

a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy, or (3) is designated by the Administrator of OIRA as a significant energy action. For any proposed significant energy action, the agency must give a detailed statement of any adverse effects on energy supply, distribution, or use should the proposal be implemented, and of reasonable alternatives to the action and their expected benefits on energy supply, distribution, and use.

Today's rule is not a significant energy action. Accordingly, DOE has not prepared a Statement of Energy Effects.

K. Review Under the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001

The Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001, 44 U.S.C. 3516, *note*, provides for agencies to review most disseminations of information to the public under guidelines established by each agency pursuant to general guidelines issued by OMB. OMB's guidelines were published at 67 FR 8452 (February 22, 2002), and DOE's guidelines were published at 67 FR 62446 (October 7, 2002). DOE has reviewed today's notice under the OMB and DOE guidelines and has concluded that it is consistent with applicable policies in these guidelines.

L. Approval by the Office of the Secretary of Energy

Issuance of this final rule has been approved by the Office of the Secretary of Energy.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 923 and 970

Government procurement.

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■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows.

PART 923—ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 923 continues to read:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*; 41 U.S.C. 418b; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*

■ 2. Subpart 923.7 is added to read as follows:

Subpart 923.7—Contracting for Environmentally Preferable and Energy-efficient Products and Services

§ 923.703 Policy.

Executive Order 13149, dated April 21, 2000, entitled *Greening the Government Through Federal Fleet and Transportation Efficiency*, provides that the Federal Government exercise leadership in the reduction of petroleum consumption through improvements in its motor fleet fuel efficiency and increases in its use of alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels. The specific provisions affecting the Department's acquisition program are as follows. Part 2 of the Executive Order establishes goals for the reduction of petroleum consumption in the motor vehicle fleet and requires the development of strategies for the increased use of alternative fuel vehicles, increased use of alternative fuels accompanied by improved alternative fuel infrastructure, and the acquisition of higher fuel economy vehicles. Procurement personnel involved in the acquisition of motor vehicles, including lease, and motor vehicle products should familiarize themselves with these requirements and assist their fleet management personnel in acquiring vehicles and products which comply with the requirements of the Executive Order and the Department's compliance strategy. In addition, section 403 of the Executive Order provides for the acquisition of environmentally preferable motor vehicle products, including the use of biobased motor vehicle products. Environmentally preferable motor vehicle products include re-refined motor vehicle lubricating oils, retread tires, recycled engine coolants, and bio-based motor vehicle products. Use of these products is addressed by the Department's Affirmative Procurement Program required by 48 CFR (FAR) 23.404, Agency affirmative procurement programs, as implemented by 48 CFR (DEAR) 923.405, Procedures [DOE supplemental coverage—paragraph (e)]. Environmentally preferable motor vehicle products are among the items designated in the Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines, which lists products with recovered content that Federal agencies and their contractors are to buy. That list is published by the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. 6962, and regulations published at 40 CFR part 247.

PART 970—DOE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING CONTRACTS

■ 3. The authority citation for part 970 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2201; 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*

Subpart 970.23—Environmental, Conservation, and Occupational Safety Programs

■ 4. Sections 970.2307, 970.2307–1, and 970.2307–2 are added to read as follows:

§ 970.2307 Contracting for Environmentally Preferable and Energy-efficient Products and Services.

§ 970.2307–1 Motor vehicle fleet operations.

Executive Order 13149 provides that the Federal motor vehicle fleet will serve as an example and provide a leadership role in the reduction of petroleum consumption through improvements in fleet fuel efficiency and the use of alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels. Part 2 of the Order establishes goals for Federal Government fleet efficiency and requires the development of strategies to accomplish the goals. Section 403 of the Order provides that environmentally preferable motor vehicle products, including biobased motor vehicle products, will be used in the maintenance of Federal fleet motor vehicles when these products are reasonably available and meet vehicle manufacturers' recommended performance standards. Environmentally preferable motor vehicle products are among the products contained in the Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines list of products with recycled content to be procured pursuant to the clause at 48 CFR 970.5223–2. Section 505 of Executive Order 13149 requires that the goals and requirements of the Order be included in all management contracts which include Federal motor vehicle fleet operations. Section 506 of Executive Order 13149 exempts military tactical, law enforcement, and emergency vehicles from the requirements of the order.

§ 970.2307–2 Contract clause.

Include the clause at 970.5223–5, DOE Motor Vehicle Fleet Fuel Efficiency, in all management contracts providing for Contractor management of the motor vehicle fleet.