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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

12 CFR Parts 1282

RIN 2590-AA65

2015–2017 Enterprise Housing Goals

Correction

In proposed rule document 2014–21118 appearing on pages 54482 through 54516 in the issue of Thursday, September 11, 2014, make the following corrections:

1. On page 54494, in table 2, in column number 2 “Goals”, the first entry corresponding with year “2013” should read “265,000”.

2. On page 54494, in table 3, in column number 2 “Goals”, the first entry corresponding with year “2013” should read “70,000”.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

30 CFR Part 250

[Docket ID: BSEE–2014–0001]

RIN 1014-AA22

Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); Helideck and Aviation Fuel Safety for Fixed Offshore Facilities

AGENCY: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Interior.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The BSEE is seeking comments on improving safety for operations related to helicopters and helidecks on fixed offshore facilities. Specifically, BSEE invites comments on whether to incorporate in its regulations certain industry and/or international

standards for design, construction, and maintenance of offshore helidecks, as well as standards for aviation fuel quality, storage and handling. The BSEE also invites comments on whether it should incorporate existing standards, with modifications, and/or develop and propose new government regulatory standards for safety of helidecks and aviation fuel systems. As an alternative to incorporating or developing such standards, BSEE invites comments on whether to require submission of aviation-related safety plans for helidecks and offshore aviation fuel systems on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) facilities. The BSEE also seeks information on past accidents or other incidents involving helidecks, helicopters, or aviation fuel on or near fixed OCS facilities.

DATES: Submit comments by November 24, 2014. The BSEE may not fully consider comments received after this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this notice by any of the following methods. Please use the Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1014–AA22 as an identifier in your comments. In addition, please refer to “Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Helideck and Aviation Fuel Safety for Fixed Offshore Facilities, 1014–AA22,” in your comments and include your name and return address. The BSEE may post all submitted comments, in their entirety, at www.regulations.gov. See *Public Availability of Comments*.

—Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter BSEE–2014–0001, then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this rulemaking.

—Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior (DOI); Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Attention: Regulations and Standards Branch; Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs; 381 Elden Street, HE3313; Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Colleli, Regulations and Standards Branch, 703–787–1831, email address: regs@bsee.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Summary

In accordance with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), BSEE and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) share regulatory authority over offshore facilities engaged in oil and gas operations—including exploration, development, and production activities—on the OCS. Among other purposes, BSEE’s regulations for offshore operations seek to prevent injury or loss of life and damage to property, natural resources, and the environment. As one means of achieving these goals, BSEE incorporates by reference in its regulations many industry standards applicable to offshore oil and gas operations.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has broad authority regarding helicopter-related safety issues and onshore and offshore flight safety, BSEE has the lead responsibility for safety of helidecks and aviation fuel storage and handling on fixed offshore facilities, while the USCG has the lead responsibility for helidecks and aviation fuel handling on floating offshore facilities. Currently, BSEE’s regulations incorporate and require compliance with certain industry standards that address some safety issues related to helidecks and the presence of helicopters and aviation fuel on fixed offshore facilities. However, BSEE’s existing regulations do not comprehensively address helideck or aviation fuel safety issues.

Recent reports by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Helicopter Safety Advisory Conference confirm that helicopter accidents and helicopter-related incidents on or near offshore facilities are a significant concern. Similarly, incident reports submitted by offshore operators to the Minerals Management Service (MMS)—BSEE’s predecessor agency—or to BSEE over the past 15 years indicate that incidents involving helicopter operations on or near offshore facilities have resulted in several fatalities, significant injuries and substantial property damage.

The BSEE has reviewed existing industry and international standards for helideck and aviation fuel safety and believes that certain standards, if incorporated into BSEE’s regulations for fixed offshore facilities, could improve safety and reduce risks of injury and