

Switzerland  
Union  
Kentucky:  
Bracken  
Carroll  
Gallatin  
Grant  
Mason  
Pendleton  
Ohio:  
Adams  
Brown  
Butler  
Highland

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**Dayton**

Ohio:  
Champaign  
Clark  
Greene  
Miami  
Montgomery  
Preble

*Area of Application. Survey area plus:*

Indiana:  
Randolph  
Wayne

Ohio:  
Auglaize  
Clinton  
Darke  
Logan  
Shelby

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**WASHINGTON**

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**Southeastern Washington-Eastern Oregon**  
*Survey Area*

Oregon:  
Umatilla  
Washington:  
Benton  
Franklin  
Walla Walla  
Yakima

*Area of Application. Survey area plus:*

Oregon:  
Baker  
Grant  
Harney  
Malheur  
Morrow  
Union  
Wallowa  
Wheeler

Washington:  
Columbia  
Kittitas (Only includes the Yakima Firing  
Range portion)

**Spokane**

*Survey Area*

Washington:  
Spokane

*Area of Application. Survey area plus:*

Idaho:  
Benewah  
Bonner  
Boundary  
Clearwater  
Idaho  
Kootenai

Latah  
Lewis  
Nez Perce  
Shoshone  
Washington:  
Adams  
Asotin  
Chelan (Does not include the North Cas-  
cades National Park portion)  
Douglas  
Ferry  
Garfield  
Grant  
Kittitas (Does not include the Yakima  
Firing Range portion)  
Lincoln  
Okanogan  
Pend Oreille  
Stevens  
Whitman

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Animal and Plant Health Inspection  
Service**

**9 CFR Parts 2 and 3**

[Docket No. APHIS-2012-0107]

**Petition To Amend Animal Welfare Act  
Regulations To Prohibit Public Contact  
With Big Cats, Bears, and Nonhuman  
Primates**

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health  
Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; reopening of comment  
period.

**SUMMARY:** We are reopening the  
comment period for a petition  
requesting amendments to the Animal  
Welfare Act regulations and standards  
pertaining to physical contact with  
dangerous animals. We are especially  
interested in receiving public comments  
on the additional questions included in  
this notice. We are providing  
information about upcoming virtual  
stakeholder listening sessions and other  
efforts intended to gather additional  
public comment. This action will allow  
interested persons additional time to  
prepare and submit comments and  
further inform our thinking on the  
handling of dangerous animals.

**DATES:** The comment period for the  
notice published on August 5, 2013 (78  
FR 47215) and reopened on October 24,  
2013 (78 FR 63408) is reopened. We will  
consider all comments that we receive  
on or before August 31, 2016. The  
virtual listening sessions described in  
this notice will be held on Wednesday,  
June 29, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

eastern time (ET); Wednesday, July 6,  
2016, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. ET; and  
Thursday, August 4, 2016, from 1 p.m.  
to 3 p.m. ET. Registration is required to  
participate in the listening sessions.  
Links for registering to participate in the  
virtual listening sessions are included in  
the Web site in footnote 2 below.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments  
by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to  
<http://www.regulations.gov/>  
#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0107.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*

Send your comment to Docket No.  
APHIS-2012-0107, Regulatory Analysis  
and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station  
3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118,  
Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any  
comments we receive on this docket  
may be viewed at [http://](http://www.regulations.gov/)  
[www.regulations.gov/](http://www.regulations.gov/)

#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0107 or  
in our reading room, which is located in  
room 1141 of the USDA South Building,  
14th Street and Independence Avenue  
SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading  
room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday, except  
holidays. To be sure someone is there to  
help you, please call (202) 799-7039  
before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr.  
Barbara Kohn, Senior Staff Veterinarian,  
Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road  
Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234;  
(301) 851-3751.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On August 5, 2013, we published in  
the **Federal Register** (78 FR 47215-  
47217, Docket No. APHIS-2012-0107) a  
notice<sup>1</sup> making available for comment a  
petition requesting amendments to the  
Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations  
and standards, including amendments  
to prohibit licensees from allowing  
individuals, with certain exceptions,  
from coming into direct or physical  
contact with big cats, bears, or  
nonhuman primates of any age, to  
define the term “sufficient distance,”  
and to prohibit the public handling of  
young or immature big cats, bears, and  
nonhuman primates.

Comments were required to be  
received on or before October 4, 2013.  
In a subsequent notice published  
October 24, 2013 (78 FR 63408), we  
reopened the comment period for an  
additional 45 days to November 18,  
2013. We received 15,379 comments.

We are again reopening the comment  
period and will accept all comments we  
receive on or before August 31, 2016.

<sup>1</sup> To view the notice, petition, and the comments  
we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/>  
#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0107.

We are especially interested in receiving public comments on the questions presented below. Responses to these questions will help further inform our thinking on the handling of dangerous animals:

1. What factors and characteristics should determine if a type of animal is suitable for public contact? When the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) describes an animal as dangerous, there are certain characteristics we use to classify the animals, such as the size, strength, and instinctual behavior of an animal, risk of disease transmission between animals and humans (*i.e.*, zoonoses such as Herpes B), and ability to safely and humanely handle (or control) the animal in all situations.

2. What animals should APHIS consider including under the definition of dangerous animals? For example, are all nonhuman primates dangerous? We currently identify some animals as dangerous, including, but not limited to, nondomestic felids (such as lions, tigers, jaguars, mountain lions, cheetahs, and any hybrids thereof), wolves, bears, certain nonhuman primates (such as gorillas, chimps, and macaques), elephants, hippopotamuses, rhinoceroses, moose, bison, camels, and common animals known to carry rabies.

3. What animals may pose a public health risk and why? What risks does public contact with dangerous animals present to the individual animal and the species and why?

4. What are the best methods of permanent, usable animal identification for dangerous animals?

5. What are the most humane training techniques to use with dangerous animals?

6. What scientific information (peer-reviewed journals preferred) is available that identifies the appropriate weaning ages for nondomestic felids, bears, elephants, wolves, nonhuman primates, and other dangerous animals?

7. What industry, organizational, or governmental standards have been published for the handling and care of dangerous animals?

8. What constitutes sufficient barriers for enclosures around dangerous animals to keep members of the public away from the animals? What methods (structures, distance, attendants, etc.) are needed to prevent entry of the public into an enclosure and keep the animal safe while still allowing for meaningful viewing?

In addition to inviting the public to comment on these questions, we are making available for the public a Web

site<sup>2</sup> containing background information on the topics explained in this notice. We also plan to convene three virtual listening sessions during the summer, allowing stakeholders to participate regardless of their location before the close of the public comment period. The dates of each virtual listening session are as follows:

- June 29, 2016, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. eastern time (ET);
- July 6, 2016, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. ET; and
- August 4, 2016, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. ET.

Persons wishing to participate in the virtual listening sessions are required to register prior to the session. Links for registering to participate in each listening session are included in the Web site in footnote 2. Upon registration, participants will be provided with a call-in number and access code. The virtual listening sessions will provide the public with opportunities to share their views on the handling of dangerous animals and provide us with additional material to inform our thinking on this topic.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 2131–2159; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.7.

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of June 2016.

**William H. Clay,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 72

[Docket No. PRM–72–6; NRC–2008–0649]

#### Petition for Rulemaking Submitted by C–10 Research and Education Foundation, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Petition for rulemaking; denial.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is denying Requests 4 and 9 of a petition for rulemaking (PRM), dated November 24, 2008, filed by Ms. Sandra Gavutis, Executive Director of C–10 Research and Education Foundation, Inc. (the petitioner). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations concerning dry cask safety, security, transferability, and longevity. The petitioner made 12 specific requests.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/Handling-Dangerous-Animals-Feedback-Page>.

The NRC previously denied 9 of these requests and accepted 1 request for consideration in the rulemaking process. Two remaining requests were reserved for future rulemaking determinations. The purpose of this **Federal Register** notice is to announce the NRC's final decision to deny these two remaining requests.

**DATES:** The docket for the petition for rulemaking, PRM–72–6, is closed on June 24, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2008–0649 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2008–0649. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Torre Taylor, telephone: 301–415–7900, email: [Torre.Taylor@nrc.gov](mailto:Torre.Taylor@nrc.gov); or Haile Lindsay, telephone: 301–415–0616, email: [Haile.Lindsay@nrc.gov](mailto:Haile.Lindsay@nrc.gov); both of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555–0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. The Petition

Section 2.802 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Petition for rulemaking,” provides an