

Deputy Secretary, the Under Secretary for Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, and other senior officials who will serve as advisory members on an ad hoc basis when necessary to address specific issues.

The Secretary also is designating the ASRPM as the Department's Regulatory Policy Officer in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Section 6(a) of the Executive Order requires Federal agencies to designate a Regulatory Policy Officer who shall report to the agency head. The Regulatory Policy Officer is to be involved in each stage of the regulatory process to foster the development of effective, innovative, and least burdensome regulations and to further the principles set forth in the Executive Order. With the establishment of ORPM, the ASRPM is assuming those responsibilities from the General Counsel.

This document also makes minor technical amendments to 38 CFR 2.7, which is a delegation of authority that concerns the provision of relief on account of administrative error.

#### Administrative Procedure Act

This document is being published as a final rule pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, which excepts matters pertaining to internal agency management and personnel from its notice, comment, and delayed effective date requirements.

#### Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act requires, at 2 U.S.C. 1532, that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before developing any rule that may result in an expenditure by State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any given year. This final rule will have no consequential effect on State, local, or tribal governments.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521).

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this regulatory amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612. This amendment would not directly affect any small entities. Only individuals could be directly affected. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this amendment is exempt from the initial

and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603–604.

#### Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

There are no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program numbers for this rule.

#### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 2

Authority delegations (Government agencies).

Approved: May 2, 2003.

**Anthony J. Principi,**  
*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 38 CFR part 2 is amended as follows:

#### PART 2—DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

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

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 302, 552a; 38 U.S.C. 501, 512, 515, 1729, 1729A, 5711; 44 U.S.C. 3702, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Section 2.6 is amended by adding paragraph (l) and an authority citation at the end of the section to read as follows:

#### § 2.6 Secretary's delegations of authority to certain officials (38 U.S.C. 512).

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(l) *Assistant to the Secretary, Office of Regulation Policy and Management.* The Assistant to the Secretary for Regulation Policy and Management (ASRPM) is delegated authority:

(1) To act on all matters assigned to the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, except such matters as require the personal attention or action of the Secretary or the Secretary's Regulatory Policy Council.

(2) To manage and coordinate the Department's rulemaking activities, including the revision and reorganization of regulations.

(3) To serve as the Regulatory Policy Officer for the Department's rulemaking activities in accordance with Executive Order 12866.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 512)

■ 3. Section 2.7 is amended by:

■ A. In the first sentence of paragraph (b), removing “210(c)(3)” and adding, in its place, “503(b)” and removing “widow” and adding, in its place, “surviving spouse”.

■ B. Adding an authority citation at the end of the section.

The addition reads as follows:

#### § 2.7 Delegation of authority to provide relief on account of administrative error.

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(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 503, 512)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[IL 184–1a; FRL–7481–3]

### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan; Illinois New Source Review Amendments

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is approving a requested revision to the Illinois State Implementation Plan (SIP), affecting air permit rules, submitted on August 31, 1998. The submittal revises provisions for major modifications to stationary sources to align more closely with the Clean Air Act (CAA).

**DATES:** This rule is effective on July 14, 2003, without further notice, unless EPA receives written adverse comments by June 12, 2003. If adverse comment is received, EPA will publish a timely withdrawal of this direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the State's submittal and other supporting information used in developing the proposed approval are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following location: EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, AR–18J, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please contact Steve Marquardt at (312) 353–3214 to arrange a time to inspect the submittal.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Marquardt, AR–18J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, Telephone Number: (312) 353–3214, E-Mail Address: [marquardt.steve@epa.gov](mailto:marquardt.steve@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This section addresses the following questions:

What does this document address?  
What is the legal basis of the changes that EPA is approving?  
What is the impact of these changes on the Emission Reductions Market System (ERMS)?  
What is involved in this final action?

#### What Does This Document Address?

Illinois' rules for nonattainment New Source Review (NSR), 35 Ill. Adm. Code 203, are designed to ensure that the