

**Register** on February 10, 2003 (68 FR 6679), we proposed to amend the VA adjudication regulations to add cirrhosis of the liver to the list of diseases for which entitlement to service connection is presumed for former POWs under 38 CFR 3.309(c).

We asked interested persons to submit comments on or before April 11, 2003. We received no comments. Based on the rationale set forth in the proposed rule, we are adopting the proposed rule as a final rule without change.

#### Administrative Procedures Act

Because this rule solely provides for a new benefit it is not subject to the effective date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This rule contains no provisions constituting collections 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. The reason for this certification is that this amendment will not directly affect any small entities. Only VA beneficiaries could be directly affected. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this amendment is exempt from the initial and final flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

#### 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 rule will have no such effect on State, local, or tribal governments, or the private sector.

#### Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 64.109.

#### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 3

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Disability benefits, Health care, Pensions, Veterans, Vietnam.

Approved: July 2, 2003.

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

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, VA amends 38 CFR part 3 as follows:

## PART 3—ADJUDICATION

### Subpart A—Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

■ 1. The authority citation for part 3, subpart A continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

#### § 3.309 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 3.309(c) is amended by adding “Cirrhosis of the liver.” following “Peripheral neuropathy except where directly related to infectious causes.” and before the explanatory note.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 63

[OAR–2002–0045, FRL–7528–3]

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### National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; amendments.

**SUMMARY:** On February 18, 2003, the EPA promulgated amendments to the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for chemical recovery combustion sources at kraft, soda, sulfite, and stand-alone semichemical pulp mills, as a direct final rule with a parallel proposal. We indicated in that action that we would withdraw any part of the rule on which we received adverse comment. We received timely adverse comment on certain provisions of the direct final rule, but our withdrawal notice was not printed in the **Federal Register** before the May 19, 2003 effective date of the provisions. This action amends the subpart MM rule by deleting the provisions which were the subject of adverse comment. We are also amending portions of the subpart MM rule added by the February 18, 2003 direct final rule to correct a typographical error and a cross-referencing error.

**DATES:** These amendments are effective July 18, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Docket number OAR–2002–0045, containing supporting information used in the development of this notice,

is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center (Air Docket), EPA West, Room B–108, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. The Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566–1742.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Docket.* The EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OAR–2002–0045. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Air Docket in the EPA Docket Center, Room 108, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744. The telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566–1742.

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