

revised at 89 FR 30136–30208 (April 22, 2024).

The Department is now withdrawing this notice of January 16, 2025, and the condition it sets forth in Box 10 of the Department's GANs. The revised Box 10 is below.

OMB set the effective date for the April 22 revised Guidance as October 1, 2024. *See* 89 FR 30208. Agencies had the option to “elect to apply the financial guidance to Federal awards issued prior to October 1, 2024,” but no “earlier than June 21, 2024.” *Id.* The Department's Jan. 16 Notice purported to retroactively apply the revised Uniform Guidance to grants issued before June 21, 2024, creating uncertainty among grant recipients and generating non-conformity with the policies and interpretive understandings of other federal agencies which follow the Uniform Guidance.

For federal grant programs, courts consistently apply the legal requirements that were in effect at the time the grants were made. *Bennett v. New Jersey*, 470 U.S. 632, 638 (1984). The Supreme Court has held that “changes in substantive requirements for federal grants should not be presumed to operate retroactively.” *Id.* General background principles and “practical considerations related to the administration of federal grant programs” support the principle “that obligations generally should be determined by reference to the law in effect when the grants were made.” *Id.*

After consulting with OMB, the Department understands that nothing in the April 22 revised Guidance departed from this basic interpretive principle. While OMB provided agencies with some discretion to specify an application date prior to the rule's effective date of October 1, 2024, the earliest date OMB's revisions permitted an agency to elect for the guidance to apply was June 21, 2024, two months after the final rule was issued. This period offered agencies and grantees sufficient time to adjust and ensured that federal grants would not be retroactively changed. As noted, federal grants sound in contract, and retroactive changes to the terms are unfair to the granting agency and the grantee. *See Bennett*, 470 U.S. at 638.

To remove any uncertainty or ambiguity, the Department now makes clear that the April 22 revised Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance only applies to grants awarded after the OMB effective date of October 1, 2024. The Department is withdrawing its Jan. 16 Notice, removing its language from Box 10, and instead adding the following new language to Box 10:

By the drawdown of funds under this GAN, the grantee accepts Department regulations that this award is subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Title 2 CFR part 200. The specific version applicable depends on the date of the award: (i) grants issued on or after October 1, 2024, are subject to Title 2 CFR part 200 as revised at 89 FR 30136–30208 (April 22, 2024), while (ii) grants issued prior to the October 1, 2024 effective date of those revisions, 89 FR 30046–30208, are governed by the version of the Uniform Guidance applicable at the time of the Federal award, *provided that* for grants issued on or after June 21, 2024, where grantees drew down funds under the previous version of Box 10, those grants are subject to Title 2 CFR part 200 as revised at 89 FR 30136–30208 (April 22, 2024).

While grantees may not automatically receive a new printed GAN, the revised Box 10 and this notice supersede any previous GAN or Notice. Grantees are not required to take any action but are encouraged to maintain a copy of this notice within their grant files as documentation for grant management and auditing purposes.

*Program Authority:* 2 CFR part 200 as adopted at 89 FR 30046 (April 22, 2024); 2 CFR 3474.

**Thomas Wheeler,**  
*Acting General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **Applications for New Awards; Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program—Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Training and Technical Assistance; Corrections**

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice; corrections.

**SUMMARY:** On January 14, 2025, the Department of Education (Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications (NIA) for fiscal year (FY) 2025 for the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program—Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Training and Technical Assistance. We are correcting the date that applications will be available, adding the deadline date for the transmittal of applications, and correcting the deadline for intergovernmental review. All other information in the NIA remains the same.

**DATES:** These corrections are applicable on February 10, 2025.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Williams, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 4A220, Washington, DC 20202–2600. Telephone: (202) 245–6263. Email: [mary.williams@ed.gov](mailto:mary.williams@ed.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7–1–1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 14, 2025, we published in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 3188) the NIA for the FY 2025 Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program—Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Training and Technical Assistance competition, Assistance Listing Number 84.177Z. We are correcting the date that applications will be available and the intergovernmental review deadline and adding the deadline for the transmittal of applications. All other information in the NIA remains the same.

### **Corrections**

In FR Doc. 2025–00533 appearing on pages 3188–3194 of the **Federal Register** of January 14, 2025, we revise the text under **DATES** in the right column, to read as follows:

*Applications Available:* January 15, 2025.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 17, 2025.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 16, 2025.

*Accessible Format:* On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package 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, compact disc, or other accessible format.

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**Register** by using the article search feature at [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov). Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

**Erin McHugh,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Planning and Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0634; FRL-12546-01-OCSPP]

### Potassium Chloride (KCl); Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing a quarantine exemption request from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to use the pesticide potassium chloride (CAS No. 7440-09-7) to treat up to 1.26 acres to control Quagga mussels. The applicant proposes the use of a new chemical which has not been registered by EPA. Due to the urgent nature of the emergency and the very narrow and limited use being requested EPA has eliminated the public comment period. Nonetheless, interested parties may still contact the Agency with information about this notice and treatment program.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0634, is available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additional information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Smith, Director, Registration Division (7505T), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (202) 566-2875; email address: [RDfRNotices@epa.gov](mailto:RDfRNotices@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Executive Summary

###### A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. The following

list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this proposed action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### B. What is EPA's authority for taking this action?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the EPA Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the EPA Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. EPA implementing regulations are set forth in 40 CFR part 166.

###### C. What action is the Agency taking?

EPA is announcing receipt of a request submitted to EPA under FIFRA section 18. This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing FIFRA section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a quarantine exemption proposing use of a new chemical (*i.e.*, an active ingredient) which has not been registered by EPA.

## II. Summary of the Request Received

The ISDA has requested that EPA issue a quarantine exemption for the use of potassium chloride in ponds and pools to control Quagga mussels. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the applicant asserts that the current alternatives are considered to be less desirable because of environmental concerns, technical infeasibility, logistics, and expense. Quagga mussels are a non-native, invasive species found in sections of the Middle Snake River that can bioaccumulate pollutants and toxins 300,000 times greater than concentrations in the environment. These pollutants are found in their pseudofeces, which can be passed up the food chain, therefore increasing

wildlife exposure to organic pollutants. Even though quaggas are prodigious water filterers, they remove substantial amounts of phytoplankton and suspended particulate from the water. By removing the phytoplankton, quaggas in turn decrease the food source for zooplankton, therefore altering the food web. Quaggas can also clog water intake structures, such as pipes and screens, therefore reducing pumping capabilities for power and water treatment plants, costing industries, companies, and communities.

The Applicant proposes to use no more than 18,590 lbs. of the unregistered product, MOP, potassium chloride, the soluble muriated KCl mixture formula, on 1.26 acres of ponds, pools and potholes distributed between 51 different ephemeral ponds, pools and potholes within the Middle Snake River and adjoining areas in Twin Falls, Jerome and surrounding counties in Idaho where it is to be used.

As noted above, the Agency is eliminating the comment period due to the urgent nature of the emergency situation and the very narrow and limited use being requested. Nonetheless, interested parties may still contact the Agency with information about this notice and treatment program through the email address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*Authority:* 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: February 5, 2025.

**Charles Smith,**

*Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** Thursday, February 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** HYBRID MEETING: 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC (12th floor) and virtual.

**STATUS:** The February 13, 2025 Open Meeting has been canceled.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Myles Martin, Deputy Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1221.

Individuals who plan to attend in person and who require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Laura E. Sinram, Secretary and Clerk, at (202) 694-1040 or [secretary@fec.gov](mailto:secretary@fec.gov), at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date.