

and a statement supporting the need to issue the regulation. In addition, Executive Order 13084 requires EPA to develop an effective process permitting elected officials and other representatives of Indian tribal governments "to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities."

This rule is not subject to E.O. 13084 because it does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of Indian tribal governments. Georgia is not authorized to implement the RCRA hazardous waste program in Indian country. This action has no effect on the hazardous waste program that EPA implements in Indian country within the State.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies must consider the paperwork burden imposed by any information request contained in a proposed rule or a final rule. This rule will not impose any information requirements upon the regulated community.

National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 ("NTTAA"), Public Law 104-113, section 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, and business practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies. The NTTAA directs EPA to provide Congress, through OMB, explanations when the Agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards.

This action does not involve technical standards. Therefore, EPA did not consider the use of any voluntary consensus standards.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 271

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Confidential business information, Hazardous waste, Hazardous waste transportation, Incorporation by reference, Indian lands, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Authority: This action is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006 and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, 6974(b).

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 209

[DFARS Case 98-D304]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Congressional Medal of Honor

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement is adopting as final, without change, an interim rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS). The rule implements Section 8118 of the National Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1999. Section 8118 prohibits the award of a contract to, extension of a contract with, or approval of the award of a subcontract to any entity that, within the past 15 years, has been convicted of the unlawful manufacture or sale of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 14, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD (A&T) DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0288; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 98-D304.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DoD published an interim rule at 64 FR 31732 on June 14, 1999, to implement Section 8118 of the National Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-262). DoD received no public comments on the interim rule. The interim rule is converted to a final rule without change.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*,

because the rule applies only to entities that have been convicted of the unlawful manufacture or sale of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 209

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Interim Rule Adopted as Final Without Change

Accordingly, the interim rule amending 48 CFR part 209, which was published at 64 FR 31732 on June 14, 1999, is adopted as a final rule without change.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 211, 214, and 252

[DFARS Case 99-D023]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Brand Name or Equal Purchase Descriptions

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to remove policy pertaining to use of brand name purchase descriptions. Policy on this subject has been incorporated into the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 14, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Rider, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-4245; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 99-D023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This final rule removes the policy at DFARS 211.207-1 and 211.270-2, and the solicitation provision at DFARS 252.211-7003, pertaining to use of "brand name or equal" purchase