

status of Government officers and employees and their private interest. Government officers and employees are required to comply with all applicable laws, orders, and regulations. Part 99 of this chapter sets forth a comprehensive list of the conflicts of interest statutes and guidelines for the employees of the Department to follow in the application of these statutes to part-time advisers and consultants to the Government. Any officer or employee appointed to serve on an advisory committee who has any doubt or question respecting a possible conflict of interest shall seek specific legal advice on his individual situation.

PART 98—ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS ON POST-EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES

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Subpart A—Administration of Enforcement Proceedings

§ 98.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to set forth the administrative enforcement procedures that the Department of Transportation will follow when there is an allegation that a former employee of the Department has violated 18 U.S.C. 207.

§ 98.2 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part, the following definitions apply:

(a) *Administration* means each of the following:

- (1) The United States Coast Guard.
- (2) The Federal Aviation Administration.
- (3) The Federal Highway Administration.
- (4) The Federal Railroad Administration.
- (5) The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- (6) The Urban Mass Transportation Administration.
- (7) The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.
- (8) The Research and Special Programs Administration.
- (9) The Maritime Administration.

(b) *Department* means the Department of Transportation.

(c) *18 U.S.C. 207* means 18 U.S.C. 207 (a), (b), or (c) or any regulations issued under 18 U.S.C. 207.

(d) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Transportation.

§ 98.3 Reports of apparent violations.

Any person may report, to the Assistant General Counsel for Environmental, Civil Rights and General Law, an apparent violation by a former employee of the Department of 18 U.S.C. 207.

§ 98.4 Initiation of administrative disciplinary proceeding.

(a) Whenever the Assistant General Counsel for Environmental, Civil Rights and General Law has determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that a former Departmental employee has violated 18 U.S.C. 207, the Assistant General Counsel for Environmental, Civil Rights, and General Law:

(1) Shall expeditiously provide that information to the Director, Office of Government Ethics, and to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and

(2) After coordinating any proceeding with the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, to avoid prejudicing criminal proceedings, may institute an administrative disciplinary proceeding in accordance with this part.