specified in the Coastal Zone Management Program regulations at 15 CFR part 923. In addition to the hearing, NOAA solicited written comments from the public on the amendment.

NOAA is issuing preliminary findings on the request for approval of the amendments to the PR CZMP. Although most of the changes to the PR CZMP have been found to be approvable, NOAA has found that the fast-tracking of the permitting process does not provide a meaningful opportunity for public participation in the process. NOAA has also identified concerns with the placement of permitting authority in authorized professionals.

These preliminary findings are subject to change pending a response from the Commonwealth, and comments from the public.

NOAA has also completed a draft environmental assessment pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act for this review. Comments on the draft environmental assessment are also being solicited.

The preliminary findings and draft environmental assessment are available for review on the Regulations.gov Web site under Docket No. “NOAA–NOS–2016–0148.”

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Dated: December 2, 2016.

Christopher Cartwright,
Acting, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Management, Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 1241
[Docket No. CPSC–2006–0057]

Safety Standard for Portable Generators; Notice of Extension of Comment Period


ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) voted to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) in the Federal Register on November 2, 2016, concerning portable generators. The NPR invited the public to submit written comments during a comment period that would close 75 days after the date of publication of the NPR in the Federal Register. In response to a request for an extension, the Commission is extending the comment period.

DATES: Submit comments by April 24, 2017.

ADDRESS: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC–2006–0057, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions

Written Submissions
Submit written submissions in the following way:
Mail/Hand delivery/Courier, preferably in five copies, to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 260, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504–7923.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received may be posted without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: http://www.regulations.gov. Do not submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information electronically. Such information should be submitted in writing.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: http://www.regulations.gov and insert the Docket No. CPSC–2006–0057 into the “Search” box and follow the prompts.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: On November 2, 2016, the Commission voted to publish an NPR in the Federal Register, proposing standards that would apply to portable generators. The NPR was published on November 21, 2016, with a 75-day comment period that will close on February 6, 2017. The Commission issued the proposed rule under the authority of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA). The Portable Generator Manufacturers’ Association (PGMA) has requested an additional 75 days to do research, conduct testing, and review the portable generator briefing package and supporting documents to prepare public comments on the NPR.1

The Commission has considered this request and is extending the comment period for an additional 75 days until April 24, 2017.

Dated: December 8, 2016.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

23 CFR Part 655
[FHWA Docket No. FHWA–2016–0036]

National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Request for Information Related to Use of Clearview Font

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for Information.

SUMMARY: The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) is incorporated by reference in regulation, approved by FHWA, and recognized as the national standard for traffic control devices used on all streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel. This document is a Request for Information (RFI) related to the use of the Clearview letter style on highway signs.

DATES: Responses to this RFI should be submitted by January 27, 2017. The FHWA will consider late-filed responses to the extent possible.

ADDRESS: To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

• Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

1 The Commission voted (4–1) to publish this notice in the Federal Register. Chairman Elliot F. Kaye and Commissioners Robert S. Adler, Joseph P. Mohorovic, and Marietta S. Robinson voted to approve publication of this notice. Commissioner Ann Marie Buerkle voted against publication of this notice.
FHWA developed the Technical Brief for transportation agency use. It provided conclusions about the national experience with an alternative letter style and a discussion of the technical considerations that led to the termination of the Interim Approval.

After the publication of the termination, FHWA received comments from stakeholders suggesting that FHWA should have solicited public comment prior to the termination. Other comments suggested that FHWA did not consider all relevant research that was available in making its decision. As a result, FHWA is publishing this RFI in order to gather any information or research that FHWA may not have been aware of when the termination was prepared.

RFI Guidelines

This is not a solicitation for comments on the termination of IA–5 or for experimentation requests. The purpose of this RFI is to gather information, if any, that was not previously available to FHWA. Respondents should not include any information that might be considered proprietary or confidential.

The FHWA requests quantitative information from State and local agencies specifically related to their use of the Clearview font. Examples of the types of information we are seeking include: State or agency practice, such as the technical standards applied, including any deviations from the conditions of IA–5; factors considered in deciding to convert to the Clearview letter style or to retain or revert to the Standard Alphabets; in-service legibility evaluations; factors related to sign design or manufacturing; safety performance; economic implications; any simultaneous improvements made when converting to Clearview, such as changes to retroreflective sheeting or increases in letter height; or other similar types of information.

Conclusion

The FHWA based the termination of IA–5 on available relevant information and research. To ensure that FHWA has access to any additional information, FHWA requests any additional information regarding experience with the use of alternative fonts or research not otherwise known that may be useful to FHWA be submitted for further consideration.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 101(a), 104, 109(d), 114(a), 217, 315, and 402(a); 23 CFR 1.32; and 49 CFR 1.85.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Request

On January 25, 2016, FHWA published a document in the Federal Register (81 FR 4083) officially terminating the Interim Approval for Use of Clearview Font for Positive Contrast Legends on Guide Signs (IA–5), which was issued September 2, 2004. The termination discontinued the provisional use of an alternative letter style in traffic control device applications. The result of this termination rescinded the allowance of the use of letter styles other than FHWA Standard Alphabets on traffic control devices except as provided otherwise in the MUTCD and within the document. Existing signs that use the provisional letter style and comply with IA–5 were unaffected by the termination and may remain in place as long as they are in serviceable condition. The termination did not create a mandate for the removal or installation of any sign.

Following the publication of the termination in the Federal Register and prior to its effective date, FHWA posted a Technical Memorandum and a Technical Brief on the MUTCD Web site. The Technical Memorandum provided guidance to the Federal-aid Highway division offices on implementation of the termination.

1 Technical Memorandum can be accessed at the following Web address: http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia5/ia5_ termination.pdf.