

opportunity to delete them from the FDPIR regulations. First, the resource and income exclusion provisions at § 253.6(d)(2)(iv)(F) and § 253.6(e)(3)(x)(G) would be deleted. These paragraphs refer to payments provided under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). Also, § 253.6(e)(3)(x)(F), which references payments by the Community Services Administration for the Crisis Intervention Program, would be deleted.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 253

Administrative practice and procedure, Food assistance programs, Grant programs, Social programs, Indians, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surplus agricultural commodities.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 253 is proposed to be amended as follows:

#### PART 253—ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR HOUSEHOLDS ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 253 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 91 Stat. 958 (7 U.S.C. 2011–2032).

2. In § 253.3, revise the third sentence of paragraph (d) to read as follows:

#### § 253.3 Availability of commodities.

(d) \* \* \* The food package offered to each household by the State agency shall contain a variety of foods from each of the food groups in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Distribution Guide Rates by Household Size—Vegetables, Fruit, Bread-Cereal-Rice-Pasta, Meat-Poultry-Fish-Dry Beans-Eggs-Nuts, Milk-Yogurt-Cheese, and Fats-Oils-Sweets. \* \* \*

#### §§ 253.5 and 253.6 [Amended]

3. In § 253.5(a)(2)(vii) and § 253.6(e)(2)(iii)(B), remove the acronym “AFDC” and add in its place the acronym “TANF”.

#### § 253.5 [Amended]

4. In § 253.5, remove paragraph (f)(2), and redesignate paragraph (f)(3) as paragraph (f)(2).

5. In § 253.6:

a. Remove paragraph (d)(2)(iv)(F);  
b. Amend paragraph (e)(1)(ii) by removing the words “January 1 and July 1” and adding, in their place, the words “October 1”;

c. Amend paragraph (e)(2)(i)(C) by removing the words “Comprehensive Employment and Training Act” and adding, in their place, the words “Job Training Partnership Act”;

d. Amend paragraph (e)(2)(ii)(A) by removing the words “Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)” and adding, in their place, the words “Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)”;

e. Remove paragraphs (e)(3)(x)(F) and (e)(3)(x)(G); and

f. Add new paragraphs (f)(3) and (f)(4) to read as follows:

#### § 253.6 Eligibility of households.

\* \* \* \* \*

(f) \* \* \*

(3) Households will receive a deduction for legally required child support payments paid by a household member to or for a nonhousehold member, including payments made to a third party on behalf of the nonhousehold member (vendor payments). The State agency must allow a deduction for amounts paid towards overdue child support (arrearages). Alimony payments made to or for a nonhousehold member cannot be included in the child support deduction.

(4) Households will receive a deduction for the full amount of the Medicare Part B medical insurance premium that is withheld from the Federal retirement or disability payment of a household member or is paid by a household member directly to Medicare. This income deduction is not allowed in situations where the premium is paid by the State on behalf of the Medicare beneficiary or where household members are not Medicare beneficiaries because they receive their health care through the Indian Health Service.

6. In § 253.7, revise paragraph (a)(6)(i) to read as follows:

#### § 253.7 Certification of households.

(a) \* \* \*

(6) \* \* \*

(i) *Mandatory verification.*—(A) *Gross non-exempt income.* The State agency must obtain verification of each household’s gross non-exempt income prior to certification. Households certified under the expedited service processing standards at paragraph (a)(9) of this section are not subject to this requirement. Income does not need to be verified to the exact dollar amount unless the household’s eligibility would be affected, since Food Distribution Program benefits are not reduced as income rises. If the eligibility worker is unable to verify the household’s income, the worker must determine an amount to be used for certification purposes based on the best available information. Reasons for inability to verify income include failure of the person or organization providing the

income to cooperate with the household and the State agency, or lack of other sources of verification.

(B) *Legal obligation and actual child support payments.* The State agency must obtain verification of the household’s legal obligation to pay child support, the amount of the obligation, and the monthly amount of child support the household actually pays. Documentation that verifies the household’s legal obligation to pay child support, such as a court order, cannot be used to verify the household’s actual monthly child support payments.

(C) *Medicare Part B medical insurance premium.* The State agency must obtain verification of the household’s payment of the Medicare Part B medical insurance premium. Documentation of this expense could include:

(1) A copy of the Social Security benefit statement for the current calendar year (SSA–4926–SM), which identifies the amount of the Medicare Part B premium deducted from the monthly Social Security benefit; or

(2) A receipt for Medicare Part B premium payments paid directly to Medicare by the household.

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Dated: January 6, 2000.

**Samuel Chambers, Jr.,**  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### 10 CFR Parts 960 and 963

[Docket No. RW–RM–99–963]

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#### Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; General Guidelines for the Recommendation of Sites for Nuclear Waste Repositories; Yucca Mountain Site Suitability Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM). U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Proposed Rule; Announcement of Extension of Public Comment Period and Rescheduling of Public Hearings.

**SUMMARY:** On November 30, 1999, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend the general guidelines for evaluating the suitability of Yucca Mountain, Nevada as a site for development of a nuclear waste repository (64 FR 67054). That notice established a 75-day public comment period ending February 14,

2000, and announced that DOE would hold two public hearings on the proposal. On December 15, 1999, DOE published a notice announcing the dates, times and locations for two public hearings on the proposed rule (64 FR 69963). This notice announces a 14-day extension of the public comment period to February 28, 2000, cancellation of the public hearings previously scheduled for January 18 and 19, 2000, and new dates, times and locations for the public hearings.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by February 28, 2000. DOE will consider comments after February 28, 2000, to the extent practicable. DOE requests one copy of the written comments. Public hearings have been rescheduled for the following dates and locations:

1. February 2, 2000, from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
2. February 3, 2000, from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Dr. William J. Boyle or Dr. Jane Summerson, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307, or provided by electronic mail to [10CFR963@notes.ymmp.gov](mailto:10CFR963@notes.ymmp.gov), or by Facsimile at 1-800-967-0739. The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. February 2, 2000, Terrible's Lakeside Casino, 5870 South Homestead Road, Pahrump, Nevada 89048.
2. February 3, 2000, St. Tropez-All Suite Hotel, 455 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. William J. Boyle or Dr. Jane Summerson, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307, Telephone 1-800-967-3477.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To schedule a time to provide oral comments during the hearings, please call Dr. Summerson at 1-800-967-3477. Persons wishing to provide oral comments who have not registered in advance may register at the hearings.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on January 12, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 99-NM-321-AD]

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#### **Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-100 Series 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 Bombardier Model DHC-8-100 series airplanes. This proposal would require changing the power supply for the thunderstorm lights from the left secondary bus to the left essential bus. This proposal is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent a failure of the thunderstorm lights in the cockpit after loss of all generated electrical power. This condition could result in the cockpit instruments not being visible to the flight crew during certain emergency procedures, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by February 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-NM-321-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 Bombardier, Inc., Bombardier Regional Aircraft Division, Garratt Boulevard, Downsview, Ontario M3K 1Y5, Canada. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington, or the New York Aircraft Certification Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Luciano Castracane, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Propulsion Branch, ANE-171, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, New York Aircraft Certification Office, 10 Fifth Street, Third Floor, Valley Stream, New York

11581; telephone (516) 256-7535; fax (516) 568-2716.

#### **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 submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 99-NM-321-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

##### **Availability of NPRMs**

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 99-NM-321-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

##### **Discussion**

Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), which is the airworthiness authority for Canada, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Bombardier Model DHC-8-100 series airplanes. The thunderstorm lights on these airplanes are supplied with electrical power from the left secondary bus. TCCA advises that the loss of all generated power under this condition would result in no cockpit instrument lighting. Loss of electrical power, if not corrected, could result in the cockpit instruments not being visible to the flight crew during certain emergency procedures, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.