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(2) Qualifies as a skip-row planting pattern as defined by the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

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4. In § 457.105, Section 1(q) is revised to read as follows:

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(q) *Written agreement*—A written document that alters designated terms of a policy in accordance with section 13.

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5. In § 457.105, Section 2(d)(1) is amended by removing "ASCS" and inserting in its place "FSA."

6. In § 457.105, Section 2(d)(2) is revised to read as follows:

2. Unit Division

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(2) *Optional Units on Acreage Including Both Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Practices*: In addition to, or instead of, establishing optional units by section, section equivalent, or FSA Farm Serial Number, optional units may be based on irrigated acreage or non-irrigated acreage if both are located in the same section, section equivalent, or FSA Farm Serial Number. To qualify as separate irrigated and non-irrigated optional units, the non-irrigated acreage may not continue into the irrigated acreage in the same rows or planting pattern. The irrigated acreage may not extend beyond the point at which the irrigation system can deliver the quantity of water needed to produce the yield on which the guarantee is based, except that the corners of a field in which a center pivot irrigation system is used will be considered as irrigated acreage if separate acceptable records of production from the corners are not provided. If the corners of a field in which a center-pivot irrigation system is used do not qualify as a separate non-irrigated optional unit, they will be considered part of the unit containing the irrigated acreage. However, non-irrigated acreage that is not a part of a field in which a center-pivot irrigation system is used may qualify as a separate optional unit provided that all other requirements of this section are met.

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7. In § 457.105, Section 5 is revised to read as follows:

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5. Cancellation and Termination Dates

In accordance with section 2 (Life of Policy, Cancellation, and Termination) of the Common Crop Insurance Policy (§ 457.8), the cancellation and termination dates are:

States	Cancellation and termination—dates
New Mexico	March 15
All other States	February 28

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8. In § 457.105, Section 13 is added to read as follows:

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13. Written Agreement

Designated terms of this policy may be altered by written agreement. The following conditions will apply:

(a) You must apply in writing for each written agreement no later than the sales closing date, except as provided in section 13(e).

(b) The application for written agreement must contain all terms of the contract between the insurance provider and the insured that will be in effect if the written agreement is not approved.

(c) If approved, the written agreement must include all variable terms of the contract, including, but not limited to, crop type or variety, the guarantee, premium rate, and price election.

(d) Each written agreement will only be valid for one year. If the written agreement is not specifically renewed the following year, insurance coverage for subsequent crop years will be in accordance with the printed policy.

(e) An application for written agreement submitted after the sales closing date may be approved if, after a physical inspection of the acreage, it is determined that no loss has occurred and the crop is insurable in accordance with the policy and written agreement provisions.

Signed in Washington D.C., on August 20, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

RIN 1904-AA83

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy today gives notice that copies of the draft "Product Data Sheets for Standards Rulemakings Priority Setting" are available for comment. The draft data sheets provide the priority level and rationale, schedule, and pertinent information on the products covered by the Office of Codes and Standards (OCS). Comments will be used to set the priority and schedule for the appliance standards program, which will be published in the Administration's Regulatory Agenda. The priorities will help OCS allocate resources to meet its mission.

DATES: Written comments in response to this notice must be received by September 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the data sheets entitled "Product Data Sheets for Standards Rulemakings Priority Setting" may be obtained from: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7574. This document may be read at the DOE Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. DOE, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Written comments, 10 copies, are to be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, "Product Data Sheets for Standards Rulemakings Priority Setting," Forrestal Building, EE-43, Room 1J-018, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Sandy Beall, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Mail Station EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-7574.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy's appliance standards program is conducted pursuant to Title III, Part B of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (EPCA). 42 U.S.C. §§ 6291-6309. In 1987, EPCA was amended to establish by law national efficiency standards for certain appliances and a schedule for DOE to conduct rulemakings to periodically review and update these standards. National Appliance Energy Conservation Act, Pub. L. 100-12 (1987). The products covered by these standards included refrigerators and freezers, room air conditioners, central air conditioners and heat pumps, water heaters, furnaces, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, direct heating equipment, ranges and ovens, and pool heaters. In 1988, EPCA was amended to include fluorescent lamp ballasts. National Appliance Energy Conservation Act Amendments of 1988, Pub. L. 100-357 (1988). In conducting the rulemakings to update the standards, the Secretary of Energy is to set standards at levels that achieve the maximum improvement in energy efficiency that is technologically feasible and economically justified.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT) further amended EPCA to expand the coverage of the standards program to include certain commercial and industrial equipment, including commercial heating and air-conditioning equipment, water heaters, certain incandescent and fluorescent lamps, distribution transformers, and electric motors. Energy Policy Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-486 (1992). EPACT also established maximum water flow-rate requirements for certain plumbing products and provided for voluntary testing and consumer information programs for office equipment, luminaires, and windows.

EPCA also provides for DOE to establish test procedures to be used in determining compliance with efficiency standards. These test procedures are revised periodically to reflect new product designs or technologies.

As prescribed by EPCA, energy efficiency standards are established by a three-phase public process: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR), Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR), and Final Rule. The process to develop test procedures is similar, except that an Advance Notice is not required.

On July 15, 1996, the Department published a final rule that outlines the procedures, and policies that will guide DOE as it works with stakeholders to establish new or revised energy efficiency standards for consumer products. The new process provides for greater public input, improved analytical approaches and encourages consensus-based standards that streamline the regulatory process and reduce the time and cost of developing standards. A key element of the new process is the involvement of stakeholders in the priority setting of the products to increase the predictability of the rulemaking timetable.

A workshop was held on June 14, 1996, to discuss the criteria to be used in planning and prioritizing future rules, and review of the draft product data sheets to be used to develop a priority ranking for the products. To assist in the development of the priorities, DOE developed data sheets for each product. Once DOE has received input from stakeholders, the priorities and schedule for the appliance standards program will be determined. The schedule will then be published in the Administration's Regulatory Agenda in October 1996.

Based on the comments from the workshop and written comments received, DOE has revised the draft product data sheets and is making

available a copy of said sheets for standards rulemakings priority setting. DOE will use the revised data sheets to determine the priority of various rulemakings in the next year. These revised sheets provide a priority, schedule and rationale for each product. The Department would like your further input on the priorities before preparing the Administration's Regulatory Agenda. The Regulatory Agenda will provide stakeholders with the actions and a schedule for those actions that DOE plans to accomplish in the next year.

The priority levels will provide DOE with guidance on which products to focus and allocate resources towards. For the high priority products, DOE plans to pursue actively (meetings and workshops) and publish notices (Determinations, Advance Notices of Proposed Rules, Notices of Proposed Rules and/or Final Rules) in the next year. For the medium priority products, DOE plans to initiate work in support of rulemakings in the next year, for example, conducting a screening workshop for a standards rulemakings. For the low priority products, DOE does not plan to actively pursue rulemakings in the next two years. Work would be limited to basic technology investigation and monitoring of voluntary programs.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 21, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-NM-53-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-80 Series Airplanes and Model MD-88 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-80 series airplanes and Model MD-88 airplanes. This proposal would require visual/dye penetrant and ultrasonic inspections to detect cracks in the

vertical leg of the rear spar lower cap of the wings, and various follow-on actions. This proposal is prompted by reports that, due to improper torque tightening of the attach studs of the flap hinge fitting, fatigue cracks were found in the vertical leg of the rear spar lower cap of the wing. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent such fatigue cracking, which, if not detected and corrected in a timely manner, could result in loss of the spar cap, and consequent damage to the spar cap web and adjacent wing skin structure; this condition could lead to reduced structural integrity of the wing.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 7, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-NM-53-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from McDonnell Douglas Corporation, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Technical Publications Business Administration, Department C1-L51 (2-60). This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brent Bandle, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712; telephone (310) 627-5237; fax (310) 627-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments