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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 2, 22, and 52

[FAC 2005-29, Amendment-2; FAR Case
 2007-013; Docket 2008-0001; Sequence 3]

RIN 9000-AK91

Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2007-013, Employment Eligibility Verification

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD),
 General Services Administration (GSA),
 and National Aeronautics and Space
 Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Amendment to final rule; delay
 of applicability date.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense,
 General Services Administration, and
 National Aeronautics and Space
 Administration have agreed to delay the
 applicability date of FAR Case 2007-
 013, Employment Eligibility
 Verification, to May 21, 2009.

DATES: *Applicability Date:* The
 applicability date of FAC 2005-29,
 Amendment-1, published January 14,
 2009, 74 FR 1937, is delayed until May
 21, 2009.

Contracting officers shall not include
 the new clause at 52.222-54,
 Employment Eligibility Verification, in
 any solicitation or contract prior to the
 applicability date of May 21, 2009.

On or after May 21, 2009, contracting
 officers—

- Shall include the clause in
 solicitations, in accordance with the
 clause prescription at 22.1803 and FAR
 1.108(d)(1); and
- Should modify, on a bilateral basis,
 existing indefinite-delivery/indefinite-
 quantity contracts in accordance with
 FAR 1.108(d)(3) to include the clause
 for future orders if the remaining period
 of performance extends beyond
 November 21, 2009, and the amount of
 work or number of orders expected
 under the remaining performance
 period is substantial.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The
 FAR Secretariat at (202) 501-4755 for
 further information pertaining to status
 or publication schedule. Please cite FAC
 2005-29 (delay of applicability date).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This
 document extends to May 21, 2009, the
 applicability date of the E-Verify rule, in
 order to permit the new Administration
 an adequate opportunity to review the
 rule.

Federal Acquisition Circular

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC)
 2005-29, Amendment-2, is issued under
 the authority of the Secretary of
 Defense, the Administrator of General
 Services, and the Administrator for the
 National Aeronautics and Space
 Administration.

The Federal Acquisition Regulation
 (FAR) contained in FAC 2005-29 is
 effective January 19, 2009, and
 applicable May 21, 2009.

Dated: January 27, 2009.

Linda W. Neilson,

*Deputy Director, Defense Procurement
 (Defense Acquisition Regulations System).*

Dated: January 26, 2009

Rodney P. Lantier,

*Acting Senior Procurement Executive &
 Acting Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer,
 Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S.
 General Services Administration.*

Dated: January 26, 2009.

William P. McNally,

*Assistant Administrator for Procurement,
 National Aeronautics and Space
 Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 229

[Docket No. 090115024-9027-01]

RIN 0648-XM80

Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
 Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and
 Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
 Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator
 for Fisheries (AA), NOAA, announces
 temporary restrictions consistent with
 the requirements of the Atlantic Large
 Whale Take Reduction Plan's
 (ALWTRP) implementing regulations.
 These regulations apply to lobster trap/
 pot and anchored gillnet fishermen for
 15 days in an area totaling
 approximately 1,725 nm² (5,917 km²)

east of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
 The purpose of this action is to provide
 protection to an aggregation of North
 Atlantic right whales (right whales).

DATES: Effective beginning at 0001 hours
 February 2, 2009, through 2400 hours
 February 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed and
 final Dynamic Area Management (DAM)
 rules, Environmental Assessments
 (EAs), Atlantic Large Whale Take
 Reduction Team (ALWTRT) meeting
 summaries, and progress reports on
 implementation of the ALWTRP may
 also be obtained by writing Diane
 Borggaard, NMFS/Northeast Region, 55
 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Borggaard, NMFS/Northeast
 Region, 978-281-9300 x6503; or Kristy
 Long, NMFS, Office of Protected
 Resources, 301-713-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Several of the background documents
 for the ALWTRP and the take reduction
 planning process can be downloaded
 from the ALWTRP web site at [http://
 www.nero.noaa.gov/whaletrp/](http://www.nero.noaa.gov/whaletrp/).

Background

The ALWTRP was developed
 pursuant to section 118 of the Marine
 Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) to
 reduce the incidental mortality and
 serious injury of three endangered
 species of whales (right, fin, and
 humpback) due to incidental interaction
 with commercial fishing activities. In
 addition, the measures identified in the
 ALWTRP would provide conservation
 benefits to a fourth species (minke),
 which are neither listed as endangered
 nor threatened under the Endangered
 Species Act (ESA). The ALWTRP,
 implemented through regulations
 codified at 50 CFR 229.32, relies on a
 combination of fishing gear
 modifications and time/area closures to
 reduce the risk of whales becoming
 entangled in commercial fishing gear
 (and potentially suffering serious injury
 or mortality as a result).

On January 9, 2002, NMFS published
 the final rule to implement the
 ALWTRP's DAM program (67 FR 1133).
 On August 26, 2003, NMFS amended
 the regulations by publishing a final
 rule, which specifically identified gear
 modifications that may be allowed in a
 DAM zone (68 FR 51195). The DAM
 program provides specific authority for
 NMFS to restrict temporarily on an
 expedited basis the use of lobster trap/
 pot and anchored gillnet fishing gear in
 order to protect right whales and is