

tribes, 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.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a safety zone lasting one hour and thirty minutes that will prohibit entry on the Upper Mississippi River at MM 579.7, extending 500 feet from the left descending bank. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60 in Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T08–0470 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0470 Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile Marker 579.7, Dubuque, IA.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All navigable waters of the Upper Mississippi River at mile marker 579.7 extending 500 feet from the left descending bank approximately 1,000 feet northwest of the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial Hwy.

(b) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced on July 17, 2021, from 9 p.m. through 10:30 p.m.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23, persons and vessels are prohibited from entering the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Upper Mississippi River (COTP) or a designated representative. A *designated representative* is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) assigned to units under the operational control of USCG Sector Upper Mississippi River.

(2) Persons or vessels desiring to enter into or pass through the zone must request permission from the COTP or a designated representative. They may be contacted on VHF radio Channel 16 or by telephone at 314–269–2332.

(3) If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or designated representative while navigating in the regulated area.

(d) *Informational broadcasts.* The COTP or a designated representative will inform the public of the enforcement date and times for this safety zone, as well as any emergent safety concerns that may delay the enforcement of the zone through Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM) and or Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs).

Dated: July 13, 2021.

C.J. Barger,
Commander, Acting Captain of the Port, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Chapter II

Final Waiver and Extension of the Project Periods for the Equity Assistance Centers Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education.

ACTION: Final waiver and extension of project periods.

SUMMARY: The Secretary waives the requirements in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The waiver and extension enable four projects under Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.004D to receive funding for an additional period, not to exceed September 30, 2022.

DATES: The waiver and extension of the project periods are effective July 16, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Vitelli, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3E106, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: 202–453–6203. Email: Edward.Vitelli@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 18, 2016, the Department of Education (Department) published in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 46820) a notice inviting applications for four projects for fiscal year (FY) 2016 under the Equity Assistance Centers (EAC) program, authorized under title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000c–2000c–2, 2000c–5.

The purpose of the EAC projects is to provide technical assistance (including training) at the request of school boards and other responsible governmental agencies in the preparation, adoption, and implementation of plans for the desegregation of public schools, and in the development of effective methods of coping with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation. Desegregation assistance, per 34 CFR 270.4, may include, among other activities: (1) Dissemination of information regarding effective methods of coping with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation; (2) assistance and advice in coping with

these problems; and (3) training designed to improve the ability of teachers, supervisors, counselors, parents, community members, community organizations, and other

elementary or secondary school personnel to deal effectively with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation. All four EAC projects provide technical

assistance (including training) in all four of the desegregation assistance areas: Race, sex, national origin, and religion. A table listing the FY 2016 EAC projects follows.

FY 2016 awards under ALN 84.004D	Project information
S004D160012	Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, Bethesda, MD, Project: Center for Education Equity.
S004D160005	Intercultural Development Research Association, San Antonio, TX, Project: IDRA Equity Assistance Center South.
S004D160011	Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN, Project: Midwest and Plains Equity Assistance Center.
S004D160004	Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO, Project: Western Educational Equity Assistance Center (WEEAC).

The EACs' project periods started on October 1, 2016 and will end on September 30, 2021.

On January 13, 2021, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 2653) a notice inviting applications for an FY 2021 EAC competition (FY 2021 NIA).

However, as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded and as learning recovery and school reentry efforts intensified, the Department sought to ensure the continuity of services provided by the FY 2016 EAC projects to vulnerable populations, schools, and school districts across the country. The

Department also sought to ensure that the next EAC grant competition is, to the extent statutorily permitted, aligned with the Biden Administration's policy directives, including, for example, the Executive orders and memorandum included in the table below.

Title of policy directive	Date signed by President Biden
Executive Order 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.	January 20, 2021.
Executive Order 13988: Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation ..	January 20, 2021.
Memorandum: Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.	January 26, 2021.
Executive Order 14012: Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans.	February 2, 2021.

To ensure the continuity of services, and to allow the Department the opportunity to consider how best to align the EAC program with these Executive orders, to the extent statutorily permitted, the Department published on March 4, 2021 in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 12664) a notice withdrawing the FY 2021 NIA and cancelling the FY 2021 EAC competition. On March 25, 2021, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 15829) a notice of proposed waiver and extension, in which it proposed to waive the requirements in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The proposed waiver and extension would enable the four FY 2016 EAC projects to receive funding for one additional period, not to exceed September 30, 2022.

Public Comment: In response to our invitation of public comment in the notice of proposed waiver and extension, one party submitted a responsive comment. An analysis of the comment follows.

Comment: One commenter stated that three of the four FY 2016 EAC projects should not receive a waiver and extension because they have not demonstrated transparency and results related to their work in the EAC program. With respect to one of these projects, the commenter cited transactions that it contended constituted conflicts of interest or created the appearance of fiscal impropriety.

Discussion: The Department encourages the commenter to visit the Department's EAC performance web page, located at <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/program-and-grantee-support-services/training-and-advisory-services-equity-assistance-centers/performance-training-and-advisory-services-equity-assistance-centers/>, to find current performance data for the four FY 2016 EAC projects. In accordance with the applicable requirements for continuation funding in 34 CFR 75.253, the Department monitored and reviewed the performance of the FY 2016 EAC projects, which, included, where appropriate, examining allegations of potential conflicts of interest and fiscal impropriety, and determined that all FY

2016 EAC projects demonstrated that they made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of their grants, and in meeting their performance measures and targets within the scope of their approved projects. The Department also notes that all FY 2016 EAC projects have made their most recent single audits publicly available, in accordance with Federal grant regulations. Accordingly, the Department has concluded that continuation of the projects is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

Changes: None.

Final Waivers and Extensions

The Department believes it is in the best interest of the public to extend the current EAC project periods for one year. Correspondingly, the Secretary waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250, which prohibit project periods exceeding five years, as well as the requirements in 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2), which permit the extension of a project period only if the extension does not involve the obligation of additional Federal funds. The waiver will permit the Department to issue a FY 2021 continuation award to each of the four

currently funded EAC projects, as estimated in the table below.

Project information	Estimated amount
Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, Project: Center for Education Equity	\$1,640,562
Intercultural Development Research Association, Project: IDRA Equity Assistance Center South	1,641,567
Indiana University, Project: Midwest and Plains Equity Assistance Center	1,607,310
Metropolitan State University of Denver, Project: Western Educational Equity Assistance Center (WEEAC)	1,642,170

Please note that the Department is not bound by the estimates in this table.

Any activities carried out under these continuation awards must be consistent with the scope and objectives of the grantees' applications as approved in the FY 2016 competition. The requirements for continuation awards are set forth in 34 CFR 75.253.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the waiver and extension of the project period would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only entities that would be affected by the waiver and extension of the project period are the current grantees. The Secretary certifies that the waiver and extension would not have a significant economic impact on these entities, because the extension of an existing project period imposes minimal compliance costs, and the activities required to support the additional year of funding would not impose additional regulatory burdens or require unnecessary Federal supervision.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice of final waiver and extension of the project period does not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance. This document provides notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3

file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 80

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Removal of the Federal Reformulated Gasoline Program From the Southern Maine Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of final action on petition.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action in announcing its approval of the petition by Maine to opt-out of the Federal reformulated gasoline (RFG) program and remove the requirement to sell Federal RFG for York, Cumberland,

Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, Knox and Lincoln counties (the Southern Maine Area), which are part of the Portland and Midcoast Ozone Maintenance Areas for the 1997 ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). EPA has determined that this removal of the Federal RFG program for the Southern Maine Area is consistent with the applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and EPA's regulations.

DATES: The effective date for removal of the Southern Maine Area from the Federal RFG program is September 30, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Coryell, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; telephone number: (734) 214-4446; email address: coryell.mark@epa.gov or Rudy Kapichak, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; telephone number: 734-214-4574; email address: kapichak.rudolph@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

Entities potentially affected by this final action are fuel producers and distributors who do business in the Southern Maine Area.

Examples of potentially regulated entities	NAICS ¹ codes
Petroleum refineries	324110 424710
Gasoline Marketers and Distributors	424720
Gasoline Retail Stations	447110
Gasoline Transporters	484220 484230

The above table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated by this action. The table lists the types of entities of which EPA is aware that potentially could be affected

¹ North American Industry Classification System.