

such effect on State, local, and tribal governments, or on the private sector.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

Although this action contains provisions constituting collections of information at 38 CFR 38.628, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), no new collection of information is associated with this final rule. This rulemaking creates no change to the annual PRA costs of the program. The information collection requirements for 38 CFR 38.628 are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and have been assigned OMB control number 2900–0799. VA made non-substantive text changes to an existing form (VA40–10088) to reflect programmatic updates that will not affect the information collection burden costs or create administrative costs associated with this rulemaking.

### Assistance Listing

The Assistance Listing number and title for the programs affected by this document is 64.205, VA Casket or Urn Reimbursement Program.

### Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to Congressional Review Act) (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this rule as not a major rule, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 38

Administrative practice and procedure, Cemeteries, Claims, Veterans.

### Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved and signed this document on May 3, 2023, 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.

### Luvenia Potts,

Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Department of Veterans Affairs amends 38 CFR part 38 as set forth below:

### PART 38—NATIONAL CEMETERIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 38 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 107, 501, 512, 2306, 2400, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2407, 2408, 2411, 7105.

■ 2. Amend § 38.628 by revising the section heading, the introductory text of paragraphs (a) and (c), and paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(5)(i), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

#### § 38.628 Allowance for caskets and urns for unclaimed remains of veterans.

(a) VA will issue a flat-rate allowance, as established in paragraph (d) of this section, to any individual or entity for a casket or urn, purchased by the individual or entity for the burial in a national cemetery or in a veterans' cemetery of a State or Tribal Organization that has received a grant under 38 U.S.C. 2408, of an eligible deceased veteran for whom VA:

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(c) An individual or entity may request an allowance from VA under paragraph (a) of this section by completing and submitting VA Form 40–10088 and supporting documentation, in accordance with the instructions on the form. Prior to approving issuance of an allowance, VA must find all of the following:

(1) The veteran is eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery or in a veterans' cemetery of a State or Tribal Organization that has received a grant under 38 U.S.C. 2408;

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(5) \* \* \*

(i) Caskets must be of metal construction of at least 20-gauge thickness, designed for containing human remains, sufficient to contain the remains of the deceased veteran, and include external fixed rails or swing arm handles.

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(d) The allowance for a claim received in any calendar year under paragraph (a) of this section is \$1,199.00 for a metal casket and \$138.00 for an urn of durable material.

(e) VA will make cost-of-living adjustments for the flat-rate casket and urn allowances using the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Each fiscal year, VA will provide a percentage increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) in the casket and urn flat-rate allowances equal to the percentage by which the CPI (all items, United States city average) for the 12-month period (June to June) preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the percentage increase is made exceeds the CPI for the 12-month period preceding the 12-month period described in this paragraph (e). VA will only make cost-

of-living increases to the flat rate allowances when the CPI has increased.

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### POSTAL SERVICE

#### 39 CFR Part 111

#### Priority Mail Express Refunds

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is amending *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) to discontinue Priority Mail Express® postage refunds for guaranteed service for Alaska and Hawaii.

**DATES:** Effective August 1, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Knox at (202) 268–5636 or Garry Rodriguez at (202) 268–7281.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 23, 2023, the Postal Service published a notice of proposed rulemaking (88 FR 33066) to discontinue Priority Mail Express postage refunds for guaranteed service for Alaska and Hawaii. The Postal Service did not receive any formal comments.

The Postal Service has determined that operationally we cannot meet the service commitments for Priority Mail Express expected by customers for Alaska and Hawaii.

As a result, the Postal Service is discontinuing postage refunds for guaranteed service for Priority Mail Express pieces destined to or originating from Alaska or Hawaii. Postage refunds for loss will still be available for pieces destined to or originating from Alaska or Hawaii.

We believe this revision will provide customers with a more efficient mailing experience.

The Postal Service adopts the described changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect these changes.

#### List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

Accordingly, 39 CFR part 111 is amended as follows:

**PART 111—[AMENDED]**

■ 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301–307; 18 U.S.C. 1692–1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 414, 416, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

■ 2. Revise the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as follows:

**Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)**

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**600 Basic Standards for All Mailing Services**

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**604 Postage Payment Methods and Refunds**

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**9.0 Exchanges and Refunds**

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**9.5 Priority Mail Express Postage and Fees Refunds**

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**9.5.5 Refunds Not Given**

Postage will not be refunded if the guaranteed service was not provided due to any of the following circumstances:

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*[Renumber items i and j as j and k, and add new item i to read as follows:]*

i. The postage refund requested is other than for loss, and the Priority Mail Express piece was destined to or originated from Alaska or Hawaii.

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**Sarah Sullivan,**

*Attorney, Ethics & Legal Compliance.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

[EPA–R09–OAR–2023–0036; FRL–10790–02–R9]

**Air Plan Revisions; California; Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to partially approve and partially disapprove a revision to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revision concerns the SMAQMD’s demonstration regarding reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements and negative declarations for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS or “standards”) in the portion of the Sacramento Metropolitan nonattainment area under the jurisdiction of the SMAQMD. We are also correcting sections in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to reflect the current status of certain provisions of the SMAQMD portions of the California SIP related to the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

**DATES:** This rule is effective July 31, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R09–OAR–2023–0036. All documents in the docket are listed on the <https://www.regulations.gov> website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available through <https://www.regulations.gov>, or please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for additional availability information. If you need assistance in a language other than English or if you are a person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation at no cost to you, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eugene Chen, EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105. By phone: (415) 947–4304 or by email at [chen.eugene@epa.gov](mailto:chen.eugene@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Throughout this document, “we,” “us” and “our” refer to the EPA.

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**I. Proposed Action**

On April 5, 2023 (88 FR 20086), the EPA proposed to partially approve and partially disapprove the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) submittals of the SMAQMD’s 2017 RACT SIP for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), as listed in Table 1 below.

**TABLE 1—SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS**

Local agency	Document	Adopted	Submitted
SMAQMD .....	Demonstration of Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) (“2017 RACT SIP”).	03/23/2017	05/05/2017

We proposed to partially approve SMAQMD’s 2017 RACT SIP and negative declarations because we determined that, except for the RACT element for non-CTG major sources of NO<sub>x</sub>, they complied with the relevant CAA requirements. We proposed to partially disapprove SMAQMD’s 2017 RACT SIP because several of the District

rules relied upon to implement RACT for non-CTG major sources of NO<sub>x</sub> contain provisions that are not consistent with EPA’s Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction (SSM) Policy. District Rule 413 (Stationary Gas Turbines) contains a provision that explicitly exempts affected units from complying with rule standards during

periods of startup and shutdown and does not provide for an alternative emissions limitation during such periods. District Rule 411 (NO<sub>x</sub> from Boilers, Process Heaters, and Steam Generators) and Rule 419 (NO<sub>x</sub> from Miscellaneous Combustion Units) both contain monitoring provisions that preclude the use of specified data for