

significantly or uniquely affect their communities."

Today's action does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of Indian tribal governments. The final rule published on April 15, 1998 does not create mandates upon tribal governments. Because today's action interprets the requirements of the final rule, today's action does not create a mandate on tribal governments. Accordingly, the requirements of section 3(b) of Executive Order 13084 do not apply to this action.

J. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) directs all Federal agencies to use voluntary consensus standards instead of government-unique standards in their regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, business practices) that are developed or adopted by one or more voluntary consensus standards bodies. Examples of organizations generally regarded as voluntary consensus standards bodies include the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). The NTTAA requires Federal agencies like the EPA to provide Congress, through OMB, with explanations when an agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards.

The proposed amendments do not involve any new technical standards or the incorporation by reference of existing technical standards. Therefore, consideration of voluntary consensus standards is not relevant to this action.

III. Legal Authority

These regulations are amended under the authority of sections 112, 114, and 301 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. sections 7412, 7414, and 7601).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 63

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations.

Dated: December 18, 1998.

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 262, 264, 265, and 270

[FRL-6210-8]

Project XL Rulemaking for New York State Public Utilities; Hazardous Waste Management System

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of Comment Period for Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement and Proposed Rule

SUMMARY: On December 7, 1998, EPA published a request for comments on a proposed rule and draft final project agreement (FPA) for the Project XL Rulemaking for New York State Public Utilities [FRL-6197-7, 63 FR 67561-67571]. The original comment period was thirty (30) days from the date of publication. EPA has received a request to extend the comment period. EPA is today granting a twenty-one (21) day extension from January 6, 1999, to January 27, 1999, for comments on the proposed rule and FPA for New York State's XL project.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on January 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for a hearing should be mailed to the RCRA Information Center Docket Clerk (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Please send an original and two copies of all comments, and refer to Docket Number F-98-NYSP-FFFFF. A copy should also be sent to Mr. Philip Flax at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866.

Viewing Docket Materials: A docket containing public comments and supporting materials is available for public inspection and copying at the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, Virginia. The RIC is open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. The public is encouraged to phone in advance to review docket materials. Appointments can be scheduled by phoning the Docket Office at (703) 603-9230. Refer to RCRA docket number F-98-NYSP-FFFFF. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost 15 cents per page.

A duplicate copy of the docket is available for inspection and copying at U.S. EPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New

York, NY 10007-1866 during normal business hours. Persons wishing to view the duplicate docket at the New York location are encouraged to contact Mr. Philip Flax in advance, by telephoning (212) 637-4143. Information is also available on the world wide web at <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Philip Flax, U.S. EPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866, (212) 637-4143.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

Lisa Lund,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Reinvention.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Part 45

[USCG-1998-4623]

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Limited Service Domestic Voyage Load Lines for River Barges on Lake Michigan

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is extending the comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking on Limited Service Domestic Voyage Load Lines for River Barges on Lake Michigan to March 4, 1999, to allow additional time for public comment.

DATES: Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before March 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1998-4623), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You

may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this proposed rule, contact Mr. Thomas Jordan, Office of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (G-MSE-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 1308, telephone 202-267-0142. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. If you submit comments, you should include your name and address, identify this notice (USCG-1998-4623) and the specific section or question in this document to which your comments apply, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing to the DOT Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**. If you want acknowledgment of receipt of your comments, you should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period.

The Coast Guard may schedule a public meeting depending on input received in response to this notice. You may request a public meeting by submitting a request to the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include the reasons why a meeting would be beneficial. If we determine that a public meeting should be held, we will hold the meeting at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

On November 2, 1998, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 58679). The NPRM proposes exempting certain unmanned dry cargo river barges from the normal Great Lakes load line requirements to operate on Lake Michigan. Instead, these river barges would need to obtain a limited domestic service load line for two specific routes (between Chicago, Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and between Chicago and Muskegon, Michigan). This proposed rule would allow direct river barge transport of

certain non-hazardous cargoes from inland river ports to Milwaukee and Muskegon while maintaining a relatively low cost-per-ton-mile rate for river barge transportation.

In response to the NPRM, a multi-industry group associated with the river barge transport of bulk ore along the southern shore of Lake Michigan to Burns Harbor, Indiana contacted the Coast Guard. The group recently met to review the proposed regulations and was concerned that there will not be enough time to develop and submit a consolidated response to the docket before the NPRM comment period closes on January 4, 1999. As a result, the group has requested an extension of the comment period. The Coast Guard accepts this as a reasonable request. We are extending the NPRM comment period to March 4, 1999.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting, Director for Standards.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-234, RM-9324]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Augusta, WI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by L. Topaz Enterprises, Inc. proposing the allotment of Channel 268C3 to Augusta, Wisconsin, as that community's first local broadcast service. The channel can be allotted to Augusta with a site restriction 12.3 kilometers (7.7 miles) east of the community at coordinates 44-40-11 and 90-57-55.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 8, 1999, and reply comments on or before February 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Dale A. Ganske, President, L. Topaz Enterprises, Inc., 5546-3 Century Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 98-234, adopted December 9, 1998, and released December 18, 1998. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contact.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-236, RM-9344]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Knox City, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Alalatex Broadcasters, proposing the allotment of Channel 297A to Knox City, Texas. The channel can be allotted to Knox City with a site restriction 13.2 kilometers (8.2 miles) west of the community at coordinates 33-25-03 and 99-40-16.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 8, 1999, and reply