

chapter, in any proceeding in which a hearing has been held or convened.

(8) Issue and sign deficiency letters regarding natural gas rate filings, certificate applications and abandonment applications.

(g) The Director of the Office of Electric Power Regulation or in the Director's absence, the Director's designee to:

(1) Take appropriate action on any application for a determination or vacation with respect to lands of the United States reserved from entry, location, or other disposal under section 24 of the Federal Power Act.

(2) Pass upon applications by licensees, other Federal agencies and the States, to modify license conditions for a period of 1 year or less.

(3) Take appropriate action on drawings, maps, plans, or specifications showing hydroelectric project works "as built" that are submitted by a licensee for approval in response to the requirements of a license article or a Commission order.

(4) Approve, with respect to particular parcels of land within the project area of a licensed waterpower project, the conveyance by the licensee to another entity of an interest therein for use for a nonproject purpose, subject to the right of the licensee, its successors and assigns to use the land for all project purposes contemplated by the license for the project.

(5) Pass upon applications for amendments to licenses issued under the Federal Power Act for the authorization of changes of 10 acres or less in the area within the project boundary for which any proposed new land use would entail no significant environmental impact and no significant effect on operation or maintenance of the project or on the use of remaining project lands and water for project purposes.

(6) Pass upon applications for transfers of licenses from a licensee to a successor or assign under section 8 of the Federal Power Act.

(7) Pass upon applications for the surrender of transmission line licenses pursuant to Part 6 of this chapter.

(8) Pass upon requests by applicants to withdraw, pursuant to § 1.11(d)(3) of this chapter, any declaration of intention, or application for license, or amendment, under Part I of the Federal Power Act.

(9) Pass upon requests by licensees for exemption from the requirement of filing FPC Form No. 80, Licensed Projects Recreation, under § 8.11 of this chapter.

(10) Take appropriate action on technical plans pertaining to recreation, fish, wildlife, cultural resources, or water quality that are submitted by a licensee for approval in response to the requirements of a license article or Commission order.

(11) Issue preliminary permits to enable permittees to maintain priority of application for a license where no opposition in any form to the issuance of the permit is received by the Commission.

(12) Accept for filing all initial rate schedules and rate schedule changes except for changes which would result in rate increases, that are submitted by public utilities and licensees; waive the requirement of statutory notice for good cause shown, and advise the filing party of such acceptance; and designate rate schedules and the effective dates thereof.

This authorization shall not apply where adverse interventions are received upon the expiration of the date set for such protests or interventions by the Commission's public notice of such filings.

(13) Pass upon, in uncontested proceedings, applications for the extension of time for public utilities and licensees to file required reports, data, and information and to do other acts required to be done within a specific time period by any rule, regulation, license, permit, certificate or order of the Commission.

(14) Issue deficiency letters regarding electric rate schedule filings, corporate applications for the sale of facilities with respect to interlocking directorates, and applications filed under Part I of the Federal Power Act.

(15) Reject a rate filing or an application filed under Part I of the Federal Power Act, unless accompanied by a request for waiver in conformity with § 1.14(a)(2) of this chapter, if it falls patently to comply with applicable statutory requirements or Commission rules, regulations and orders.

(16) Accept for filing data and reports submitted by public utilities and licensees that are required by Commission orders and presiding officers' initial decisions when such filings are patently in compliance with the orders or decisions; and, when appropriate, notify the filing party of such acceptance.

(17) Take appropriate action on proposals for the development of water resources projects submitted by other agencies of the Federal government for Commission review or comment. The Director or his designee shall direct comments, when necessary, to the sponsoring agency on matters including, but not limited to, the need for, and appropriate size of, any hydroelectric power installation proposed by any other agency of the Federal government.

(18) Issue Appraisal and Planning Status Reports regarding water planning or development activities in specific river basins. The reports shall contain the statement, "This report does not necessarily reflect the views of the Commission," unless the report

is specifically approved by the Commission.

(19) Prepare and issue comments on general water policy and planning issues, for the use of the Director of the Water Resources Council or the Assistant Secretaries of the Department of Energy.

(20) Pass upon applications filed by persons seeking to hold interlocking positions under section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act. This authority shall not be exercised in cases where a protest or adverse intervention is timely filed with the Commission.

(21) Pass upon applications for the sale of jurisdictional facilities under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act. This authority shall not be exercised in cases where an adverse intervention is timely filed with the Commission.

PART 35—FILING OF RATE SCHEDULES

§ 35.2 [Amended]

6. Section 35.2 is amended in the final sentence of paragraph (c) by deleting the word "Secretary," and inserting in lieu thereof "Director of the Office of Electric Power Regulation".

PART 157—APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND FOR ORDERS PERMITTING AND APPROVING ABANDONMENT UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE NATURAL GAS ACT

§ 157.8 [Amended]

7. Section 157.8 is amended by substituting the words "Director of the Office of Pipeline and Producer Regulation" for the word "Secretary" wherever it appears.

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Title 28—Judicial Administration CHAPTER I—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[Tax Division Directive No. 30]

PART 0—ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Appendix to Subpart Y—Redelegation of Authority to Compromise and Close Civil Claims

REDELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO RELEASE RIGHTS OF REDEMPTION IN CERTAIN CASES

AGENCY: Tax Division, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This directive increases the redelegation to the U.S. Attorneys of the authority to release rights of redemption in certain cases. This directive supersedes Tax Division Directive No. 29.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 1978.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mildred L. Seidman, Chief, Review Section, Tax Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, 202-739-3661.

In appendix to Subpart Y—Redelegation of Authority to Compromise and Close Civil Claims, Tax Division Directive No. 29 is deleted and Directive No. 30 is added as follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by part O of title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations, particularly §§ 0.70, 0.160, 0.162, 0.164, 0.166, and 0.168, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. The U.S. Attorney for each district in which is located real property, which is subject to a right of redemption of the United States in respect of Federal tax liens, arising under section 2410(c) of title 28 of the United States Code, or under State law when the United States has been joined as a party to a suit, is authorized to release the right of redemption, subject to the following limitations and conditions—

(1) This redelegation of authority relates only to real property on which is located only one single-family residence, and to all other real property having a fair market value not exceeding \$60,000. That limitation as to value or use shall not apply in those cases in which the release is requested by the Veterans Administration or any other Federal agency.

(2) The consideration paid for the release must be equal to the value of the right of redemption, or fifty dollars (\$50), whichever is greater. However, no consideration shall be required for releases issued to the Veterans Administration or any other Federal agency.

(3) The following described documents must be placed in the U.S. Attorney's file in each case in which a release is issued—

(A) The favorable recommendation of the appropriate Regional Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service.

(B) Appraisals by two disinterested and well-qualified persons. In those cases in which the applicant is a Federal agency, the appraisal of that agency may be substituted for the two appraisals generally required.

(C) Such other information and documents as the Tax Division may prescribe.

SEC. 2. This directive supersedes Tax Division Directive No. 29, approved November 22, 1976.

SEC. 3. This directive shall become effective August 1, 1978.

Dated: July 25, 1978.

M. CARR FERGUSON,
Assistant Attorney General,
Tax Division.

Approved:

MICHAEL J. EGAN,
Associate Attorney General.

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[Tax Division Directive No. 31]

PART 0—ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Appendix to Subpart Y—Redelegation of Authority to Compromise and Close Civil Claims****REDELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMPROMISE AND CLOSE CIVIL CLAIMS**

AGENCY: Tax Division, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This directive increases the redelegation to various officials of the Tax Division of the authority to compromise, settle and close claims filed in behalf of the United States and in claims against the United States. This directive supersedes Tax Division Directive No. 28.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This directive shall become effective on August 17, 1978.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mildred L. Seidman, Chief, Review Section, Tax Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, 202-739-3661.

In appendix to Subpart Y—Redelegation of Authority to Compromise and Close Civil Claims, Tax Division Directive No. 28 is deleted and Directive No. 31 is added as follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by part O of title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations, particularly §§ 0.70, 0.160, 0.162, 0.164, 0.166, and 0.168, it is ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. The Chiefs of the Civil Trial Sections, the Court of Claims Section, and the Appellate Section are

authorized to reject offers in compromise, regardless of amount, without reference to the Review Section, provided that such action is not opposed by the agency or agencies involved.

SEC. 2. Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in section 6 hereof, the Chiefs of the Civil Trial Sections and Court of Claims Section are authorized to accept offers in compromise in all cases in which the amount of the Government's concession, exclusive of statutory interest, does not exceed \$50,000, provided that such action is not opposed by the agency or agencies involved.

SEC. 3. Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in section 6 hereof, the Chief of the Review Section shall have authority to

(A) Accept offers in compromise in all cases in which the amount of the Government's concession, exclusive of statutory interest, does not exceed \$200,000,

(B) Approve administrative settlements not exceeding \$200,000,

(C) Approve concessions (other than by compromise) of civil claims asserted by the Government in all cases in which the gross amount of the original claim does not exceed \$200,000, and

(D) Reject offers in compromise, or disapprove administrative settlements or concessions, regardless of amount,

Provided, That the action is not opposed by the agency or agencies involved or the chief of the section to which the case is assigned.

SEC. 4. Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in section 6 hereof, the Director, Civil Litigation, shall have authority to—

(A) Accept offers in compromise of claims against the Government in all cases in which the amount of the Government's concession, exclusive of statutory interest, does not exceed \$500,000,

(B) Approve administrative settlements not exceeding \$500,000,

(C) Approve offers in compromise of claims in behalf of the Government in all cases in which the difference between the gross amount of the original claim and the proposed settlement does not exceed \$250,000 or 10 percent of the original claim, whichever is greater,

(D) Approve concessions (other than by compromise) of civil claims asserted by the Government in all cases in which the gross amount of the original claim does not exceed \$250,000, and

(E) Reject offers in compromise, or disapprove administrative settlements or concessions, regardless of amount,

Provided, That the action is not opposed by the agency or agencies involved, the Chief of the Review Section, or the chief of the section to which the case is assigned: *And provided further*, That the limiting amount in (A) and (B) shall be \$200,000 if the case is subject to reference to the Joint Committee on Taxation.

SEC. 5. Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in section 6 hereof, the Deputy Assistant Attorneys General each shall have authority to—

(A) Accept offers in compromise of claims against the Government in all cases in which the amount of the Government's concession, exclusive of statutory interest, does not exceed \$500,000,

(B) Approve administrative settlements not exceeding \$500,000,

(C) Approve offers in compromise of claims in behalf of the Government in all cases in which the difference between the gross amount of the original claim and the proposed settlement does not exceed \$250,000 or 10 percent of the original claim, whichever is greater,

(D) Approve concessions (other than by compromise) of civil claims asserted by the Government in all cases in which the gross amount of the original claim does not exceed \$250,000, and

(E) Reject offers in compromise, or disapprove administrative settlements or concessions, regardless of amount,

Provided, That such action is not opposed by the agency or agencies involved: *And provided further*, That the limiting amount in (A) and (B) shall be \$200,000 if the case is subject to reference to the Joint Committee on Taxation.

SEC. 6. The authority redelegated herein shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations—

(A) When, for any reason, the compromise or administrative settlement or concession of a particular claim, as a practical matter, will control or adversely influence the disposition of other claims totaling more than the respective amounts designated in sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, the case shall be forwarded for review at the appropriate level.

(B) When, because of the importance of a question of law or policy presented, the position taken by the agency or agencies or by the United States Attorney involved, or any other considerations, the person otherwise authorized herein to take final action (or the Chief of the Review Section, in cases which have been considered by

such section) is of the opinion that the proposed disposition should be reviewed at a higher level, the case shall be forwarded for such review.

(C) Nothing in this directive shall be construed as altering any provision of subpart Y of part O of title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations requiring the submission of certain cases to the Attorney General, the Associate Attorney General, or the Solicitor General.

(D) Authority to approve recommendations that the Government confess error, or make administrative settlements, in cases on appeal, is excepted from the foregoing redelegations.

(E) The Assistant Attorney General, at any time, may withdraw any authority delegated by this Directive as it relates to any particular case or category of cases, or to any part thereof.

SEC. 7. This directive supersedes Tax Division Directive No. 28, approved November 22, 1976.

SEC. 8. This directive shall become effective on August 17, 1978.

Dated: July 25, 1978.

M. CARR FERGUSON,
Assistant Attorney General.

Approved:

MICHAEL J. EGAN,
Associate Attorney General.

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[AAG/A Order No. 5-78]

PART 16—PRODUCTION OR DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL OR INFORMATION

Subpart E—Exemption of Records Systems Under the Privacy Act

AGENCY: Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k), on May 9, 1978, the Department of Justice issued in the notice section of the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of intent to exempt an existing system of records from the access provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(d). On the same day the Department issued in the proposed rules section a proposed rule to effect the exemption. The subject system is entitled Civil Rights Investigative System (JUSTICE/LEAA-008). Exemption was proposed in those cases where a request for access to a complaint file is made prior to administrative resolution of the civil rights complaint. The exemption is needed to insure unhampered conciliation and compliance efforts during the complaint and compliance process and to protect the identity of confidential

sources. The system was printed in its entirety in the FEDERAL REGISTER on September 30, 1977.

DATE: The rule will be effective August 17, 1978.

ADDRESS: Legal and Legislative Group, Office of Management and Finance, Department of Justice, 10th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bronson E. Clayton, 202-739-4165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations issued in the FEDERAL REGISTER on May 9 set forth plans to amend 28 CFR 16.100 by adding paragraphs (d) and (e). No comments have been received regarding the proposed regulations. However, one minor correction has been made. The United States Code reference in § 16.100(d)(1) is further clarified by changing the reference from 5 U.S.C. 552a(k) to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). Pursuant to the authority vested in the Attorney General by 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) and delegated to me by Attorney General Order No. 793-78, the proposed regulations amended as described above are set forth below.

Dated: August 8, 1978.

KEVIN D. ROONEY,
Assistant Attorney General
for Administration.

§ 16.100 of title 28 is amended by adding paragraphs (d) and (e):

§ 16.100 Exemption of Law Enforcement Assistance Administration System—limited access.

(d) The following system of records is exempt from 5 U.S.C. 552a(d):

(1) The Civil Rights Investigative System (JUSTICE/LEAA-008). This exemption applies only to the extent that information in this system is subject to exemption pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2).

(e) Exemption from subsection (d) is claimed since access to information in the Civil Rights Investigative System prior to final administrative resolution will deter conciliation and compliance efforts. Consistent with the legislative purpose of the Privacy Act of 1974, decisions to release information from the system will be made on a case-by-case basis and information will be made available where it does not compromise the complaint and compliance process. In addition, where explicit promises of confidentiality must be made to a source during an investigation, disclosure will be limited to the extent that the identity of such confi-

dential sources will not be compromised.

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Title 33—Navigation and Navigable Waters

CHAPTER I—COAST GUARD, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[CGD 78-036]

PART 183—BOATS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

Safety Standards for Boat Gasoline Fuel Systems

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment delays the effective date for certain requirements in the regulations relating to the leakage of fuel from fuel pumps and carburetors installed on gasoline powered inboard boats. The Coast Guard has learned that the major suppliers of fuel pumps and carburetors used on boats subject to these regulations will not be able to supply fuel pumps and carburetors complying with the regulations in sufficient time for boat builders to meet the effective date. This delay will give boat builders time to receive marine engines which comply with the regulations and install those marine engines on boats built after the new effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment is effective on August 17, 1978.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Captain Philip Danahy, Marine Safety Council (G-CMC/81), Room 8117, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20590, 202-426-1477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In that the material contained in this amendment relieves certain requirements for persons subject to a previously issued final rule by delaying the effective date of that rule, this rule may be made effective in less than 30 days after publication.

In view of the fact that §§ 183.524(c) and 183.526 were to become effective on August 1, 1978, and in view of the need to inform manufacturers of their obligations, the Coast Guard has determined that prior notice and comment thereon is impracticable. However, in keeping with the spirit of 5 U.S.C. 553, the Coast Guard will accept written comments on or before October 2, 1978, to permit interested

persons to call to our attention any significant problems or objections.

Comments should include docket number (CGD 78-036), the name and address of the person submitting the comments, the specific section of the regulation to which the comment applies, and reasons for the comment. Address comments to Commandant (G-CMC/81), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the Marine Safety Council (G-CMC/81), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590.

DRAFTING INFORMATION

The principal persons involved in drafting this rule are Mr. Lars E. Granholm, Project Manager, Office of Boating Safety, and Lt. Robert R. Meeks, Project Attorney, Office of Boating Safety.

DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Publication of the final rule for 33 CFR Part 183, Subpart J—Fuel Systems, in the *FEDERAL REGISTER* occurred on January 31, 1977. During the past few months, the Coast Guard has received communications from four of the principal manufacturers of gasoline-powered marine engines to the effect that fuel pumps and carburetors meeting the requirements of these regulations will not be available in sufficient time or in sufficient quantity to supply the builders of boats subject to the regulations. This information has been considered with respect to the possible effects on persons subject to these regulations. The specific amendment which follows was developed from this information.

Section 183.524(c) specifies that after the completion of the fire test in § 183.590 the pump must not leak more than 5 ounces of fuel in 2½ minutes.

Section 183.526—Carburetors, requires that each carburetor must not leak more than 5 cubic centimeters of fuel in 30 seconds under conditions which can exist when the engine is being started. It also requires each up-draft and horizontal draft carburetor to have a device that collects and holds fuel which might leak from the carburetor air intake or be discharged from the carburetor during a backfire.

The majority of fuel pumps and carburetors used on gasoline powered marine engines in the United States are supplied by two manufacturers of automobile engine components who modify their standard products for marine use. The fuel pumps and carburetors are supplied to a number of engine converters who assemble parts from automotive engines, special marine parts, and these fuel pumps and carburetors, to produce marine engines. The completed marine engines

are sold to a much larger number of boat builders who install these marine engines in boats which are subject to the fuel systems regulations.

The information supplied to the Coast Guard indicates that the builders of the marine engines have experienced delays in receiving fuel pumps and carburetors which comply with these regulations. As a direct result of those delays, the manufacturers of marine engines have not been able to deliver engines to the boat builders who are subject to the regulation in time to comply with the effective date of August 1, 1978, for §§ 183.524(c) and 183.526.

The delays anticipated would result in a severe economic burden on the boat builders subject to these regulations because they are prohibited from selling any boat built after the effective date of the regulation if it does not comply with all of the requirements. The Coast Guard had determined that there are no reasonable alternatives available to the boat builders in view of the limited number of suppliers of marine fuel pumps and carburetors. For the above reason, this amendment changes the effective date for §§ 183.524(c) and 183.526 from August 1, 1978, to the new effective date February 1, 1979.

This amendment has been reviewed under DOT Notice 78-1, Improving Government Regulations (43 FR 9582). A final evaluation has been prepared and is available for inspection at the Marine Safety Council.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 183 of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

§§ 183.501 [Amended]

In § 183.501, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

(b) . . .

AUGUST 1, 1978

183.512	183.540
183.516	183.552
183.524 (a) and (b)	183.558

FEBRUARY 1, 1979

183.524(c)	183.526
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(85 Stat. 215 (46 U.S.C. 1454); 49 CFR 1.46(n)(1).)

NOTE.—The Coast Guard has determined that this document does not contain a major proposal requiring preparation of an Economic Impact Statement under Executive Order 11821, as amended, and OMB Circular A-107.

Dated: August 11, 1978.

J. B. HAYES,
Admiral, U.S. Coast
Guard, Commandant.

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