

Government Ethics regulations at 5 CFR part 2638.

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Subpart P—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Administration

3. Section 2.87 is revised to read as follows:

§ 2.87 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulations at 5 CFR part 2638. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration shall be the USDA Designated Agency Ethics Official and shall exercise all authority pursuant to the Office of Government Ethics regulations at 5 CFR part 2638.

(b) Pursuant to § 2.24(a), subject, to reservations in § 2.24(b), the following delegation of authority is made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Assistant Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

4. Section 2.95 is revised to read as follows:

§ 2.95 Director, Office of Ethics.

The Director, Office of Ethics, shall be the USDA Alternate Agency Ethics Official, pursuant to 5 CFR 2638.202, and shall exercise the authority reserved to the Designate Agency Ethics Official under 5 CFR part 2638 only in the absence or unavailability of the Designated Agency Ethics Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

7 CFR Parts 1435 and 1436

RIN 0560-AG73

2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 Sugar Programs and Farm Facility Storage Loan Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, August 26, 2002 (67 FR

54926). Several sections of the regulation were incorrectly numbered in the final rule. The corrections are provided in this document.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 25, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the final rule published on August 26, 2002, (67 FR 54926) make the following corrections.

§ 1435.308 [Corrected]

1. On page 54934, in the third column, under § 1435.308, paragraphs (a)(3), and (a)(4) are redesignated as paragraphs (b) and (c), respectively.

2. On page 54935, in the first column, under § 1435.308, paragraphs (a)(5), (b) and (c) are redesignated as paragraphs (d), (e) and (f), respectively.

§ 1436.37 [Corrected]

3. On page 54939, in the third column, § 1436.37 is redesignated as § 1436.19.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 21, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 710

RIN 1992-AA30

Eligibility for Security Police Officer Positions in the Personnel Security Assurance Program

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is amending its regulations to allow newly hired individuals in security police officer positions who have received an interim Q access authorization through DOE's Accelerated Access Authorization Program to be eligible to hold a Personnel Security Assurance Program (PSAP) position.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule will be effective November 27, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Personnel Security Assurance Program (PSAP) is a special access authorization program, established by DOE pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, to assure the reliability of individuals whose positions: (1) Afford direct access to Category I quantities of special nuclear material (including guarding and transporting special nuclear material), (2) are identified as nuclear material production reactor operators, or (3) have the potential for causing unacceptable damage to national security. The PSAP regulations are at 10 CFR part 710, subpart B and currently require an employee or applicant for any PSAP position to have a Q access authorization based upon a full background investigation before being granted a PSAP access authorization. 10 CFR 710.60(c).

On April 4, 2002, DOE proposed a rule to amend 10 CFR 710.60 to permit security police officers (SPOs) to be eligible for a PSAP access authorization based on an interim access authorization obtained through the Department's Accelerated Access Authorization Program (AAAP) (*see* 67 FR 16061). DOE explained in the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) that the events of September 11, 2001, have made use of the AAAP to expedite SPO screening vitally important, particularly because of the need for DOE to increase the size of its protective forces.

The AAAP was implemented to assist DOE managers and DOE contractors who request interim access authorization for individuals pursuant to DOE Order 472.1B, DOE Manual 472.1-1B, and related DOE directives. Entry into the AAAP is voluntary and written consent of the employee or applicant is required. The AAAP includes the following screening elements:

(1) Testing for the use of illegal drugs in accordance with the provisions of DOE directives implementing Executive Order 12564 or, for contractor employees, the provisions of 10 CFR part 707, "Workplace Substance Abuse Programs at DOE Sites";

(2) Completion of a National Agency Check; for contractor employees, this includes checks of Office of Personnel Management security indices, Department of Defense clearance indices, Federal Bureau of Investigation name and fingerprint indices, and Credit Bureau files, and for Federal