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Title 7—Agriculture

CHAPTER VI—SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SUBCHAPTER B—CONSERVATION OPERATIONS PART 612—SNOW SURVEYS AND WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

On May 9, 1974, the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (39 FR 16480) for comment proposed guidelines for Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasts.

Written comments received on the proposed SCS guidelines published in the FEDERAL REGISTER May 9, 1974, were given full consideration in developing the final guidelines. SCS consulted with all agencies making written comments in finalizing the guidelines. The full text of all comments received are on file and available for public inspection in Room 5251, South Bldg., USDA.

Substantive comments received and their consideration follow.

1. Section 612.2(a) Comment suggested that planning for such networks be carried out in accordance with OMB Circular A-62.

We agree and appropriate wording has been added.

2. Section 612.2(b) Comment: Rewrite as follows:

Determines and provides information on the expected water supply, including seasonal streamflow data. If pertinent and appropriate to the needs of cooperators and not otherwise available to them, may provide necessary interpretative analyses and forecasts required for operation of water-control structures and/or agricultural operations.

We concur and have revised the wording of this section.

3. Section 612.2(e) Comment: Add "and water supply forecasts" after snow survey activities. Then, delete "and" and start new sentence: "By." Or, this statement on agreements might better serve the original intent by moving it to 612.2 (c).

We concur and have revised the referred to sections.

4. Section 612.3(a) Comment. This item describes the basic data snow course location adequately, but throughout the western mountains, SCS has many aerial markers which only measure snow depth. The water equivalent at these sites is usually derived by a mathematical correlation procedure. It is also noted that a snow pillow-type site measures only the water equivalent of the snowpack and a depth figure would have to be similarly extrapolated.

We agree and have made appropriate word changes.

SCS herewith publishes final 7 CFR Part 612—Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasts, which are to be effective on March 17, 1975.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 10.907, National Archives Reference Services.)

Dated: March 7, 1975.

KENNETH E. GRANT,
Administrator,
Soil Conservation Service.

Part 612 is added as set forth below:

- Sec.
612.1 Purpose and scope.
612.2 Snow survey and water supply forecasts activities.
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612.5 Dissemination of water supply forecasts and basic data.
612.6 Application for water supply forecast service.
612.7 Forecast user responsibility.

AUTHORITY: 26 Stat. 653; Sec. 8, Reorg. Plan No. IV of 1940, 54 Stat. 1234 (5 U.S.C. App. II); 5 FR 2421, 3 CFR 1938-1943 Comp. P. 1288.

§ 612.1 Purpose and scope.

This part sets forth Soil Conservation Service (SCS) policy and procedure for the administration of a cooperative snow survey and water supply forecast program. The program provides agricultural water users and other water management groups in the western states area with water supply forecasts to enable them to plan for efficient water management. The program also provides the public and the scientific community with a data base that can be used to accurately determine the extent of the snow resource. The western states area comprises Alaska, Arizona, California (east side of the Sierra Nevada mountain range only), Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

§ 612.2 Snow survey and water supply forecast activities.

To carry out the cooperative snow survey and water supply forecast program, SCS:

(a) Establishes, maintains, and operates manual and automated snow course and related hydrometeorological networks. Planning for such networks is carried out in accordance with OMB Circular A-62.

(b) Determines and provides information on the expected water supply, including seasonal streamflow data. If pertinent and appropriate to the needs of cooperators and not otherwise available to them, may provide necessary interpretative analyses and forecasts re-

quired for operation of water-control structures and/or agricultural operations.

(c) On request and to the extent SCS resources and any required cooperator contributions are available, establishes hydrometeorological stations to collect and provide data and necessary interpretative analyses to the requesting party. By written agreement SCS may accept cooperators' funds, materials, equipment, and services for this purpose.

(d) Develops and encourages use of new techniques and improving data collection and processing.

(e) Cooperates with other federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and Canadian provinces and agencies.

§ 612.3 Data collected and forecasts.

(a) Basic data are currently collected at numerous sites in the western states area. Data sites generally include a snow course where both snow depth and water equivalent of snow are measured. However, special sites may measure only snow depth or water equivalent. Many of these sites also provide related hydrometeorological data, such as precipitation, temperature, humidity, solar radiation, and wind.

(b) Water supply forecasts in the western states area are generally made monthly from January through June. Forecasts may be made more frequently for an established need when data are available to SCS.

§ 612.4 Eligible individuals or groups.

(a) Any individual or group who is a significant water user and who would benefit from a water supply forecast may obtain forecasts from SCS on a regular basis provided data are available to SCS to develop a forecast at the desired location.

(b) The program collects and interprets data as a service and an aid to agricultural interests, particularly those served by or affiliated with soil, water, and other conservation districts. Information collected by SCS for these agricultural users is also made available to other federal, state, and private agencies and to the general public without charge. Cooperator financial contribution is usually required for special measurements or interpretations beyond the scope of the regular program.

§ 612.5 Dissemination of water supply forecasts and basic data.

Water supply outlook reports prepared by SCS and its cooperators containing water supply forecasts and basic data are usually issued monthly by each SCS state office in the western states area for the months of January through June.

Other reports jointly issued by SCS and its cooperators include a fall water supply summary, annual and accumulative summaries of data, and a western states area report covering water supply outlook.

§ 612.6 Application for water supply forecast service.

Requests for obtaining water supply forecasts or related assistance may be directed to any SCS office in the western states area. SCS offices are described in Part 600 of this chapter.

§ 612.7 Forecast user responsibility.

The forecast user's obligation to the federal government is to give appropriate credit and recognition to SCS for information furnished. The federal government does not assume any responsibility for management decisions the user makes which may be based in whole or part on information provided by SCS.

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Title 12—Banks and Banking

CHAPTER I—COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

PART 22—LOANS IN AREAS HAVING SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARDS

Clarification of Lending Prohibition

The Comptroller of the Currency is amending the regulation governing loans in areas having special flood hazards (12 CFR Part 22, 39 FR 7129, February 25, 1974). This amendment incorporates into the section of the regulation prohibiting loans in nonparticipating communities the one-year grace period following identification of a special flood hazard area provided in section 201(d) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4001, et seq.).

Under this amendment a national bank may make, increase, extend or renew a loan secured by improved real estate or a mobile home located in a special flood hazard area, if the community is not participating in the national flood insurance program, until July 1, 1975, or the expiration of one year from the date of identification of the special flood hazards by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is later. After that date any such loan will be prohibited unless the community is participating and the borrower obtains flood insurance in the required amount.

Since the Act prescribes the directions to be contained in this amendment and the times that they are to become effective, notice, public participation and deferred effective date are not required. This amendment, therefore, will become effective upon publication.

Part 22 of Chapter I, Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

Section 22.3 is revised to read as follows:

§ 22.3 Prohibition as to loans in nonparticipating communities.

On and after July 1, 1975, or after one year following the date of official noti-

fication to the chief executive officer of the community of identification of special flood hazards, whichever is later, no bank shall make, increase, extend, or renew any loan secured by improved real estate or a mobile home located or to be located in an area that has been identified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards, unless the community in which such area is situated is then participating in the national flood insurance program.

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Dated: March 11, 1975

JAMES E. SMITH,
Comptroller of the Currency.

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Title 14—Aeronautics and Space

CHAPTER I—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Airworthiness Docket No. 72-SW-10; Amdt. 39-2128]

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

Bell Models 206A and 206B Helicopters

A proposal to amend Part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations to include an airworthiness directive requiring replacement of the cabin roof straps, P/N 206-031-200-23 and -24, with straps P/N 206-032-200-37 and -38, on Bell Models 206A and 206B helicopters, serial numbers 1 through 1163, to supersede Amendment 39-1437, was published in 40 FR 3784.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of the amendment. Only one comment was received. A repair station mechanic stated that due to their inspections of the fittings and straps on Bell 206 helicopters, they felt that an additional AD was not necessary.

The agency has given due consideration to the comment received, but due to the number of reports of additional cases of cracked cabin roof straps, the agency concludes that the rule should be adopted as proposed.

In consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator (31 FR 13697), § 39.13 of Part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

BELL.—Applies to Bell Models 206A and 206B helicopters, serial numbers 1 through 1163, certificated in all categories.

Compliance required within the next 1200 hours' time in service after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To prevent possible failure of the cabin roof straps, P/N 206-031-200-23 and -24, accomplish the following:

a. Remove the cabin roof straps, P/N 206-031-200-23 and -24, in accordance with items 1 through 4 of Bell Helicopter Company Service Bulletin No. 206-01-74-2, dated November 13, 1974, or later approved revision.

b. Install the cabin roof straps, P/N 206-032-200-37 and -38, in accordance with items 5 through 9 of Bell Helicopter Company Service Bulletin No. 206-01-74-2, dated November 13, 1974, or later approved revision.

The manufacturer's specifications and procedures identified and described in this directive are incorporated herein and made a part hereof pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1). All persons affected by this directive, who have not already received these documents from the manufacturer, may obtain copies upon request to the Service Manager, Bell Helicopter Company, P.O. Box 482, Fort Worth, Texas 76101. These documents may also be examined at the office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, FAA, 4400 Blue Mound Road, Fort Worth, Texas, and at FAA Headquarters, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. A historical file on this AD, which includes the incorporated material in full, is maintained by the FAA at its headquarters in Washington, D.C., and at the Southwest Regional Office in Fort Worth, Texas.

This supersedes Amendment 39-1437 (37 FR 8438), AD 72-9-2.

This amendment becomes effective April 15, 1975.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, and 603 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421, and 1423) and of sec. 6(c) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(c)).)

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on March 6, 1975.

HENRY L. NEWMAN,
Director, Southwest Region.

The incorporation by reference provisions in this document were approved by the Director of the Federal Register on June 19, 1967.

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Title 29—Labor

CHAPTER V—WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

PART 545—HOMEWORERS IN INDUSTRIES IN PUERTO RICO

Minimum Wage Rates for Piece Work

Pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1062, as amended (29 U.S.C. 206)), including the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-259; 84 Stat. 35), and Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950 (3 CFR 1949-53 Comp.; p. 1004), Secretary's Order No. 13-71 (36 FR 8755) and Employment Standards Order 1-74 (39 FR 33841), I hereby amend Part 545 of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations by increasing proportionately the piece rates in industries in Puerto Rico as the result of the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974. Those piece rates deemed obsolete including those in § 545.9(e), are deleted. As the revised rates are commensurate with and reflect the increase in rates under the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974 and are made pursuant to section (6) of the Act, it is found that notice and public procedure are unnecessary and good cause is found to curtail extensive delay in the effective date. Accordingly, this revision shall be effective March 17, 1975.

As revised, § 545.9 reads as follows: