

Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

Note 6: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(j) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

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PEACE CORPS

22 CFR Part 303

Procedures for Disclosure of Information Under the Freedom of Information Act

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Peace Corps is proposing to review its regulations on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to implement the 1996 amendments to the FOIA regarding electronic records, time limits, and standards for processing requests for records. In addition, revisions are proposed to incorporate procedures for Office of Inspector General (OIG) records. Provisions are also added describing the availability of Peace Corps records in the **Federal Register** and the agency's electronic reading room. Finally, provisions are added that set out procedures for responding to a subpoena.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Tyler S. Posey, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 8th Floor, 1111 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20526.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne B. Glasow, Associate General Counsel, 202-692-2150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background. This rule proposes to substantially revise the Peace Corps' FOIA regulation to implement the 1996 amendments to the FOIA regarding electronic records, time limits, and standards for processing requests for records. See "Electronic Freedom of

Information Act Amendments of 1996." Pub. L. 104-231. It also adds procedures for OIG records and describes the availability of Peace Corps records in the **Federal Register** and the agency's public reading room. Finally, provisions are added that set out procedures for responding to a subpoena. This rule is based on guidelines issued by the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Information and Privacy and DOJ's FOIA rule. A section-by-section analysis follows.

Section-by-Section Analysis

Section 303.1 Purpose

The purpose of this part is to provide rules and procedures for making Peace Corps records, including electronic records, available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. The language of this section is revised to reflect the broader scope of the rule, which now includes provisions on electronic records and the availability of Peace Corps records in the **Federal Register** and the agency's electronic reading room.

Section 303.2 Definitions

This section is revised by deleting outdated definitions and by including definitions located elsewhere in the current rule. The definitions of the terms related to the charging of fees are based, as required under the FOIA, on an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance. See 52 FR 10012 (March 27, 1987) and 53 FR 651-6154 (March 1, 1988).

Section 303.3 Policy

This new section sets out the policy of the Peace Corps regarding its compliance with the FOIA.

Section 303.4 Records Published in the **Federal Register**

This new section describes the Peace Corps' process for complying with Sec. 552(a)(1) of FOIA, which requires each agency to currently publish in the **Federal Register** for the guidance of the public a range of basic information regarding its structure and operations, including information on the agency's organization, function, procedural and substantive rules, and general statements of policy. The Peace Corps complies with this requirement by annually publishing such information in the United States Government Manual, a special publication of the **Federal Register**.

Section 303.5 Public Reading Room

This is a new section which sets out the process by which the Peace Corps implements Section 552(a)(2) of the

FOIA which requires agencies to maintain a public reading room where certain Peace Corps records must be made available to the public for inspection and copying. Reading room records generally include final opinions and orders, statements of policy and interpretations adopted by the Peace Corps that are not published in the **Federal Register** and administrative staff manuals and instructions that affect the public. A new category of reading room records includes any record provided pursuant to a public request for records that is determined by the Peace Corps to be subject to multiple subsequent requests ("subsequent request records"). For example, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified its records on Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Elliot Ness, Jackie Robinson and Will Rodgers as subsequent request records.

The use of the term "will be made available" in paragraph (b) is intended to clarify that certain public reading room records will normally be maintained in the public reading room, while others will normally be kept in close proximity elsewhere in Peace Corps headquarters. In response to a request, any records kept in close proximity will be made available for inspection and copying in the public reading room.

Paragraph (c) describes the protections from public disclosure that may apply to certain reading room records and the process the Peace Corps will use to edit or delete protected information.

Paragraph (d) provides that reading room records created by the Peace Corps after November 1, 1996, and an index of such records, will be made available electronically. The Peace Corps is in the process of identifying such records and converting them to electronic form. As they are so identified and converted, they will be made available electronically in the public reading room.

Paragraph (e) provides that the Peace Corps will make most of its electronic public reading room records available on its public Web site.

Section 303.6 Procedures for Use of Public Reading Room

This section describes the process by which a member of the public may inspect and copy public reading room records. Persons interested in using the public reading room shall make arrangements with the FOIA Office ahead of time to facilitate their access to the requested information.