

*H. Executive Order 12630: Governmental Actions and Interference With Constitutionally Protected Property Rights*

The EPA has complied with Executive Order 12630 (53 FR 8859, Mar. 15, 1988) by examining the takings implications of the authorization in accordance with the “Attorney General’s Supplemental Guidelines for the Evaluation of Risk and Avoidance of Unanticipated Takings” issued under the Executive order.

*I. Paperwork Reduction Act*

This authorization does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). “Burden” is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*J. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations*

Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, Feb. 16, 1994) establishes Federal executive policy on environmental justice. Its main provision directs Federal agencies, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, to make environmental justice part of their mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States. Because this authorization approves pre-existing State rules which are at least equivalent to, consistent with, and no less stringent than existing Federal requirements, and imposes no additional requirements beyond those imposed by State law, and there are no anticipated significant adverse human health or environmental effects, the authorization is not subject to Executive Order 12898.

*K. Congressional Review Act*

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801–808, generally provides that before a 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 EPA will submit a report containing this document and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a “major

rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2). However, this action will be effective November 29, 2021 because it is a direct final authorization.

**Authority:** This authorization is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 7004(b), and 9004, 9005 and 9006 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6974(b), and 6991c, 6991d, and 6991e.

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Parts 281 and 282**

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Hazardous substances, State program approval, and Underground storage tanks.

Dated: September 19, 2021.

**Deborah Jordan,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 9.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**45 CFR Part 670**

**RIN 3145–AA62**

**Conservation of Antarctic Animals and Plants; Correction**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects the Regulation Identification Number that appeared in a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on May 25, 2021, regarding changes to the list of designated historic sites or monuments (HSM) in Antarctica.

**DATES:** This final rule correction is effective September 30, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, at 703–292–8060, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, W 18200, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Correction*

In final rule FR Doc. 2021–10808, beginning on page 27989 in the issue of May 25, 2021, make the following correction: On page 27989, in the first column, the Regulation Identifier Number is corrected to read “RIN 3145–AA62.”

Dated: September 23, 2021.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**48 CFR Part 806**

**RIN 2900–AQ21**

**VA Acquisition Regulation: Competition Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending and updating its VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) in phased increments to revise or remove any policy superseded by changes in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), to move procedural guidance internal to VA into the VA Acquisition Manual (VAAM), and to incorporate any new agency specific regulations or policies. This rulemaking revises VAAR coverage concerning Competition Requirements.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on November 1, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rafael N. Taylor, Senior Procurement Analyst, Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Services, 003A2A, 425 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 382–2787. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These changes seek to align the VAAR with the FAR, remove outdated and duplicative requirements, and reduce burden on contractors. The VAAM incorporates portions of the removed VAAR as well as other internal agency procedural guidance. VA will rewrite certain parts of the VAAR and VAAM, and as VAAR parts are rewritten, VA will publish them in the **Federal Register**.

On February 1, 2019, VA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 1041) which announced VA’s intent to amend regulations for VAAR Case RIN 2900–AQ21—VA Acquisition Regulation: Competition Requirements. VA provided a 60-day comment period for the public to respond to the proposed rule and submit comments. The comment period for the proposed rule ended on April 2, 2019, and VA received comments from six respondents. This rule adopts as a final rule the proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on February 1, 2019, with the exception of minor formatting/grammatical edits and a few non-substantive edits, which are described below.

In particular, this final rule adds section 806.004–70, Definition, to establish that as used in part 806,