Paperwork Reduction Act

These rules are not subject to Section 3504(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) since they do not contain any new information collection requirements.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

Because these rules relate to Agency procedure and practice and merely modify the Agency’s internal processing of ballots in representation cases, the Board has determined that the Congressional review provisions of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (5 U.S.C. 801) do not apply.

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 102

Administrative practice and procedure; Labor-management relations.

Accordingly, the Board amends 29 CFR part 102 as follows:

PART 102—RULES AND REGULATIONS, SERIES 8

§ 102.182 Representation Cases Should Be Processed to Certification.

During any period when the Board lacks a quorum, the second proviso of § 102.67(b) regarding the automatic impounding of ballots shall be suspended. To the extent practicable, all representation cases should continue to be processed and the appropriate certification should be issued by the Regional Director notwithstanding the pendency of a request for review, subject to revision or revocation by the Board pursuant to a request for review filed in accordance with this subpart.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 28, 2011.

Mark Gaston Pearce,
Chairman.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

29 CFR Part 104

RIN 3142-AA07

Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act

AGENCY: National Labor Relations Board.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: On August 30, 2011, the National Labor Relations Board (Board) published a final rule requiring employers, including labor organizations in their capacity as employers, subject to the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to post notices informing their employees of their rights as employees under the NLRA. (76 FR 54006, August 30, 2011.) On October 12, 2011, the Board amended that rule to delay the effective date from November 14, 2011, to January 31, 2012. (76 FR 63188, October 12, 2011.) The Board hereby further amends that rule to delay the effective date from January 31, 2012, to April 30, 2012. The purpose of this amendment is to facilitate the resolution of the legal challenges with respect to the rule.

DATES: This amendment is effective December 30, 2011. The effective date of the final rule published at 76 FR 54006, August 30, 2011, and amended at 76 FR 63188, October 12, 2011, is delayed from January 31, 2012 to April 30, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lester A. Heltzer, Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street NW., Washington, DC 20570, (202) 273–1067 (this is not a toll-free number), 1–(866) 315–6572 (TTY/TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 30, 2011, the National Labor Relations Board published a final rule requiring employers, including labor organizations in their capacity as employers, subject to the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to post notices informing their employees of their rights as employees under the NLRA. The Board subsequently determined that in the interest of ensuring broad voluntary compliance with the rule concerning notification of employee rights under the National Labor Relations Act, further public education and outreach efforts would be helpful. Accordingly, the Board changed the effective date of the rule from November 14, 2011, to January 31, 2012, in order to allow time for such an education and outreach effort. On December 19, 2011, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia requested that the Board consider postponing the effective date of the rule in connection with a pending proceeding concerning the rule. The Board has determined that postponing the effective date of the rule would facilitate the resolution of the legal challenges that have been filed with respect to the rule. Accordingly, the Board has decided to change the effective date of the rule from January 31, 2012 to April 30, 2012.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 23, 2011.

Mark Gaston Pearce,
Chairman.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Determinations of Failure To Attain the One-Hour Ozone Standard

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is taking final action to determine that three areas in California, previously designated nonattainment for the now-revoked one-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS), did not attain that standard by their applicable attainment dates: the Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin Area (“South Coast”), the San Joaquin Valley Area (“San Joaquin Valley”), and the Southeast Desert Modified Air Quality Maintenance Area (“Southeast Desert”). These determinations are based on three years of quality-assured and certified ambient air quality monitoring data for the period preceding the applicable attainment deadline.

DATES: Effective Date: This rule is effective on January 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established docket number EPA–R09–OAR–2011–0638 for this action. The index to the docket is available electronically at www.regulations.gov and in hard copy at EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. While all documents in the docket are listed in the index, some information may be publicly available only at the hard copy location (e.g., copyrighted material), and some may not be publicly available in