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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In SECY-22-0112, "Proposed Rule: Radioactive Source Security and Accountability (3150-AK83; NRC-2022-0103)," dated December 19, 2022 (ADAMS Accession No. ML22278A035), the NRC staff provided the Commission a proposed rule for approval. The proposed rule would have amended regulations in parts 30, 40, and 70 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal*

Regulations to further ensure validity of license applicants. The proposed rule also would have required licensees transferring category 3 quantities of radioactive material to verify licenses through the NRC License Verification System or by contacting the license-issuing authority to confirm that the recipient licensee is authorized to receive the type, form, and quantity of radioactive material to be transferred. Additionally, the proposed rule would have required that generally licensed devices containing category 3 quantities of byproduct material could only be transferred to licensees possessing a specific NRC or Agreement State license. The proposed rule also would have updated the oral certification method and removed an obsolete method of obtaining other sources of information.

II. Discussion

In the staff requirements memorandum (SRM) for SECY-22-0112, "Staff Requirements—SECY-22-0112—Proposed Rule: Radioactive Source Security and Accountability (3150-AK83; NRC-2022-0103)," dated March 8, 2024, (ADAMS Accession No. ML24068A046), the Commission stated that it was "unable to reach a decision on the staff's recommended proposed rule on radioactive source security and accountability that would amend regulations in title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* to further ensure validity of license applicants. Therefore, the proposed rule is not approved." As directed by the Commission in SRM-SECY-22-0112, the NRC will be exploring other rulemaking pathways to update the oral certification method and remove the obsolete method of obtaining other sources of information.

III. Conclusion

The NRC is discontinuing the Radioactive Source Security and Accountability rulemaking. In the next edition of the Unified Agenda, the NRC will update the entry for this rulemaking activity and reference this document to indicate that the rulemaking activity is no longer being pursued. This rulemaking activity will appear in the completed actions section of that edition of the Unified Agenda but will not appear in future editions. If the NRC decides to pursue similar or related rulemaking activities in the future, it will inform the public through new rulemaking entries in the Unified Agenda.

Dated: March 27, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carrie Safford,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2024-0158]

Security Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Mile Marker 94 to 97 Above Head of Passes, New Orleans LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a security zone for all navigable waters within 400 yards of the Left Descending Bank (LDB) of the Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Mile Marker (MM) 94.4 to MM 95.1, Above Head of Passes (AHP), New Orleans, LA. This security zone is necessary to provide security and protection for visiting personnel during the events related to the French Quarter Festival. No person or vessel may enter this security zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port New Orleans (COTP) or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.846 will be enforced from 10 a.m. on April 11, 2024, until 10 p.m. on April 14, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rule, call or email Lieutenant Commander William A. Stewart, Sector New Orleans, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 504-365-2246, email William.A.Stewart@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce a security zone in 33 CFR 165.846 for events related to French Quarter Festival from 10 a.m. on April 11, 2024 until 10 p.m. on April 14, 2024. This action is being taken to provide security and protection for visiting personnel during the events related to the French Quarter Festival. The security zone will cover all navigable waters within 400 yards of the Left Descending Bank on the Lower Mississippi River from MM 94.4 to MM 95.1 AHP, New Orleans, LA. No person or vessel may enter this security zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port New Orleans (COTP) or a designated representative. A designated representative means any Coast Guard

commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard assigned to units under the operational control of Sector New Orleans; to include a Federal, State, and/or local officer designated by or assisting the COTP in the enforcement of the security zone. To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or a designated representative by telephone at (504) 365-2545 or VHF-FM Channel 16 or 67. Those in the security zone must transit at their slowest speed and comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or a designated representative.

In addition to this notification of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard will inform the public of the enforcement period of this security zone through Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs) and Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB).

Dated: March 27, 2024.

K.K. Denning,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector New Orleans.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 519 and 552

[GSAR Case 2022-G505; Docket No. 2023-0020; Sequence No. 1]

RIN 3090-AK56

General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Reformatting Clause for Direct 8(a) Contracting

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: GSA is issuing a final rule amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to revise the formatting for a contact clause included in solicitations, contracts, and orders issued under GSA's 8(a) Partnership Agreement with the Small Business Administration.

DATE: This final rule is effective on May 2, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Mr. Clarence Harrison, Jr., GSA Acquisition Policy Division, at gsarpolicy@gsa.gov or 202-227-7051. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202-501-4755 or GSARRegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite GSAR Case 2022-G505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On June 23, 2022, GSA, and the Small Business Administration (SBA) signed a revised 8(a) partnership agreement as part of an effort to bring new entrants into federal contracting. Sections 7(j)(10) and 8(a) of the Small Business Act (the Act) (15 U.S.C. 636(j)(10) and 637(a)) authorize the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish a business development program, which is known as the 8(a) Business Development (8(a) BD) Program. GSA partners with SBA to promote appropriate utilization of 8(a) program participants. Once certified, participants are eligible to receive federal contracting preferences.

To ensure successful implementation of the 8(a) partnership agreement, GSA is taking the opportunity to update any inconsistent and unclear 8(a) policies. GSA is cleaning up confusing regulatory language for the use of clauses prescribed for solicitations, contracts, and orders issued under GSA's 8(a) Partnership Agreement. One of the paragraphs within GSAR 519.870-2 identifies instructions for modifying a FAR clause. In order to be more clear and consistent with the clause prescriptions, GSA is recognizing the FAR deviation through a new GSAR clause number rather than through buried instructions.

II. Publication of This Final Rule for Public Comment Is Not Required

The statute that applies to the publication of the GSAR is the Office of Federal Procurement Policy statute (codified at title 41 of the United States Code). Specifically, 41 U.S.C. 1707(a)(1) requires that a procurement policy, regulation, procedure or form (including an amendment or modification thereof) must be published for public comment if it relates to the expenditure of appropriated funds, and has either a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of the agency issuing the policy, regulation, procedure, or form, or has a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. This rule is not required to be published for public comment, because while this rule relates to the expenditure of appropriated funds, it is not required to be published for public comment, because it does not have a significant effect or impose any new requirements on contractors or offerors.

This rule revises the formatting for an existing 8(a) Program contract clause identified in GSAR 519.870-2. The instructions for modifying FAR Clause

52.219-18 is currently buried within GSAR 519.870-2 and this final rule replaces and reformat the instructions in GSAR Clause 552.219-18. The text within GSAR Clause 552.219-18 is the same as previously provided through the modification instructions for FAR Clause 52.219-18.

The FAR clause deviation associated with this GSAR case is issued following consultation with the Chair of the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) in accordance with FAR 1.404(a) and GSAM 501.404(a).

III. Executive Orders 12866, 13563, and 14904

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. E.O. 14094 (Modernizing Regulatory Review) supplements and reaffirms the principles, structures, and definitions governing contemporary regulatory review established in E.O. 12866 and E.O. 13563. OIRA has determined this is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993.

IV. Congressional Review Act

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a final rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. The General Services Administration will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

V. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) does not apply to this rule, because an opportunity for public comment is not required to be given for this rule under 41 U.S.C. 1707(a)(1).