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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 2

RIN 3150-AG27

### Formal and Informal Adjudicatory Hearing Procedures; Clarification of Eligibility to Participate

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations governing participation in adjudicatory proceedings conducted under its Rules of Practice to clarify that Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments are entitled to participate in these proceedings on the same basis as other governmental units.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before July 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail any comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Hand deliver comments to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, between 7:30 am and 4:15 Eastern time on Federal workdays.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format) if your web browser supports that function. For information about the NRC's interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; email [CAG@nrc.gov](mailto:CAG@nrc.gov).

Copies of any comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles E. Mullins, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-

0001; telephone (301) 415-1606; e-mail: [CEM@nrc.gov](mailto:CEM@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the Direct Final Rule published in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

Because the NRC considers this action noncontroversial and routine, the NRC is publishing the rule in final form without seeking public comments on the amendments in a proposed rule. This action will become effective on August 2, 1999. However, if the NRC receives significant adverse comments by July 1, 1999, the NRC will publish a document that withdraws the direct final rule pending review of the comments, and will address those comments in a subsequent final rule. The NRC will not initiate a second comment period on this action.

### List of Subjects in 10 CFR Part 2

Administrative practice and procedure, Antitrust, Byproduct material, Classified information, Environmental protection, Nuclear materials, Nuclear power plants and reactors, Penalties, Sex discrimination, Source material, Special nuclear material, Waste treatment and disposal.

For the reasons set out in the preamble and under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, and 5 U.S.C. 553, the NRC is proposing to adopt the following amendments to 10 CFR Part 2.

### PART 2—RULES OF PRACTICE FOR DOMESTIC LICENSING PROCEEDINGS

1. The authority citation for Part 2 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** secs. 161, 181, 68 Stat. 948, 953, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2201, 2231); sec. 191, as amended, Pub. L. 87-615, 76 Stat. 409 (42 U.S.C. 2241); sec. 201, 88 Stat. 1242, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5841); 5 U.S.C. 552.

Section 2.101 also issued under secs. 53, 62, 63, 81, 103, 104, 105, 68 Stat. 930, 932, 933, 935, 936, 937, 938, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2073, 2092, 2093, 2111, 2133, 2134, 2135); sec. 114 (f); Pub. L. 97-425, 96 Stat. 2213, as amended (42 U.S.C. 10143 (f)); sec. 102, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 853, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4332); sec. 301, 88 Stat. 1248 (42 U.S.C. 5871). Section 2.102, 2.103, 2.104, 2.105, 2.721 also issued under secs. 102, 103, 104, 105, 183i 189, 68 Stat. 936, 937, 938, 954, 955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2233, 2239). Section 2.105 also issued under Pub. L. 97-415, 96 Stat. 2073

(42 U.S.C. 2239). Sections 2.200-2.206 also issued under secs. 161 b, i, o, 182, 186, 234, 68 Stat. 948-951, 955, 83 Stat. 444, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2201 (b), (i), (o), 2236, 2282); sec. 206, 88 Stat. 1246 (42 U.S.C. 5846). Sections 2.205 (j) also issued under Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 90, as amended by section 3100(s), Pub. L. 104-134, 110 Stat. 1321-373 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note). Section 2.600-2.606 also issued under sec. 102, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 853, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4332). Section 2.700a, 2.719 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 554. Sections 2.754, 2.760, 2.770, 2.780 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 557. Section 2.764 also issued under secs. 135, 141, Pub. L. 97-425, 96 Stat. 2232, 2241 (42 U.S.C. 10155, 10161). Section 2.790 also issued under sec. 103, 68 Stat. 936, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2133) and 5 U.S.C. 552. Sections 2.800 and 2.808 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 553. Section 2.809 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 553, and sec. 29, Pub. L. 85-256, 71 Stat. 579, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2039). Subpart K also issued under sec. 189, 68 Stat. 955 (42 U.S.C. 2239); sec. 134, Pub. L. 97-425, 96 Stat. 2230 (42 U.S.C. 10154). Subpart L also issued under sec. 189, 68 Stat. 955 (42 U.S.C. 2239). Subpart M also issued under sec. 184 (42 U.S.C. 2234) and sec. 189, 68 Stat. 955 (42 U.S.C. 2239). Appendix A also issued under sec. 6, Pub. L. 91-560, 84 Stat. 1473 (42 U.S.C. 2135).

2. In § 2.715, paragraph (c) is revised to read as follows:

#### § 2.715 Participation by a person not a party.

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(c) The presiding officer will afford representatives of an interested State, county, municipality, Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, and/or agencies thereof, a reasonable opportunity to participate and to introduce evidence, interrogate witnesses, and advise the Commission without requiring the representative to take a position with respect to the issue. Such participants may also file proposed findings and exceptions pursuant to §§ 2.754 and 2.762 and petitions for review by the Commission pursuant to § 2.786. The presiding officer may require such representative to indicate with reasonable specificity, in advance of the hearing, the subject matters on which he desires to participate.

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3. In § 2.1211, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

#### § 2.1211 Participation by a person not a party.

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(b) Within 30 days of an order granting a request for a hearing under § 2.1205 (b) through (d) or, in instances when it is published, within 30 days of notice of hearing issued under § 2.1205(j), the representative of an interested State, county, municipality, Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, and/or agencies thereof, may request an opportunity to participate in a proceeding under this subpart. The request for an opportunity to participate must state with reasonable specificity the requester's area of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding. Upon receipt of a request that is filed in accordance with these time limits and that specifies the requester's areas of concern, the presiding officer shall afford the requester a reasonable opportunity to make written and oral presentations in accordance with §§ 2.1233 and 2.1235, without requiring the representative to take a position with respect to the issues. Participants under this paragraph may notice an appeal of an initial decision in accordance with § 2.1253 with respect to any issue on which they participate.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of May 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Annette Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 23

[Docket No. CE149; Notice No. 23-98-05-SC]

#### Special Conditions: Soloy Corporation Model Pathfinder 21 Airplane; Airframe

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the reopening of the comment period for the proposed special conditions for the Soloy Corporation Model Pathfinder 21 airplane. The reopening responds to a request from Soloy Corporation. The reopening is needed to permit Soloy additional time to comment on the proposed special conditions.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed in duplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Regional Counsel,

ACE-7, Attention: Rules Docket, Docket No. CE149, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, or delivered in duplicate to the Regional Counsel at the above address. Comments must be marked: Docket No. CE149. Comments may be inspected in the Rules Docket weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Keenan, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Small Airplane Directorate, ACE-111, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 816-426-6934, fax 816-426-2169.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of these proposed special conditions by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the regulatory docket or notice number and be submitted in duplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Administrator. The proposals described in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. All comments received will be available in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this rulemaking will be filed in the docket. Persons wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must include with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made "Comments to Docket No. CE149." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

##### Availability of Special Conditions

Any person may obtain a copy of these special conditions by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, at the address specified under the **ADDRESS** section. Communications must identify Docket No. CE149.

##### Background

On March 9, 1999, the FAA issued Notice No. 23-98-05-SC (64 FR 14401, March 25, 1999). This notice proposed special conditions for the Soloy Corporation Model Pathfinder 21 airplane. The proposal resulted from a request by Soloy Corporation for a supplemental type certificate for the Model Pathfinder 21 airplane.

On April 21, 1999, Soloy Corporation requested that the comment period be extended in order to allow them sufficient time to comment on the proposals. The comment period was scheduled to close April 26, 1999.

##### Conclusion

Soloy requested the special conditions originally, and the request to extend the comment period came from Soloy. In view of this fact, and since Soloy may provide additional technical information, the FAA agrees that it would be in the public interest to grant Soloy Corporation's request to extend the comment period. Since the request to extend the comment period arrived near the end of the comment period, the FAA has decided to reopen the comment period. Accordingly, the comment period for Notice No. 23-98-05-SC, Docket No. CE149, is reopened until July 1, 1999.

##### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 23

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Signs and symbols.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri on May 13, 1999.

**Marvin Nuss,**

*Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### 30 CFR Part 917

[KY-221-FOR]

#### Kentucky Regulatory Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** OSM is announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Kentucky regulatory program (Kentucky program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment consists of revisions to the Kentucky regulations pertaining to general requirements for performance bonds and liability insurance. The amendment is intended to revise the Kentucky program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations.

**DATES:** If you submit written comments, they must be received by 4 p.m.,