

because the rule would relieve regulatory burden on the small entities subject to the rule. This rule will prevent the stranding of components used to install VRF systems. EPA therefore concluded that this action will relieve regulatory burden for all directly regulated small entities.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA)

This action does not contain an unfunded mandate of \$100 million (adjusted annually for inflation) or more (in 1995 dollars) as described in UMRA, 2 U.S.C. 1531–1538, and does not significantly or uniquely affect small governments.

E. Executive Order 13132: Federalism

This action does not have federalism implications. It will not have substantial direct effects 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.

F. Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

This action does not have tribal implications as specified in Executive Order 13175. It will not have substantial direct effects on tribal governments, on the relationship between the Federal government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes, as specified in Executive Order 13175. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this action.

G. Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health and Safety Risks

EPA interprets Executive Order 13045 as applying only to those regulatory actions that concern environmental health or safety risks that EPA has reason to believe may disproportionately affect children, per the definition of “covered regulatory action” in section 2–202 of the Executive Order. This action is narrowly tailored to prevent the stranding of certain air conditioning and heat pump equipment using VRF technology while not affecting the demand for HFCs. Therefore, this action is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it does not concern an environmental health risk or safety risk. Since this action does not concern human health, EPA’s Policy on Children’s Health also does not apply.

H. Executive Order 13211: Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

This action is not subject to Executive Order 13211, because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

I. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA)

This rulemaking does not involve technical standards.

J. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations and Executive Order 14096: Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All

EPA believes that this type of action does not concern human health or environmental conditions and therefore cannot be evaluated with respect to potentially disproportionate and adverse effects on communities with environmental justice concerns. This action is narrowly tailored to prevent the stranding of inventory of air conditioning and heat pump equipment using VRF technology while not affecting the demand for HFCs.

Although this action does not concern human health or environmental conditions, EPA identified and addressed environmental justice concerns within the October 2023 Technology Transitions Rule (88 FR 73098; October 24, 2023).

K. Congressional Review Act (CRA)

This action is subject to the CRA, and the EPA will submit a rule report to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 84

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Chemicals, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Michael S. Regan,
Administrator.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the EPA amends 40 CFR part 84 as follows:

PART 84—PHASEDOWN OF HYDROFLUOROCARBONS

- 1. The authority citation for part 84 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 116–260, Division S, Sec. 103.

Subpart B—Restrictions on the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons

- 2. Amend § 84.54 by revising paragraph (c)(2) to read as follows:

§ 84.54 Restrictions on the use of hydrofluorocarbons.

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(c) * * * * * (2) Effective January 1, 2026, variable refrigerant flow systems for use as residential or light commercial air-conditioning or heat pumps, using a regulated substance, or a blend containing a regulated substance, with a global warming potential of 700 or greater. Such new variable refrigerant flow systems using a regulated substance, or a blend containing a regulated substance, with a global warming potential of 700 or greater may be installed prior to January 1, 2027, where all specified components of that system are manufactured or imported prior to January 1, 2026. Such new variable refrigerant flow systems using a regulated substance, or a blend containing a regulated substance, with a global warming potential of 700 or greater may be installed prior to January 1, 2028, when an approved building permit issued prior to October 5, 2023, specifies the use of a restricted regulated substance, or blend containing a restricted regulated substance, in such system detailed in that building permit, and where all specified components of that system are manufactured or imported prior to January 1, 2026.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 24-224; RM-11988; DA 24-1188; FR ID 266282]

Television Broadcasting Services Lubbock, Texas.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), has before it a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by Gray Television Licensee, LLC (Gray) and SagamoreHill of Lubbock, LLC (SagamoreHill and collectively, the Petitioners), the licensees of two Lubbock, Texas stations; KCBD, operating on channel 11, and KJTV-TV,

operating on channel 35. The Petitioners request amendment of the Table of TV Allotments to substitute channel 11 for channel 35 and channel 35 for channel 36, respectively. The Petitioners filed comments in support of the Petition, as required by the Commission's rules (rules), reaffirming their interest in the proposed channel substitutions and that they will promptly file applications seeking authorizations on channels 11 and 35.

DATES: Effective December 12, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Joyce Bernstein, Media Bureau, at Joyce.Bernstein@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published at 89 FR 64851 on August 8, 2024. The Petitioners filed comments in support of the petition reaffirming their commitment to apply for channels 11 and 35.

The Bureau believes the public interest would be served by substituting channel 11 for channel 35 for KJTV-TV and channel 35 for channel 36 for KCBD. Gray previously requested the substitution of channel 36 for channels 11 and the Bureau granted the request. Accordingly, channel 11 is no longer allotted to Lubbock in the Table. Gray was also granted a construction permit to construct a facility on channel 36 at Lubbock, but was unable complete construction of the channel facility by the expiration date. According to the Petitioners, KJTV-TV's channel 35 tube transmitter is failing, replacement parts are not available, and the cost for SagamoreHill to replace the transmitter for KJTV-TV's 1000 kW facility is prohibitively expensive. The Petitioners' proposal will allow SagamoreHill to replace KJTV-TV's failing equipment with the equipment (*i.e.*, antenna, transmitter, etc.) currently used by KCBD on channel 11, which is in good operating condition. Because Gray had already planned to invest in a new 1000 kW transmitter for KCBD on channel 36, it has the funds necessary to replace KJTV-TV's failing channel 35 transmitter and operate KCBD on channel 35. There would be no predicted loss area on channel 35 when compared to KCBD's previously-authorized channel 36 facility and the proposed channel 11 facility for KJTV-TV would result in no loss and instead provide additional service to approximately 8,000 persons. The Bureau finds that channel 11 can be substituted for channel 35 at Lubbock as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of section 73.618(a) of the

rules,¹ at coordinates 33°-32'-29.9" N and 101°-50'-13.6" W, and also meets the technical requirements set forth in section 73.622(a) of the rules. We also find that channel 35 can be substituted for channel 36 at Lubbock as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of section 73.618(a) of the rules, at coordinates 33°-30'-08.3" N and 101°-52'-21.3" W, and also meets the technical requirements set forth in section 73.622(a) of the rules.

This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MB Docket No. 24-224; RM-11988; DA 24-1188, adopted and released on November 26, 2024. The full text of this document is available for download at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

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List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.

Federal Communications Commission.

Thomas Horan,
Chief of Staff, Media Bureau.

Final Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

■ 2. In § 73.622(j), amend the Table of TV Allotments, under Texas, by revising the entry for Lubbock to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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(j) * * *

Community	Channel Nos.
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Texas	
Lubbock	11, 16, *25, 27, 31, 35
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 216

[Docket No. 241126-0301]

RIN 0648-BK65

Modification of the Duration of Certain Permits and Letters of Confirmation Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS hereby modifies the regulations for Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) section 104 permits, including scientific research, enhancement, photography, and public display permits and Letters of Confirmation (LOCs) under the General Authorization. The modification removes the 5-year regulatory limitation on the duration of section 104 permits and LOCs. This change gives NMFS the discretion to issue these permits for longer than 5 years, if such a duration is appropriate. This rule applies only to permits and LOCs issued under section 104 of the MMPA.

DATES: This rule is effective on January 13, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Young or Carrie Hubbard, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

¹ 47 CFR 73.618(a).