

Environmental Management (E.O. 13148), requires insertion of Alternates I or II to FAR clause 52.223-5, Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information, in certain contracts that provide for performance on a Federal facility if an Environmental Management System (EMS) is being implemented. NASA is implementing an EMS. This NFS change implements FAC 2001-15 item number V by providing guidance on when to use the alternates. FAC 2001-14, clarified the use of the term "United States."

NFS section 1825.7001 is amended to remove the phrase "its possessions, and Puerto Rico" since it is no longer necessary based on the definition of "United States" contained in FAR Part 25. Lastly, this change to the NFS updates the designated NASA ombudsman.

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Pub. L. 98-577, and publication for public comment is not required. However, NASA will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected NFS Parts 1805, 1823, 1825 and 1852 in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements which require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1805, 1823, 1825, and 1852

Government Procurement.

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■ Accordingly, 48 CFR Parts 1805, 1823, 1825, and 1852 is amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 1805, 1823, 1825, and 1852 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1)

PART 1805—PUBLICIZING CONTRACT ACTIONS

■ 2. Remove section 1805.205

PART 1823—ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

■ 3. Add Subpart 1823.10 to read as follows:

Subpart 1823.10—Federal Compliance With Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements

1823.1005 Contract clause.

(b) Use the clause with its Alternate I if the contract provides for contractor (1) Operation or maintenance of a NASA facility at which NASA has implemented or plans to implement an EMS, including, but not limited to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Michoud Assembly Facility; or

(2) Activities and operations—

(ii) The contracting officer and the procurement request initiator shall determine whether the contractor's activities or operations are covered within the EMS, in cooperation with the facility's environmental office, and in accordance with NPG 8553.1, "NASA Environmental Management System (EMS)" paragraph 1.2.c, and the local EMS documented procedures.

(c) Use the clause with its Alternate II whenever Alternate I is used.

PART 1825—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

1825.7001 [Amended]

■ 4. Amend section 1825.7001 by removing ", its possessions, and "Puerto Rico".

PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 5. Amend the clause at section 1852.215-84 by—

■ (a) Revising the date to read (OCT 2003, and

■ (b) In the second sentence of paragraph (b) removing "202-358-0422, facsimile 202-358-3083, e-mail sthomps1@hq.nasa.gov" and adding "202-358-0445, facsimile 202-358-3083, e-mail james.a.balinskas@nasa.gov" in its place.

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48 CFR Parts 1845 and 1852

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Government Property—Instructions for Preparing NASA Form 1018

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Interim rule.

SUMMARY: This interim rule amends the NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (NFS) to provide a definition of obsolete property, to address contractor validation of 1018 data, to clarify reporting of software to which NASA has title, to clarify other property classifications, and to revise the date for submission of annual property reports. NASA uses the data contained in contractor reports for annual financial statements and property management. This change will provide for consistent reporting of NASA property by contractors.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This interim rule is effective October 31, 2003.

Comment Date: Comments should be submitted to NASA on or before December 30, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

A. Background

Each year, NASA's financial statements are audited in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. NASA must maintain adequate controls to reasonably assure that property, plant and equipment and materials are presented fairly in its financial statements. Since contractors maintain NASA's official records for its assets in their possession, NASA uses the data contained in contractor reports for annual financial statements and property management. This interim rule provides policies and procedures related to obsolete property, contractor validation of 1018 data, and proper reporting of software to which NASA has title. This change will provide for consistent reporting of NASA property by contractors. It also reflects the need to change the date of submission for