blade retention system failure resulting from all possible causes will be extremely improbable, with a cumulative calculated probability of failure of less than 10 per engine flight hour.

(f) Substantiate by test or analysis acceptable to the Administrator that not only will the engine continue to meet the requirements of 33.75 following a lightning strike on the composite fan blade structure, but the lightning strike will also not cause damage to the fan blades that would prevent continued safe operation of the affected engine.

(g) Account for the effects of in-service deterioration, manufacturing variations, minimum material properties, and environmental effects during the tests and analyses required by paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of these special conditions.

(h) Propose fleet leader monitoring and field sampling programs for the GENx-2B engine fan blades that will monitor the effects of usage on fan blade and retention system integrity. The sampling program should use the experience gained on current GE90 and GENx-1B engine model series monitoring programs, and must be approved by the FAA prior to certification of the GENx-2B engine models.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts on November 12, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

### 24 CFR Parts 901, 902, and 907

[Docket No. FR-5094-N-02]

RIN 2577-AC68

#### Public Housing Evaluation and Oversight: Changes to the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Determining and Remediating Substantial Default: Reopening of Public Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of Public comments period.

**SUMMARY:** On August 21, 2008, the Department published a proposed rule entitled, "Public Housing Evaluation and Oversight: Changes to the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Determining and Remediating Substantial Default." The comment period for this proposed rule ended on October 20, 2008. This notice reopens the comment period for the proposed rule to allow for additional public comment.

**DATES:** *Comment Due Date:* January 8, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposed rule to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title. There are two methods for submitting public comments. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

1. *Submission of Comments by Mail.* Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500.

2. *Electronic Submission of Comments.* Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the

<http://www.regulations.gov> Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

**Note:** To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through one of the two methods specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the rule.

*No Facsimile Comments.* Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

*Public Inspection of Public Comments.* All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202-402-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service, toll-free, at 800-877-8339. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Wanda Funk, Senior Advisor, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC), 550 12th Street, SW., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20410; or the REAC Technical Assistance Center at 888-245-4860 (this is a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Additional information is available from the REAC Internet site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/reac/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Proposed Rule

HUD published a proposed rule on August 21, 2008 (73 FR 49544) that submitted, for a 60-day public comment period, a comprehensive revision to the PHAS regulations. This proposed rule, entitled "Changes to the Public Housing Assessment System and Determining and Remediating Substantial Default" also proposed, among other things, revisions to the PHAS scoring system. The comment period for the proposed rule closed on October 20, by which time approximately 55 comments had been submitted by members of the public.

As part of reopening the public comment period, HUD will be making available a scoring template that will enable PHAs and other interested members of the public to enter information to generate estimated scores under the proposed rule. The purpose of the scoring template is to facilitate understanding of the PHAS scoring system that HUD proposed in its August 21, 2008, proposed rule. The scoring template reflects how scoring would work if the proposed system were adopted at the final rule stage. The template allows the public to enter information to generate estimated scores under the proposed rule. The scoring template is posted on the Office of Public and Indian Housing's Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/ph/am/index.cfm>.

This tool was not available during the initial public comment period. Given the public interest in this rule, and the availability of this new information, HUD is reopening the public comment period. HUD hopes that this template helps clarify the proposed scoring system, and welcomes additional comments on the scoring system during the reopened public comment period. Accordingly, this notice reopens the public comment period for the PHAS proposed rule, published on August 21, 2008, for an additional 45-day period.

Dated: November 17, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Part 1

[REG-106251-08]

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#### Employee Stock Purchase Plans Under Internal Revenue Code Section 423; Hearing

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice of public hearing on proposed regulations relating to options granted under an employee stock purchase plan as defined in section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code. These proposed regulations affect certain taxpayers who participate in the transfer of stock

pursuant to the exercise of options granted under an employee stock purchase plan.

**DATES:** The public hearing is being held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at 10 a.m. The IRS must receive outlines of the topics to be discussed at the public hearing by Thursday, December 18, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing is being held in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Service Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Send Submissions to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-106251-08), Room 5205, Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand-delivered Monday through Friday to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-106251-08), Couriers Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC or sent electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> (IRS-REG-106251-08).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Concerning the regulations, Thomas Scholz (202) 622-6030; concerning submissions of comments, the hearing and/or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing Funmi Taylor at (202) 622-7180 (not toll-free numbers).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject of the public hearing is the notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-106251-08) that was published in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 (73 FR 43875).

The rules of 26 CFR 601.601(a)(3) apply to the hearing. Persons who wish to present oral comments at the hearing that submitted written comments by October 27, 2008, must submit an outline of the topics to be addressed and the amount of time to be denoted to each topic. (Signed original and eight copies.)

A period of 10 minutes is allotted to each person for presenting oral comments. After the deadline for receiving outlines has passed, the IRS will prepare an agenda containing the schedule of speakers. Copies of the agenda will be made available, free of charge, at the hearing or in the Freedom of Information Reading Room (FOIA RR) (Room 1621) which is located at the 11th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., entrance, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Because of access restrictions, the IRS will not admit visitors beyond the immediate entrance area more than 30

minutes before the hearing starts. For information about having your name placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R04-OAR-2008-0052-200803(b); FRL-8743-7]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Approval of Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan—"Permit by Rule" Provision

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the State of Tennessee on October 12, 2007. The revision pertains to the Knox County portion of the Tennessee SIP and includes changes to Knox County Air Quality Management Regulation (Knox County Regulation) Section 25.10—Permit by Rule. Specifically, Section 25.10 was changed so that it clearly states that turbines and other internal combustion engines are excluded from the "Permit by Rule" provision. This revision is considered by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), to be as or more stringent than the State of Tennessee's SIP requirements. This action is being taken pursuant to section 110 of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this rule, 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