

and methods by which adequate levels of safety and security are to be obtained.

(f) *Enforcement.* In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.13 of this part, no person may cause or authorize the operation of a vessel in the regulated navigation area contrary to the provisions of this section.

Dated: December 27, 2005.

**D.B. Peterman,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### 33 CFR Part 207

RIN 0710-AA62

#### Navigation Regulations

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is withdrawing the proposed rule published on May 25, 2005 (70 FR 30042) which proposed to establish a procedure for modifying the scheduled operational hours at the Lake Washington Ship Canal, Hiram M. Chittenden Locks in Seattle, Washington. The proposed rule would have permitted the District Engineer to change the scheduled operational hours of the locks following issuance of a public notice and after providing a 30-day comment period for any proposed change. The Corps has determined that there is no present need to implement changes in the operation of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks. The Corps intends to initiate rulemaking in the future if circumstances necessitate instituting a change in the schedule or other parameters of Locks operation.

**DATES:** The proposed rule is withdrawn as of January 23, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Post, Operations Manager, Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, at (206) 789-2622; or Ms. Andrea Takash, Public Affairs Office, (206) 764-3760.

Dated: January 12, 2006.

**Gerald W. Barnes,**

*Chief, Operations, Directorate of Civil Works.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### 48 CFR Parts 201, 205, 211, 216, 217, 219, 223, 225, 228, 232, 236, 237, and 252

[DFARS Case 2004-D022]

RIN 0750-AF16

#### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition-Related Thresholds

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to adjust acquisition-related thresholds for inflation. Section 807 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 requires periodic adjustment of statutory acquisition-related dollar thresholds for inflation, except those established by the Davis-Bacon Act, the Service Contract Act, or trade agreements. This proposed rule also amends other acquisition-related thresholds that are based on policy rather than statute.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before March 24, 2006, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2004-D022, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: [dfars@osd.mil](mailto:dfars@osd.mil). Include DFARS Case 2004-D022 in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (703) 602-0350.
- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DARS), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

Comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Williams, (703) 602-0328.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### A. Background

This proposed rule implements Section 807 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Pub. L. 108-375). Section 807 provides for adjustment of statutory acquisition-related dollar thresholds every 5 years, except for those established by the Davis-Bacon Act, the Service Contract Act, or trade agreements. This case presented an opportunity to review all acquisition-related dollar thresholds, including those that are non-statutory. The proposed rule published at 70 FR 73415 on December 12, 2005 (FAR Case 2004-033), contained comparable changes to acquisition-related dollar thresholds in the FAR.

#### *Definition of Acquisition-Related Threshold*

The statute defines an acquisition-related threshold as a dollar threshold that is specified in law as a factor in defining the scope of the applicability of a policy, procedure, requirement, or restriction provided in that law to the procurement of property or services by an executive agency, as determined by the FAR Council. The statute also impacts acquisition-related thresholds in the DFARS, since the DFARS is part of the FAR System. Acquisition-related thresholds are generally tied to the value of a contract, subcontract, or modification. Examples of thresholds that are not viewed as "acquisition-related" are thresholds relating to claims, penalties, withholding, payments, required levels of insurance, small business size standards, and liquidated damages.

#### *Acquisition-Related Thresholds Not Subject to Escalation Adjustment Under This Proposed Rule*

The statute does not permit escalation of acquisition-related thresholds established by the Davis Bacon Act, the Service Contract Act, or trade agreements. Additionally, the statute does not authorize the escalation of thresholds set by Executive order or by the implementing agency, unless the Executive order or agency regulations are first amended.

#### *Analysis of Statutory Acquisition-Related Thresholds*

A matrix showing the thresholds reviewed in preparation of this proposed rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars/changenotice/index.htm#2004-D022>. The statute requires adjustment of acquisition-related thresholds for inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all-urban consumers. Acquisition-related thresholds in