

flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title for the program affected by this document is 64.103, Life Insurance for Veterans.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Jose D. Riojas, Chief of Staff, approved this document on September 12, 2013, for publication.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 9

Life insurance, Military personnel, Veterans.

Dated: September 17, 2013.

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For the reasons stated in the preamble, VA proposes to amend 38 CFR part 9 as set forth below:

PART 9—SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND VETERANS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 9 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 1965–1980A, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Add § 9.21 to read as follows:

§ 9.21 VA's access to records maintained by the insurer, reinsurer(s), and their successors.

(a) In order to perform oversight responsibilities designed to protect the legal and financial rights of the Government and persons affected by the activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and its agents and to ensure that the policy and the related program benefits and services are managed effectively and efficiently as required by law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall have complete and unrestricted access to the records of any insurer, reinsurer(s), and their successors with respect to the policy and related benefit programs or services that are derived from the policy. This access includes access to:

(1) Any records relating to the operation and administration of benefit programs derived from the policy, which are considered to be Federal records created under the policy;

(2) Records related to the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, and essential transactions, including financial information, of the insurer, reinsurer(s), and their successors; and

(3) Records of individuals insured under the policy or utilizing other related program benefits and services or who may be entitled to benefits derived through the Servicemembers' and Veterans' Group Life Insurance programs, including personally identifiable information concerning such individuals and their beneficiaries.

(b) Complete access to these records shall include the right to have the originals of such records sent to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or a representative of the Secretary at the Secretary's direction. The records shall be available in either hard copy or readable electronic media. At the Secretary's option, copies may be provided in lieu of originals where allowed by the Federal Records Act, 44 U.S.C. chapter 31.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552, 552a; 38 U.S.C. 1966, 5701, 5725, 5727, 7332; 44 U.S.C. 3101, 3301).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 81

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Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; San Joaquin Valley, South Coast Air Basin, Coachella Valley, and Sacramento Metro Ozone Nonattainment Areas; Reclassification

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is withdrawing a proposed action to reclassify the Indian country pertaining to the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Morongo Reservation) from “severe-17” to “extreme” for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard.

DATES: The proposed rule published on August 27, 2009 (74 FR 43654) is withdrawn with respect to the Morongo Reservation on September 23, 2013.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 27, 2009 (74 FR 43654), EPA published a proposed rule to grant requests by the State of California to reclassify four nonattainment areas for the 1997 8-hour ozone standards and to reclassify Indian country in keeping with the classifications of nonattainment areas within which they are located. On May 5, 2010 (75 FR 24409), EPA finalized the action as proposed except that EPA deferred reclassification of Indian country pertaining to the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Morongo Reservation) and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians (Pechanga Reservation) in keeping with the state's request for the South Coast Air Basin. On January 2, 2013 (78 FR 51), EPA proposed to revise the boundaries of the South Coast Air Basin nonattainment area to designate the Morongo Reservation as a separate air quality planning area for the 1997 8-hour ozone standards. In the January 2, 2013 proposed rule, EPA indicated that, if the Agency finalizes the January 2, 2013 proposed rule, as proposed, EPA would withdraw the August 27, 2009 proposed rule to the extent that the 2009 proposed rule relates to the Morongo Reservation. In the Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is finalizing its January 2, 2013 proposed rule, as proposed. In light of final Agency action on the January 2, 2013 proposal, EPA is withdrawing the August 27, 2009 proposed reclassification of the Morongo Reservation for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard. This withdrawal is being taken under Clean Air Act sections 301(a) and 301(d)(4).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 81

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, National parks, Ozone, Wilderness areas.

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