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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Secretary

#### 31 CFR Part 10

#### Regulations Governing Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; invitation to submit comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document gives advance notice of proposed rulemaking to amend the Regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury governing practice before the IRS, which appear in the Code of Federal Regulations and in pamphlet form as Treasury Department Circular No. 230, Regulations Governing the Practice of Attorneys, Certified Public Accountants, Enrolled Agents, Enrolled Actuaries, and Appraisers Before the Internal Revenue Service. This document also invites individuals and organizations to submit comments regarding necessary amendments.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before July 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail comments to: Internal Revenue Service; Office of Director of Practice, 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington DC 20224; Attn: C:AP:P.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick W. McDonough, Director of Practice, 202-694-1891.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Proposed Rulemaking

Section 330 of 31 U.S.C. authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to regulate the practice of representatives before the Department and, after notice and an opportunity for a proceeding, to suspend or disbar from practice before the Department those representatives who are incompetent, disreputable, or dishonest. Pursuant to section 330, the Secretary has promulgated the regulations in Circular 230 (31 CFR part 10). Those regulations authorize the Director of Practice to act upon

application for enrollment to practice before the IRS, to institute proceedings for suspension or disbarment from practice before the IRS, to make inquiries with respect to matters under his jurisdiction, and to perform such other duties as are necessary to carry out his functions.

The regulations have been amended from time to time to address various specific issues in need of resolution. For example, the impetus behind the most recent amendments, those promulgated in 1994, was to make the regulations reflect more closely the standards for tax return preparation under both section 6694 of the Internal Revenue Code and professional guidelines.

In contrast, the proposed rulemaking contemplates a general review of the regulations. The Director of Practice has established a working group, composed of Treasury Department and IRS officials, which will evaluate the regulations from several standpoints: legal developments; the integrity of the profession of IRS practitioner; service to taxpayers; fairness to practitioners; and efficient administration of the tax laws.

#### Invitation To Submit Comments

The Director of Practice invites individuals and organizations to submit comments regarding necessary amendments to Circular 230. Comments may be in any format and may address substantive matters as well as drafting changes that would improve the clarity and organization of the regulations.

Dated: May 27, 1999.

**Patrick W. McDonough,**

*Director of Practice, Department of the Treasury.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 155

[USCG-1998-4354]

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#### Tank Vessel Response Plans for Hazardous Substances

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces a public meeting on its proposed rules on Tank Vessel Response Plans for Hazardous Substances. The meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule. We are also extending the comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for Tank Vessel Response Plans for Hazardous Substances to August 30, 1999, to allow additional time for public comment.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 1999, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, August 13, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before August 30, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at The Hilton—University of Houston Hotel and Conference Center, 4800 Calhoun Street, Houston, TX 77204. The conference center is located at Entrance 1# to the Central University of Houston campus.

To make sure your written comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following methods:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1998-4354), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as indicated in this notice, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may electronically access the

public docket for this notice on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LT Michael Roldan, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards (G-MSO), telephone 202-267-0106; e-mail: [mroldan1@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mroldan1@comdt.uscg.mil) or LT Claudia Gelzer, Office of Response, (G-MOR), telephone 202-267-1983; email: [cgelzer@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:cgelzer@comdt.uscg.mil). These telephones are equipped to record messages on a 24-hour basis. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background and Purpose**

On March 22, 1999, we published an NPRM entitled "Tank Vessel Response Plans for Hazardous Substances" in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 13734). In response to requests, we will hold this public meeting to receive comments on the vessel response plan requirements as proposed in the NPRM.

**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourage you to participate by attending this public meeting. The Coast Guard also encourage you to submit written comments on our NPRM entitled "Tank Vessel Response Plans for Hazardous Substances." if you submit written comment or related material, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG-1998-4354), indicate the specific section of the NPRM to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelop. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

**Information on Service for Individual With Disabilities**

For information of facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the public meeting, contact LT Michael Roldan at the address or phone number

under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

Dated: June 9, 1999.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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**ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD**

**36 CFR Parts 1190 and 1191**

**Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas; Meeting of Regulatory Negotiation Committee**

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Regulatory negotiation committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has established a regulatory negotiation committee to develop a proposed rule on accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered outdoor developed areas covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Architectural Barriers Act. This document announces the dates, times, and location of the next meeting of the committee, which is open to the public. **DATES:** The committee will meet from Thursday, July 15, 1999 to Friday, July 16, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. **ADDRESSES:** The committee will meet at the National Highway Institute, Training and Conference Center, 4600 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peggy Greenwell, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC, 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 34 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, braille, large print, or computer disc) upon request. This document is also available on the Board's web site (<http://www.access-board.gov/rules/outdoor.htm>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In June 1997, the Access Board established a regulatory negotiation committee to develop a proposed rule on accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered outdoor developed areas covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Architectural Barriers Act. (62

FR 30546, June 4, 1997). The committee will hold its next meeting on the dates and at the location announced above. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals with hearing impairments who require sign language interpreters should contact Peggy Greenwell by July 2, 1999, by calling (202) 272-5434 extension 34 (voice) or (202) 272-5449 (TTY).

**Lawrence W. Roffee,**

*Executive Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Care Financing Administration**

**42 CFR Parts 412, 413, 483, and 485**

[HCFA-1053-CN]

RIN 0938-AJ50

**Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2000 Rates; Corrections**

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; correction notice.

**SUMMARY:** In the May 7, 1999 issue of the **Federal Register** (64 FR 24716), we published a proposed rule to revise the Medicare hospital inpatient prospective payment systems for operating costs and capital-related costs to implement necessary changes arising from our continuing experience with the system. This document corrects errors made in that document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Phillips (410) 786-4531.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In publishing Table 3C of the Addendum to the May 7, 1999 proposed rule (64 FR 24765 through 24793), which lists each hospital's case mix index and adjusted average hourly wage, we inadvertently omitted some hospitals and we listed other hospitals more than once with different data.

However, the table as published in the May 7, 1999 **Federal Register** showed correct figures for the vast majority of hospitals. The corrected Table 3C is as follows. The average hourly wages shown in the corrected Table 3C reflect corrections only for a limited number of hospitals and are based on data on file at HCFA as of February 22, 1999. They do not reflect any changes processed after that date. Hospitals should review their final wage data (available on