

summary of the Commission's Third Report and Order, 81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016 which fully modernizes the Lifeline program so it supports broadband services and obtains high value from the expenditure of Universal Service funds. This document clarifies the effective dates for the rules as they were published in the **Federal Register**, in order to promote consistency with the effective dates found in the Commission's Third Report and Order. Additionally, this document clarifies rules subject to certain effective dates in order to reflect implementation changes being made to the program.

DATES: Effective July 15, 2016, except for the corrections to §§ 54.202, 54.405, 54.408, and 54.410, which contain information collection requirements that are not effective until approved by the Office of Management and Budget. The Federal Communications Commission will publish a separate document announcing such approval and the relevant effective date(s).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of May 24, 2016, in FR Doc. 2016–11284, on page 33088, the following corrections are made:

Ordering Clauses [Corrected]

1. In the first column, paragraph 432 is corrected to read, “*It is further ordered*, that pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 1 through 4, 201 through 205, 254, 303(r), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151 through 154, 201 through 205, 254, 303(r), and 403, and Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. 1302, part 54 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR part 54, is amended, and such rule amendments to Sections 54.201 and 54.423 shall be effective 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** of this Third Report and Order.”

2. In the second column, paragraph 433, remove “Sections 54.202(a)(6), (d), and (e) and 54.205(c)” and add in their place “Sections 54.202(a)(6), (d), and (e), 54.205(c), and 54.400(l)”.

3. In the second column, paragraph 434, add “54.400(f), (j), (m) through (o),” after “54.101”.

§ 54.202 [Corrected]

■ 4. On page 33089, in the second column, § 54.202 Additional requirements for Commission designation or eligible

telecommunications carriers, in paragraph (d), in the second sentence, remove “should” and add in its place the word “shall”.

§ 54.405 [Corrected]

■ 5. On page 33091, in the first column, § 54.405 Carrier obligation to offer Lifeline, in paragraph (e)(3) remove the words “assess or collect” and add in their place the words “assess and collect”.

§ 54.408 [Corrected]

■ 6. On page 33092, in the third column, § 54.408 Minimum service standards, in paragraph (f)(1) remove the words “broadband provider” and add in their place the words “broadband Lifeline provider”.

■ 7. On page 33092, in the third column, § 54.408 Minimum service standards, in paragraph (f)(2) remove the words “A provider” and add in their place the words “A Lifeline provider”.

■ 8. On page 33092, in the third column, § 54.408 Minimum service standards, in paragraph (f)(3) remove the words “broadband provider” and add in their place the words “broadband Lifeline provider”.

§ 54.410 [Corrected]

■ 9. On page 33093, in the second column, § 54.410 Subscriber eligibility determination and certification, in paragraph (b)(1)(ii), remove the words “by National Verifier.” and add in their place the words “by the National Verifier.”

■ 10. On page 33094, in the first column, § 54.410 Subscriber eligibility determination and certification, in paragraph (f)(2)(iii), remove the words “the National Verifier, state Lifeline administrator, or state agency” and add in their place the words “the eligible telecommunications carrier”

■ 11. On page 33094, in the first column, § 54.410 Subscriber eligibility determination and certification, in paragraph (f)(4), remove the words “recertification or subscribers' Lifeline” and add in their place the words “recertification of subscribers' Lifeline”

■ 12. On page 33094, in the second column, § 54.410 Subscriber eligibility determination and certification, in paragraph (f)(5), remove the words “state agency's inability” and add in their place the words “state agency that it is unable”

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

48 CFR Parts 902, 909, 916, 917, 922, 925, 931, 936, 942, 952, and 970

RIN 1991–AC00

Acquisition Regulation: Technical and Administrative Changes to Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is adopting as final, a rule amending the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (DEAR) to make technical and administrative changes to the DEAR, including changes to conform to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), remove out-of-date coverage, update references, and correct minor errors and omissions.

DATES: Effective Date: August 15, 2016.

Applicability Date: This final rule is applicable to solicitations issued on or after the effective date.

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I. Background

The DEAR has outdated citations and minor errors of a technical nature. The objective of this final rule is to update the outdated citations and correct the errors and omissions in the existing DEAR to conform to the FAR. None of

these changes are substantive or of a nature to cause any significant expense for DOE or its contractors.

II. Summary of Comments and Responses

DOE published a proposed rule at 80 FR 15737 on March 25, 2015; DOE did not receive any comments in response to the proposed rule. DOE made one change in the final rule in part 916. In the proposed rule, DOE proposed to change the title of the NNSA Task Order Ombudsman in Section 916.505, paragraph (b)(6)(i). However, DOE determined that because NNSA gets this authority from the delegations to the Senior Procurement Executive and Head of the Contracting Activity, it is not necessary to include it in the DEAR. Therefore, DOE has removed it from the final rule.

III. Section-by-Section Analysis

DOE amends the DEAR as follows:

Part 902—Definitions of Words and Terms

1. Section 902.101, paragraph (2), is revised to change the title of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Senior Procurement Executive (SPE).

Part 909—Contractor Qualifications

2. Section 909.403, paragraphs (1) and (2), are revised to change the title of the NNSA SPE.

Part 916—Types of Contracts

3. Section 916.505, paragraph (b)(6)(i), DOE proposed to change the title of the NNSA Task Order Ombudsman. However, DOE decided to remove the identification of the NNSA Task Order Ombudsman in the final rule because the delegations to the Senior Procurement Executive and the Head of the Contracting Activity allow NNSA to designate a task and delivery order ombudsman.

Part 917—Special Contracting Methods

4. Section 917.602, paragraph (a), is revised to remove language that is no longer needed in the DEAR.

Part 922—Application of Labor Laws to Government Acquisition

5. Section 922.804 is no longer needed in the DEAR and is removed.

Part 925—Foreign Acquisition

6. Section 925.103, paragraph (a), is revised to correct the CFR reference.

7. Section 925.1001, paragraph (b), is revised to change the title of the NNSA SPE.

Part 931—Contract Cost Principles and Procedures

8. Section 931.205–18, paragraph (c)(2), is deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new paragraph (c).

Part 936—Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts

9. Section 936.202–70 is no longer needed in the DEAR and is removed.

Part 942—Contract Administration and Audit Services

10. Section 942.705–3 is revised to update the circular number and remove the paragraph numbering.

Part 952—Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

11. Section 952.204–2, paragraph (j), is revised to inform contractors of the format for submitting Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) information. Paragraph (h)(2)(vi), is revised to remove Contractor requirement for submitting in writing information to the head of the cognizant local DOE Security Office concerning each uncleared applicant or uncleared employee who is selected for a position requiring an access authorization.

12. Section 952.204–73, paragraph (a), is revised to inform contractors of the format for submitting FOCI information.

13. Section 952.236–72 is no longer needed in the DEAR and is removed.

14. Section 952.250–70, paragraph (d)(1), is revised to raise the threshold as required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Part 970—DOE Management and Operating Contracts

15. Section 970.5215–3 is revised to update the Order number.

16. Section 970.5223–1 is revised to correct the prescription.

17. Section 970.5244–1, paragraph (f) is revised to reflect threshold increase in 48 CFR 28.102–2. Paragraph (g) is revised to reflect the threshold increase in DOE's class deviation for DEAR 970.5244–1.

18. Section 970.5245–1, Alternate I, paragraph (j)(3), is revised to update the Order number and to add language that clarifies the sentence.

IV. Procedural Requirements

A. Review Under Executive Order 12866 and 13563

This regulatory action has been determined not to be a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866, “Regulatory Planning and Review,” 58 FR 51735 (October 4, 1993). Accordingly, this final rule is not subject to review under that Executive

Order by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DOE has also reviewed this regulation pursuant to Executive Order 13563, issued on January 18, 2011 (76 FR 3281 (Jan. 21, 2011)). Executive Order 13563 is supplemental to and explicitly reaffirms the principles, structures, and definitions governing regulatory review established in Executive Order 12866. To the extent permitted by law, agencies are required by Executive Order 13563 to: (1) Propose or adopt a regulation only upon a reasoned determination that its benefits justify its costs (recognizing that some benefits and costs are difficult to quantify); (2) tailor regulations to impose the least burden on society, consistent with obtaining regulatory objectives, taking into account, among other things, and to the extent practicable, the costs of cumulative regulations; (3) select, in choosing among alternative regulatory approaches, those approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity); (4) to the extent feasible, specify performance objectives, rather than specifying the behavior or manner of compliance that regulated entities must adopt; and (5) identify and assess available alternatives to direct regulation, including providing economic incentives to encourage the desired behavior, such as user fees or marketable permits, or providing information upon which choices can be made by the public.

DOE emphasizes as well that Executive Order 13563 requires agencies to use the best available techniques to quantify anticipated present and future benefits and costs as accurately as possible. In its guidance, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has emphasized that such techniques may include identifying changing future compliance costs that might result from technological innovation or anticipated behavioral changes. DOE believes that this final rule is consistent with these principles, including the requirement that, to the extent permitted by law, agencies adopt a regulation only upon a reasoned determination that its benefits justify its costs and, in choosing among alternative regulatory approaches, those approaches maximize net benefits.

B. Review Under Executive Order 12988

With respect to the review of existing regulations and the promulgation of new regulations, section 3(a) of Executive Order 12988, “Civil Justice Reform,” 61 FR 4729 (February 7, 1996),

imposes on Executive agencies the general duty to adhere to the following requirements: (1) Eliminate drafting errors and ambiguity; (2) write regulations to minimize litigation; and (3) provide a clear legal standard for affected conduct rather than a general standard and promote simplification and burden reduction.

With regard to the review required by section 3(a), section 3(b) of Executive Order 12988 specifically requires that Executive agencies make every reasonable effort to ensure that the regulation: (1) Clearly specifies the preemptive effect, if any; (2) clearly specifies any effect on existing Federal law or regulation; (3) provides a clear legal standard for affected conduct while promoting simplification and burden reduction; (4) specifies the retroactive effect, if any; (5) adequately defines key terms; and (6) addresses other important issues affecting clarity and general draftsmanship under any guidelines issued by the United States Attorney General. Section 3(c) of Executive Order 12988 requires Executive agencies to review regulations in light of applicable standards in section 3(a) and section 3(b) to determine whether they are met or if it is unreasonable to meet one or more of them. DOE has completed the required review and determined that, to the extent permitted by law, this final rule meets the relevant standards of Executive Order 12988.

C. Review Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) requires preparation of an initial regulatory flexibility analysis for any rule that by law must be proposed for public comment, unless the agency certifies that the rule, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. As required by Executive Order 13272, “Proper Consideration of Small Entities in Agency Rulemaking,” 67 FR 53461 (August 16, 2002), DOE published procedures and policies on February 19, 2003, to ensure that the potential impacts of its rules on small entities are properly considered during the rulemaking process (68 FR 7990). DOE has made its procedures and policies available on the Office of General Counsel’s Web site at <http://www.energy.gov/gc/office-general-counsel>.

This final rule is to amend the DEAR to make technical and administrative changes as described in the summary. These changes are technical/minor in nature; therefore, DOE certifies that this

rule would not have a significant economic impact on small entities because no substantive rights or obligations are altered by the amendment. Consequently, DOE did not prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis for this rulemaking.

D. Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule does not impose a collection of information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Existing burdens associated with the collection of certain contractor data under the DEAR have been cleared under OMB control number 1910–4100, with an expiration date of December 31, 2017.

E. Review Under the National Environmental Policy Act

DOE has concluded that promulgation of this final rule falls into a class of actions which would not individually or cumulatively have significant impact on the human environment, as determined by DOE’s regulations (10 CFR part 1021, subpart D) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Specifically, this final rule is categorically excluded from NEPA review because the amendments to the DEAR are strictly procedural (categorical exclusion A6). Therefore, this final rule does not require an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment pursuant to NEPA.

F. Review Under Executive Order 13132

Executive Order 13132, 64 FR 43255 (August 4, 1999), imposes certain requirements on agencies formulating and implementing policies or regulations that preempt State law or that have federalism implications. Agencies are required to examine the constitutional and statutory authority supporting any action that would limit the policymaking discretion of the States and carefully assess the necessity for such actions. The Executive Order requires agencies to have an accountability process to ensure meaningful and timely input by state and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications.

On March 14, 2000, DOE published a statement of policy describing the intergovernmental consultation process it will follow in the development of such regulations (65 FR 13735). DOE has examined the final rule and has determined that it does not preempt State law and does not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on

the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. No further action is required by Executive Order 13132.

G. Review Under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4) generally requires a Federal agency to perform a written assessment of costs and benefits of any rule imposing a Federal mandate with costs to State, local or tribal governments, or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more. This rulemaking does not impose a Federal mandate on State, local or tribal governments or on the private sector.

H. Review Under the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999

Section 654 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999 (Pub. L. 105–277), requires Federal agencies to issue a Family Policymaking Assessment for any rulemaking or policy that may affect family well-being. This rulemaking will have no impact on the autonomy or integrity of the family as an institution. Accordingly, DOE has concluded that it is not necessary to prepare a Family Policymaking Assessment.

I. Review Under Executive Order 13211

Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use, 66 FR 28355 (May 22, 2001), requires Federal agencies to prepare and submit to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), a Statement of Energy Effects for any significant energy action. A “significant energy action” is defined as any action by an agency that promulgates or is expected to lead to promulgation of a final rule, and that: (1) Is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, or any successor order; (2) is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy; or (3) is designated by the Administrator of OIRA as a significant energy action. For any significant energy action, the agency must give a detailed statement of any adverse effects on energy supply, distribution, or use should the proposal be implemented, and of reasonable alternatives to the action and their expected benefits on energy supply, distribution, and use. This final rule is not a significant energy action.

Accordingly, DOE has not prepared a Statement of Energy Effects.

J. Review Under the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001

The Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516, note) provides for agencies to review most disseminations of information to the public under guidelines established by each agency pursuant to general guidelines issued by OMB. OMB's guidelines were published at 67 FR 8452 (February 22, 2002), and DOE's guidelines were published at 67 FR 62446 (October 7, 2002). DOE has reviewed this final rule under the OMB and DOE guidelines and has concluded that it is consistent with applicable policies in those guidelines.

K. Review Under Executive Order 13609

Executive Order 13609 of May 1, 2012, "Promoting International Regulatory Cooperation," requires that, to the extent permitted by law and consistent with the principles and requirements of Executive Order 13563 and Executive Order 12866, each Federal agency shall:

(a) If required to submit a Regulatory Plan pursuant to Executive Order 12866, include in that plan a summary of its international regulatory cooperation activities that are reasonably anticipated to lead to significant regulations, with an explanation of how these activities advance the purposes of Executive Order 13563 and this order;

(b) Ensure that significant regulations that the agency identifies as having significant international impacts are designated as such in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, on *RegInfo.gov*, and on *Regulations.gov*;

(c) In selecting which regulations to include in its retrospective review plan, as required by Executive Order 13563, consider:

(i) Reforms to existing significant regulations that address unnecessary differences in regulatory requirements between the United States and its major trading partners, consistent with section 1 of this order, when stakeholders provide adequate information to the agency establishing that the differences are unnecessary; and

(ii) Such reforms in other circumstances as the agency deems appropriate; and

(d) For significant regulations that the agency identifies as having significant international impacts, consider, to the extent feasible, appropriate, and consistent with law, any regulatory approaches by a foreign government that

the United States has agreed to consider under a regulatory cooperation council work plan.

DOE has reviewed this final rule under the provisions of Executive Order 13609 and determined that the rule complies with all requirements set forth in the order.

L. Approval by the Office of the Secretary of Energy

Issuance of this final rule has been approved by the Office of the Secretary of Energy.

M. Congressional Notification

As required by 5 U.S.C. 801, DOE will report to Congress on the promulgation of this rule prior to its effective date. The report will state that it has been determined that the rule is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 902, 903, 916, 917, 922, 925, 931, 936, 942, 952 and 970

Government procurement.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 7, 2016.

John R. Bashista,

Director, Office of Acquisition Management, Department of Energy.

Joseph Waddell,

Senior Procurement Executive and Deputy Associate Administrator National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Acquisition and Project Management.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Department of Energy amends chapter 9 of title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations as set forth below.

Title 48—Federal Acquisition Regulations System

■ 1. The authority citation for parts 902, 903, 916, 917, 922, 925, 931, 936 and 942 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.* and 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*

PART 902—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

902.101 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 902.101 is amended in the definition of "Senior Procurement Executive" by removing "Director, Office of Acquisition and Supply Management" and adding in its place "Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition and Project Management".

PART 909—CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

909.403 [Amended]

■ 3. Section 909.403 is amended in paragraphs (1) and (2) by removing

"Director, Office of Acquisition and Supply Management" and adding in its place "Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition and Project Management".

PART 916—TYPES OF CONTRACTS

916.505 [Amended]

■ 4. Section 916.505 is amended in paragraph (b)(6)(i) by removing the second sentence.

PART 917—SPECIAL CONTRACTING METHODS

917.602 [Amended]

■ 5. Section 917.602 is amended in paragraph (a) by removing ", Deputy Secretary or Under Secretary".

PART 922—APPLICATION OF LABOR LAWS TO GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION

922.804 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 6. Section 922.804 is removed and reserved.

PART 925—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

■ 7. Section 925.103 is amended by removing paragraph (a) and revising paragraph (b)(2).

The revision reads as follows:

925.103 Exceptions.

(b) *Nonavailability*—(2)(i) *Individual determinations.* Contracting officers may make the determination required by 48 CFR 25.103(b)(2)(i), provided such determination is factually supported in writing. If the contract is estimated to exceed \$1 million, the Head of the Contracting Activity must approve the determination.

(ii) Proposals to add an article to the list of nonavailable articles at 48 CFR 25.104, with appropriate justifications, must be submitted for approval by the Senior Procurement Executive and submission to the appropriate council.

925.1001 [Amended]

■ 8. Section 925.1001 is amended in paragraph (b) by removing "Director, Office of Acquisition and Supply Management" and adding in its place "Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition and Project Management".

PART 931—CONTRACT COST PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

■ 9. Section 931.205–18 is revised to read as follows:

931.205–18 Independent research and development (IR&D) and bid and proposal (B&P) costs.

(c) In addition to all the other FAR requirements for allowability of IR&D costs, costs for IR&D are allowable under DOE contracts to the extent: They are not otherwise unallowable; and they have potential benefit or relationship to the DOE program. The term "DOE program" encompasses the DOE total mission and its objectives. In addition to all the other FAR requirements for allowability of B&P costs, costs for B&P are allowable under DOE contracts to the extent they are not otherwise unallowable.

PART 936—CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECT-ENGINEER CONTRACTS

936.202–70 [Removed and Reserved]

- 10. Section 936.202–70 is removed and reserved.

PART 942—CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT SERVICES

942.705–3 [Amended]

- 11. Section 942.705–3 is amended by:
- a. Removing the paragraph designation "(a)(2)"; and
- b. Removing "A–88" and adding in its place "A–21".

PART 952—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

- 12. The authority citation for part 952 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2201; 2282a; 2282b; 2282c; 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*

- 13. Section 952.204–2 is amended by:
- a. Revising the section heading;
- b. Revising the clause heading and clause date; and
- c. Revising paragraphs (h)(2)(vi) introductory text and (j)(1).

The revisions read as follows:

952.204–2 Security requirements.

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SECURITY REQUIREMENTS (Aug. 2016)

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(h) * * *
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(vi) The Contractor must maintain a record of information concerning each uncleared applicant or uncleared employee who is selected for a position requiring an access authorization. Upon request only, the following information will be furnished to the head of the cognizant local DOE Security Office:

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(j) *Foreign ownership, control, or influence.* (1) The Contractor shall immediately provide the cognizant security office written notice of any change in the extent and nature of foreign ownership, control or influence over the Contractor which would affect any answer to the questions presented in the Standard Form (SF) 328, *Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests*, executed prior to award of this contract. The Contractor will submit the Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) information in the format directed by DOE. When completed the Contractor must print and sign one copy of the SF 328 and submit it to the Contracting Officer. In addition, any notice of changes in ownership or control which are required to be reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, or the Department of Justice, shall also be furnished concurrently to the Contracting Officer.

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- 14. Section 952.204–73 is amended by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows:

952.204–73 Facility clearance.

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FACILITY CLEARANCE (Aug. 2016)

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(a) *Use of Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests, Standard Form 328.* (1) The contract work anticipated by this solicitation will require access to classified information or special nuclear material. Such access will require a Facility Clearance for the Contractor's organization and access authorizations (security clearances) for Contractor personnel working with the classified information or special nuclear material. To obtain a Facility Clearance the Contractor must submit the Standard Form 328, Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests, and all required supporting documents to form a complete Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) Package. The Contractor will submit the Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) information in the format directed by DOE. When completed the Contractor must print and sign one copy of the SF 328 and submit it to the Contracting Officer.

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952.236–72 [Removed and Reserved]

- 15. Section 952.236–72 is removed and reserved.

952.250–70 [Amended]

- 16. Section 952.250–70 is amended by:

- a. Revising the date of the clause; and
- b. Removing in paragraph (d)(1), "\$100 million" and adding in its place "\$500 million".

The revision reads as follows:

952.250–70 Nuclear hazards indemnity agreement.

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NUCLEAR HAZARDS INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (Aug. 2016)

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PART 970—DOE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING CONTRACTS

- 17. The authority citation for part 970 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2201; 2282a; 2282b; 2282c; 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*

970.5215–3 [Amended]

- 18. Section 970.5215–3, paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (c)(2)(i) are amended by removing "DOE Order 225.1A" and adding in its place "DOE Order 225.1B, or successor version".

970.5223–1 [Amended]

- 19. Section 970.5223–1 is amended by removing "970.2303–3(b)" in the clause introductory text and adding in its place, "970.2303–3(a)".

- 20. Section 970.5244–1 is amended by:

- a. Revising the clause date;
- b. Removing in paragraphs (f)(1) and (2) "\$100,000" and adding in its place "\$150,000"; and
- c. Removing in paragraph (g) "\$100,000" in both occurrences and adding in each place "\$500,000".

The revision reads as follows:

970.5244–1 Contractor purchasing system.

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CONTRACTOR PURCHASING SYSTEM (Aug. 2016)

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- 21. Section 970.5245–1 is amended by:

- a. Revising the clause date;
- b. Revising Alternate I heading and date; and
- c. Removing in Alternate I paragraph (j)(3) "Major System Acquisition or Major Project" and adding in its place "Major System Project" and removing "DOE Order 4700.1" and adding in its place "DOE Order 413.3B, or successor version".

The revisions read as follows:

970.5245–1 Property.

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PROPERTY (Aug. 2016)

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Alternate I (Aug. 2016).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

49 CFR Part 8

RIN 2105-AE50

Classified Information: Classification/Declassification/Access; Authority To Classify Information (RRR)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule updates the regulations regarding classified information to reflect changes in organizational structure, update the legal authorities, incorporate new references, and refer historical researchers and former Presidential appointees to Executive Order 13526.

DATES: This final rule is effective July 15, 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A 2011 DOT final rule (76 FR 19707) announced changes regarding the authority to classify information, but did not update other parts of the rule. As a result, the Department's regulations at 49 CFR part 8 need to be updated. This final rule makes the following corrections: Executive Order 12958, "Classified National Security Information," has been replaced by Executive Order 13526, so references to the outdated Executive Order have been removed. The "Interagency Classification Review Committee" is now the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel. As a result of reorganizations after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the U.S. Coast Guard is no longer a part of DOT, so references to that agency as a departmental component have been removed, and a representative from the Federal Highway Administration replaces the U.S. Coast Guard's representative on the Department's Personnel Security Review Board. This final rule also updates the names of

some departmental offices, which have changed.

Section 8.19, which contained detailed instructions for submitting and processing requests for classification challenges and mandatory classification reviews, is also eliminated because of inconsistencies with the current regulations at 32 CFR 2001. Sections 8.15 (Mandatory review for classification) and 8.17 (Classification challenges) have been rewritten to cite the appropriate sections of 32 CFR 2001 regarding such requests.

The detailed instructions in Section 8.29, Access by historical researchers and former Presidential appointees, have been eliminated because they were outdated. Instead, the instructions have been replaced with a reference to Executive Order 13526, which describes the conditions that qualify such persons for access, and Executive Order 12968 which provides general guidelines for access to classified information.

This final rule is exempt from Administrative Procedure Act (APA) notice-and-comment requirements. This final rule does not affect any substantive changes to the regulations or alter any existing compliance obligations. This final rule would only make technical corrections to part 8 by correcting outdated references without affecting the substance of the underlying rulemaking document. For the reasons stated above, notice and comment procedures are unnecessary within the meaning of the APA. See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B).

The Department finds good cause for this final rule to become effective immediately under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1). This final rule is only removing outdated, obsolete, and inconsistent language in the regulations without altering any existing compliance obligations contained in the current regulations. Since this final rule is nonsubstantive and will not affect any regulated entity's compliance with the current regulations, the Department finds good cause for it to become effective immediately.

Regulatory Analyses and Notices

A. Executive Order 12866 and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

The DOT has determined that this action is not a significant regulatory action within the meaning of Executive Order 12866, and within the meaning of DOT's regulatory policies and procedures. Since this rulemaking merely removes obsolete and inconsistent language and makes editorial corrections and does not have any substantive impact on the regulated

community, DOT anticipates that this rulemaking will have no economic impact.

Additionally, this action fulfills the principles of Executive Order 13563, specifically those relating to retrospective analyses of existing rules. This rule is being issued as a result of the reviews of existing regulations that the Department periodically conducts. In addition, these changes will not interfere with any action taken or planned by another agency and would not materially alter the budgetary impact of any entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs. Consequently, a full regulatory evaluation is not necessary.

B. Executive Order 13132

Executive Order 13132 requires agencies to ensure meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that may have a substantial, direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. This action has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132, dated August 4, 1999, and the DOT has determined that this action would not have a substantial direct effect or sufficient federalism implications on the States. The DOT has also determined that this action would not preempt any State law or regulation or affect the States' ability to discharge traditional State governmental functions. Therefore, consultation with the States is not necessary.

C. Executive Order 13175

The DOT has analyzed this action under Executive Order 13175, dated November 6, 2000, and believes that the action would not have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, would not impose substantial direct compliance costs on Indian tribal governments, and would not preempt tribal laws. This final rule merely updates outdated terminology, and removes inconsistent language relating to compliance with the Department's classified information regulations. It does not impose any new requirements on Indian tribal governments. Therefore, a tribal summary impact statement is not required.

D. Regulatory Flexibility Act

Since notice-and-comment rulemaking is not necessary for this rule, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354, 5 U.S.C.