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Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Waterman, Compliance Specialist, Division of Regulations, Legislation and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3510, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the NPRM may be obtained in alternative formats (large print, braille, audio tape, or disc) upon request by calling (202) 693-0023. TTY/TDD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

Questions of interpretation or enforcement of regulations issued by this agency or referenced in this document may be directed to Amy DeBisschop, Director, Government Contracts Branch at (202) 693-0064.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Access and Filing Comments

Public Participation: The NPRM is available through the **Federal Register** and the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. You may also access the NPRM through the Department's Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/federalregister>. To comment electronically on federal rulemakings, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which will allow you to find, review, and submit comments on federal documents that are published in the **Federal Register** and open for comment. Please identify all comments submitted in electronic form by the RIN Docket Number (1235-AA13). Because of delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, in order to ensure timely receipt prior to the close of the comment period, commenters should transmit their comments electronically through the

Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or submit them by mail early. Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method.

II. Request for Comment

The Department is proposing regulations to implement Executive Order 13706, which requires certain parties that contract with the Federal Government to provide their employees with up to 7 days of paid sick leave annually, including paid leave allowing for family care.

On September 7, 2015, President Obama announced Executive Order 13706, which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 10, 2015 (80 FR 54697). Section 3 of the Executive Order instructs the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations by September 30, 2016. The Department published the NPRM in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 2016 (81 FR 9591), complete with background information, economic impact analysis and proposed regulatory text. The NPRM also requested that interested parties from the public submit comments on the NPRM on or before March 28, 2016.

The Department has received requests to extend the period for filing public comments from government contracting organizations and the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy. Because of the interest that has been expressed in this matter, the Department has decided to provide an extension of the period for submitting public comment until April 12, 2016.

David Weil,

Administrator, Wage and Hour Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 167

[USCG-2011-0351]

Port Access Route Study: The Atlantic Coast From Maine to Florida

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the final report issued by the Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study (ACPARS) workgroup. The Coast Guard welcomes comments on the report.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before April 13, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2011-0351 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice of study contact Patrick Wycko, ACPARS Project Manager, telephone 757-398-6355, email patrick.d.wycko@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose. The Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study workgroup (WG) was chartered on May 11, 2011 and was given three objectives to complete within the limits of available resources: (1) Determine whether the Coast Guard should initiate actions to modify or create safety fairways, Traffic Separation Schemes or other routing measures; (2) Provide data, tools and/or methodology to assist in future determinations of waterways suitability for proposed projects; and (3) Develop, in the near term, Automatic Identification System (AIS) products and provide other support as necessary to assist Districts with all emerging coastal and offshore energy projects. The Coast Guard published the WG's Interim Report in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 55781; Sep. 11, 2012), with the status of efforts up to that date. The Interim Report concluded that modeling and analysis tools, as described in the Phase 3 section of the report, were critical to determine if routing measures are appropriate and to evaluate the changes in navigational safety risk resulting from different siting and routing scenarios. The charter for the WG was extended pending completion of the modeling and analysis. The modeling and analysis efforts concluded in the fall of 2014, but did not produce a model capable of accurately predicting changes in vessel routes and determining the resultant change in the risk to navigation safety. During this period, the WG continued gathering data and conducting stakeholder outreach. The availability and usability of processed AIS data has greatly improved, as has the ability to analyze the AIS data. The Coast Guard contracted the services of a Geographic Information System analyst to support efforts to better characterize vessel traffic and further explore creating initial proposals for routing measures

independent of the Phase 3 modeling and analysis. This enabled the Coast Guard to improve its understanding of vessel routes, beyond the understanding gleaned through generic heat maps. Based on comments by the shipping industry and more recent literature on addressing shipping during marine spatial planning, the WG conducted additional research into the necessary sea space for vessels to maneuver in compliance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. This research led to the development of recommended marine planning guidelines. In addition, an effort focused on determining the appropriate width of a navigation route was undertaken for alongshore towing operations. These efforts enabled the WG to identify navigation safety corridors along the Atlantic Coast that combine the width necessary for navigation and additional buffer areas based on the planning guidelines. The WG has also identified deep draft routes that it recommends be given priority consideration to navigation over other uses, to comply with the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea. The final report will be available on the **Federal Register** docket and also on the ACPARS Web site at www.uscg.mil/lantarea/acpars.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1223(c) and 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: February 24, 2016.

William D. Lee,

Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Atlantic Area.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 1815 and 1852

RIN 2700-AE27

Removal of Grant Handbook References (2016-N001)

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is proposing to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to remove references to NASA's Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook, NASA Procedural Requirements (NPR) 5800.1, NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-21 for educational

institutions and A-122 for nonprofit organizations.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before May 13, 2016 to be considered in formulation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by NFS Case 2016-N001, using any of the following methods:

○ *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by entering "NFS Case 2016-N001" under the heading "Enter keyword or ID" and selecting "Search." Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "NFS Case 2016-N001." Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "NFS Case 2016-N001" on your attached document.

○ *Email:* andrew.orourke@nasa.gov. Include NFS Case 2016-N001 in the subject line of the message.

○ *Fax:* (202) 358-3082.

○ *Mail:* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Headquarters, Office of Procurement, Contract and Grant Policy Division, Attn: Andrew O'Rourke, Suite 5L32, 300 E. Street SW., Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew O'Rourke, NASA, Office of Procurement, Contract and Grant Policy Division, Suite 5L32, 300 E. Street SW., Washington, DC 20456-0001. Telephone (202) 358-4560; facsimile 202-358-3082; email: andrew.orourke@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On September 11, 2015, NASA published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 54701) titled, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, to establish policies and procedures for grants and cooperative agreements awarded by NASA. The policies and procedures that recipients must follow are those appearing in subparts A through F of 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 200 and as supplemented by 2 CFR part 1800. Additionally, in December 2014, NASA issued a non-regulatory policy and procedure manual titled, *NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Manual*. These two documents replaced the NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook and are available at https://answers.nssc.nasa.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/6487.

II. Discussion

NASA is proposing to remove references to grant and cooperative agreement policy and guidance from the NASA FAR Supplement, which supplements the FAR, because they do not pertain to the procurement of goods and services. The FAR only contains guidance on contracts and no other funding agreements such as grants and cooperative agreements. Consistent with Executive Order (E.O.) 13563, Improving Regulations and Regulatory Review, NASA reviewed the NFS and is proposing to remove references to the NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-21 for educational institutions and A-122 for nonprofit organizations located at NFS 1815.602 and in NFS 1852.235-72. Circulars A-21 and A-122 were rescinded and no longer applicable for new awards after December 26, 2014. Both of these OMB circulars were replaced by 2 CFR part 200.

III. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health, and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

NASA does not expect this proposed rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, because it merely removes outdated and unnecessary grant and cooperative agreement references that should not be in the NFS. Therefore, an initial regulatory flexibility analysis has not been performed. NASA invites comments from small business concerns and other interested parties on the expected impact of this proposed rule on small entities.

NASA will also consider comments from small entities concerning the