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and any additional information required by the award official. Instructions for filing are contained in the application kit.

(Information collection requirements in paragraph (a) were approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 2010-0004)

### § 46.140 Evaluation of applications.

(a) EPA will evaluate fellowship applications based upon:

- (1) Their relevance to EPA's program needs;
- (2) The availability of funds;
- (3) EPA's priorities;
- (4) Appropriateness of the fellow's proposed course of study; and
- (5) Evaluation of the applicant in terms of potential for study, as evidenced by academic record, letters of reference, training plans; and any other available information.

(b) [Reserved]

### § 46.145 Fellowship agreement.

(a) The fellowship agreement is the written agreement, including amendments, between EPA and a fellow. The agreement, EPA Form 5770-8, "Fellowship Agreement," will state the terms and conditions governing the fellowship.

(b) EPA will not participate in costs incurred by the fellow before both the award official and the fellow sign the agreement.

(c) The fellow must use the funds for the purposes stated in the fellowship agreement. If the fellow fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the award, the award official may apply the sanctions in 40 CFR part 30, subpart I.

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### § 46.150 Fellowship agreement amendment.

(a) The fellow must receive a formal amendment before implementing:

- (1) Changes in the objective of the agreement;
- (2) Changes in the assistance amount;
- (3) Substantial changes within the scope of the agreement; or
- (4) Changes in the project period.

(b) Fellows must submit a completed EPA Form 5770-6, "Fellowship Amendment" when requesting an amendment to the fellowship agreement.

(c) Minor changes in the agreement that are consistent with the objective of the agreement and within the scope of the agreement do not require a formal amendment before the fellow implements the change. However, such changes do not obligate EPA to provide Federal funds for any costs incurred by the fellow in excess of the assistance amount unless the award official approves the change in advance under § 46.150(a). The fellow must inform the EPA project officer in writing before implementing minor changes.

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### § 46.155 Supplemental conditions.

Recipients of a State or local fellowship receiving financial assistance under section 1442(d)(2) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended; sections 104 (b)(5) and (g)(3)(B) of the Clean Water Act as amended; and section 8001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act must agree to remain in the employment of the State or local agency that recommended the recipient for an EPA fellowship for twice the period of the fellowship. If the recipient fails to perform this obligation the recipient may be required to repay the amount of the EPA fellowship.

### § 46.160 Acceptance of fellowship award.

The applicant accepts the fellowship by signing and returning the fellowship agreement to the EPA award official within three weeks after receipt, or within any extension of such time that may be permitted by the EPA award official. If the applicant does not sign and return the agreement to the award official or request an extension of the acceptance time within three calendar weeks after receiving the agreement, the offer is null and void.

### § 46.165 Duration of fellowship.

(a) Full-time fellowships will not exceed one year.

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(b) Part-time fellowships will not exceed three years.

**§ 46.170 Initiation of studies.**

(a) The fellow must submit EPA 5770-7 "Fellowship Activation Notice" when they start their course of studies.

(b) If the EPA Grants Administration Division has not received the signed Fellowship Activation Notice within six months following the date of the award, EPA may terminate the fellowship.

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**§ 46.175 Completion of studies.**

Fellows must submit EPA Form 5770-9 "EPA Fellowship Termination Notice," when the fellow completes the course of study.

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**§ 46.180 Payment.**

(a) EPA will pay stipends directly to the fellow on a monthly basis or any other basis approved by the Project Officer, only after EPA has received the signed EPA Form 5770-7, "Fellowship Activation Notice."

(b) EPA will pay the book allowance directly to the fellow only after EPA receives the signed EPA Form 5770-7.

(c) EPA will pay tuition and fees in a lump payment directly to the sponsoring institution only after EPA has received the signed EPA Form 5770-7.

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**APPENDIX A TO PART 46—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

|   | Administering office |          |
|---|----------------------|----------|
|   | Headquarters         | Regional |
| Office of Air, Noise, and Radiation: Air Pollution Control Fellowships. | X                    |          |
| Office of Water: Water Pollution Control Fellowships.                   | X                    |          |
| Safe Drinking Water Fellowships.  | X                    |          |

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|  | Administering office |          |
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|  | Headquarters         | Regional |
| Office of Research and Development: Interdisciplinary Fellowships.         | X                    |          |
| Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response: Hazardous Waste Fellowships. | X                    |          |

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**§ 47.100 Purpose and scope.**

This regulation codifies policy and procedures for the award of grants or cooperative agreements under section 6 of the NEEA. Specifically, this regulation defines eligible applicants, eligible activities, EPA priorities for selecting recipients, funding limits, and matching requirements. Projects funded under this regulation are also subject to the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) part 31 for State and local recipients, and part 30 for other than State and local recipients. Those regulations contain Federal audit and other general administrative requirements. This regulation does not apply to the programs implemented under sections 5 and 7 of the NEEA.

**§ 47.105 Definitions.**

(a) *Environmental education and environmental education and training* mean educational activities and training activities involving elementary, secondary, and postsecondary students, as such terms are defined in the State in which they reside, and environmental