

there is no longer any need in § 3.315(c)(4) to refer to service between January 31, 1955, and August 5, 1964, and during the Vietnam era. We have revised § 3.315(c)(4) accordingly. As there is no longer any need to refer to 38 U.S.C. 3452(a) in the authority citation following § 3.315(c), we have removed that reference. Also, that authority citation contains an incorrect reference to "10 U.S.C. 2133(b)". The correct reference is "10 U.S.C. 16133(b)", and we have revised the reference accordingly. Sections 3.315(c)(3)(i) and 3.1000(g) contain incorrect references to "10 U.S.C. Chapter 106". The correct reference is "10 U.S.C. Chapter 1606", and we have revised the references accordingly.

38 CFR 3.400(d) is being deleted because it merely restates a statute and its provisions have become obsolete.

When the Social Security Administration (SSA) has notified the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that payments to any individual have been authorized pursuant to section 217(b)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 417(b)(2)), 38 CFR 3.709 requires VA to notify SSA of any determination that death pension, compensation, or dependency and indemnity compensation is payable to any dependent of the veteran. Section 5117 of Pub. L. 101-508 revised 42 U.S.C. 417(b)(2) so that it applied only to individuals applying for SSA benefits before the end of the 18-month period after the month in which Pub. L. 101-508 was enacted. Since that 18-month period expired on June 1, 1992, 38 CFR 3.709 is obsolete and we have removed it.

38 CFR 3.712(a) concerns the election of improved pension by Spanish-American War veterans. However, there are no Spanish-American War veterans currently receiving monetary benefits from VA. Consequently, § 3.712(a) is no longer required and is removed. Since the remainder of § 3.712 concerns surviving spouses only, we have revised the heading to read "Improved pension elections; surviving spouses of Spanish-American War veterans", and redesignated paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) as paragraphs (a) and (b), respectively.

Pub. L. 95-588 completely revised the statutory framework for VA pension benefits effective January 1, 1979. 38 CFR 3.961 states that pension claims pending on December 31, 1978, will be adjudicated under title 38 U.S.C. as in effect on December 31, 1978, and that pension claims filed after December 31, 1978, will be adjudicated under title 38 U.S.C. as in effect on January 1, 1979 or thereafter. 38 CFR 3.962 states that claims filed after December 31, 1978,

will generally be adjudicated under title 38 U.S.C. as in effect on December 31, 1978, if entitlement is based on permanent and total disability that existed or death that occurred prior to January 1, 1979.

Since such claims have long since been adjudicated, §§ 3.961 and 3.962 are obsolete and we have removed them.

This final rule makes nonsubstantive changes. Accordingly, this final rule is promulgated without regard to the notice-and-comment and effective-date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553.

Because no notice of proposed rulemaking was required in connection with the adoption of this final rule, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612). Even so, the Secretary hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The final rule only makes nonsubstantive changes.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program numbers are 64.104, 64.105, 64.109, and 64.110.

#### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 3

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Disability benefits, Health care, Pensions, Veterans, Vietnam.

Approved: November 21, 1996.

Jesse Brown,

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 38 CFR part 3 is amended as follows:

### PART 3—ADJUDICATION

#### Subpart A—Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

1. The authority citation for part 3, subpart A continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

2. In § 3.107, the section heading is revised to read as follows:

#### § 3.107 Awards where not all dependents apply.

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#### § 3.315 [Amended]

3. In § 3.315, remove paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (c)(1)(ii) are removed, and paragraphs (c)(1)(iii) and (c)(1)(iv) are redesignated as paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (c)(1)(ii), respectively. Paragraph (c)(3)(i) is amended by removing "10 U.S.C. chapter 106" and adding, in its place, "10 U.S.C. Chapter 1606"; and

paragraph (c)(4) is amended by removing "after January 31, 1955, and before August 5, 1964, or after May 7, 1975, and § 3.306(b) based on service rendered during the Vietnam era" and adding, in its place, "after May 7, 1975"; and the authority citation following paragraph (c)(4) is revised to read as follows:

#### § 3.315 Basic eligibility determinations; dependents, loans, education.

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(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3011(a)(1)(A)(ii), 3012(b)(1), 3202(1)(A), 10 U.S.C. 16133(b))

#### § 3.400 [Amended]

4. In § 3.400 paragraph(d) is removed.

#### § 3.709 [Removed]

5. Section 3.709 is removed.

#### § 3.712 [Amended]

6. In § 3.712, paragraph (a) and the heading for paragraph (b) are removed, paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) are redesignated as paragraphs (a) and (b), respectively; the section heading is revised to read as follows:

#### § 3.712 Improved pension elections; surviving spouses of Spanish-American War veterans.

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#### § 3.961 [Removed]

7. Section 3.961 is removed.

#### § 3.962 [Removed]

8. Section 3.962 is removed.

#### § 3.1000 [Amended]

9. In § 3.1000, paragraph(g) is amended by removing "10 U.S.C. chapter 106", and adding, in its place, "10 U.S.C. chapter 1606".

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### 40 CFR Part 9

[FRL-5670-1]

#### OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Technical amendment.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this document displays the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control numbers issued under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) for the Criteria for Classification of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 26, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Cassidy of the Industrial and Extractive Waste Branch, Office of Solid Waste at (703) 308-7281.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA is today amending the table of currently approved information collection request (ICR) control numbers issued by OMB for various regulations. Today's amendment updates the table to accurately display those information requirements promulgated under the Criteria for Classification of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices which appeared in the Federal Register on July 1, 1996 (61 FR 34252). The affected regulations are codified at 40 CFR Part 257—Subpart B. EPA will continue to present OMB control numbers in a consolidated table format to be codified in 40 CFR part 9 of the Agency's regulations, and in each CFR volume containing EPA regulations. The table lists the section numbers with reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and the current OMB control numbers. This display of the OMB control number(s) and its(their) subsequent codification in the Code of Federal Regulations satisfies the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and OMB's implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320.

This ICR was previously subject to public notice and comment prior to OMB approval. As a result, EPA finds that there is "good cause" under section 553(b)(B) and (d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and (d)(3)) to amend this table without further notice and comment. Due to the technical nature of the table, further notice and comment would be unnecessary.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 9

Environmental Protection, reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: November 25, 1996.

Elliott P. Laws,

*Assistant Administrator Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.*

For the reasons set out in the preamble 40 CFR part 9 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for part 9 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 135 *et seq.*, 136-136y; 15 U.S.C. 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2601-2671; 21 U.S.C. 331j, 346a, 348; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, 1311, 1313d, 1314, 1321, 1326, 1330, 1344, 1345 (d) and (e), 1361; E.O. 11735, 38 FR 21243, 3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp. p. 973; 42 U.S.C. 241, 242b, 243, 246, 300f, 300g, 300g-1, 300g-2, 300g-3, 300g-4, 300g-5, 300g-6, 300j-1, 300j-2, 300j-3, 300j-

4, 300j-9, 1857 *et seq.*, 6901-6992k, 7401-7671q, 7542, 9601-9657, 11023, 11048.

2. In Section 9.1, the table is amended by adding the new entries under the indicated hearing to read as follows:

#### § 9.1 OMB approvals under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

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40 CFR Citation		OMB Control No.		
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Criteria for Classification of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices				
257.24	.....	2050-0154		
257.25	.....	2050-0154		
257.27	.....	2050-0154		
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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### 41 CFR Part 301-6

[FTR Amendment 55]

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### Federal Travel Regulation; Repeal of Long-Distance Telephone Call Certification Requirement

**AGENCY:** Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule amends the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) to remove the long-distance telephone call certification requirement. This amendment will reduce agency administrative costs by easing the processing of reimbursement claims.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective March 22, 1997, and applies for travel (including travel incident to a change of official station) performed on or after March 22, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert A. Clauson, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-0299.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A multi-agency travel reinvention task force was organized in August 1994 under the auspices of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) to reengineer Federal travel rules and procedures. The task force developed 25 recommended travel management improvements published

in a JFMIP report entitled *Improving Travel Management Governmentwide*, dated December 1995. On September 23, 1996, the President signed into law the Federal Employee Travel Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-201), which included 8 legislative changes recommended by the JFMIP to improve travel and relocation.

This amendment implements section 1721 of the Act which eliminates the requirement in 31 U.S.C. 1348(b) that the agency head certify each long-distance telephone call as necessary in the interest of the Government.

The General Services Administration (GSA) has determined that this rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993. This final rule is not required to be published in the Federal Register for notice and comment. Therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply. This rule also is exempt from congressional review prescribed under 5 U.S.C. 801 since it relates solely to agency management and personnel.

#### List of Subjects in 41 CFR Part 301-6

Government employees, Travel, Travel allowances, Travel and transportation expenses.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 41 CFR part 301-6 is amended as follows:

## PART 301-6—COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

1. The authority citation for part 301-6 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

### § 301-6.4 [Amended]

2. Section 301-6.4 is amended by removing the cite "(31 U.S.C. 1348(b))" in paragraph (c), and by removing the reference "Federal Information Resources Management Regulation (FIRMR) (41 CFR 201-21.600 through 201-21.602)" and adding in its place the reference "Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR), 41 CFR 101-35.201".

### § 301-6.5 [Reserved]

3. Section 301-6.5 is removed and reserved.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

David J. Barram,

*Acting Administrator of General Services.*

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