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List of Subjects

34 CFR Part 75

Accounting, Administrative practice and procedure, Grant programs—education, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

34 CFR Part 350

Administrative practice and procedure, Eligibility, Grant administration.

Dated: October 26, 2000.

Richard W. Riley,

Secretary of Education.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Secretary proposes to amend parts 75 and 350 of title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 75—DIRECT GRANT PROGRAMS

1. The authority citation for part 75 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3 and 3474, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 75.210 is amended as follows:

- a. By revising the undesignated introductory text;
- b. Redesignating paragraph (c)(2) as (c)(3);
- c. Adding a new paragraph (c)(2);
- d. Revising newly redesignated paragraph (c)(3) introductory text; and
- e. Revising paragraphs (d)(2) and (e)(2).

The revisions and addition read as follows:

§ 75.210 General selection criteria.

In determining the selection criteria to be used in each grant competition, the Secretary may select one or more of the following criteria and may select from among the list of optional factors under each criterion. However, paragraphs (c)(2), (d)(2), and (e)(2) of this section are mandatory factors under their respective criteria:

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(c) * * *

(2) In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the extent to which the application proposes effective steps to eliminate barriers that may impede equitable access or participation by groups that have been traditionally underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

(3) In addition to paragraph (c)(2) of this section, the Secretary also considers one or more of the following factors:

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(d) * * *

(2) In determining the quality of the services to be provided by the proposed project, the Secretary considers the quality and effectiveness of the applicant's strategies for ensuring equal access and treatment for eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability, including its steps to overcome barriers to equitable participation by those eligible participants.

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(e) * * *

(2)(i) In determining the quality of project personnel—

(A) The Secretary considers the extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, or age; and

(B) The Secretary considers the extent to which an application includes effective strategies for employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities in the proposed project, including the accessibility of the project's worksite and equipment to these individuals.

(ii) In determining the effectiveness of the strategies under paragraph (e)(2)(i)(B) of this section, the Secretary, as appropriate, considers the applicant's success, as described in the application, in employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

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PART 350—DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION RESEARCH PROJECTS AND CENTERS PROGRAM

3. The authority citation for part 350 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 204; 29 U.S.C. 761-762, unless otherwise noted.

4. Section 350.54 is amended by revising paragraph (n)(2) to read as follows:

§ 350.54 What selection criteria does the Secretary use in evaluating an application?

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(n) * * *

(2)(i) In determining the quality of project staff—

(A) The Secretary considers the extent to which an applicant encourages

applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, or age; and

(B) The Secretary considers the extent to which an application includes effective strategies for employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities in the proposed project, including the accessibility of the project's worksite and equipment to these individuals.

(ii) In determining the effectiveness of the strategies under paragraph (n)(2)(i)(B) of this section, the Secretary, as appropriate, considers the applicant's success, as described in the application, in employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 241-0244b; FRL-6893-2]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District (AVAPCD). The revisions concern the recission and associated negative declarations for one volatile organic compound source category and one oxides of nitrogen source category for the Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District (AVAPCD).

The intended effect of this action is to bring the AVAPCD SIP up to date in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). EPA is finalizing the approval of these recissions and associated negative declarations from the California SIP under provisions of the CAA regarding EPA action on SIP submittals, SIPs for national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards and plan requirements for nonattainment areas. EPA is approving these revisions in accordance with the requirements of the CAA.

DATES: Comments must arrive by December 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to: Andrew Steckel, Chief, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

You can inspect copies of the submitted SIP revisions and EPA's technical support documents (TSDs) at our Region IX office during normal

business hours. You may also see copies of the submitted SIP revisions at the following locations:

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.
Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District, 43301 Division Street, Suite 206, Lancaster, CA 93539-4409.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Rose, Rulemaking Office, AIR-4, Air

Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, telephone: (415) 744-1184.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The rules being approved for rescission and the negative declarations being approved for the Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District (AVAPCD) portion of the California SIP are listed in the following Table:

SUBMITTED RECISSIONS AND NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

Rule No. and title	Adoption date	Submittal date	Type of revision
1103, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetic Manufacturing Operations	01-18-00	03-28-00	Recission and Negative Declaration.
1159, Nitric Acid Units—Oxides of Nitrogen	01-18-00	03-28-00	Recission and Negative Declaration.

In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the state's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments.

A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: October 4, 2000.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA-B-7401]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood elevations and proposed base flood elevation modifications for the communities listed below. The base

flood elevations and modified base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief, Hazards Study Branch, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3461, or (e-mail) matt.miller@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency proposes to make determinations of base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community listed below, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed base flood and modified base flood elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact

stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act. This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. The Associate Director for Mitigation certifies that this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because proposed or modified Base Flood Elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification. This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism. This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of Section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.