

- (iii) Disclosure would violate a specific regulation;
- (iv) Disclosure would reveal classified information, unless appropriately declassified by the originating agency;
- (v) Disclosure would reveal trade secrets or proprietary information without the owner's consent;
- (vi) Disclosure would otherwise adversely affect the interests of the United States or the Peace Corps; or
- (vii) Disclosure would impair an ongoing Inspector General or Department of Justice investigation.

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PEACE CORPS

22 CFR Part 307

Peace Corps Standards of Conduct

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Peace Corps is removing outdated regulations that set out the ethical conduct and other responsibilities applicable to Peace Corps employees. These regulations have been superseded, in significant part, by government-wide regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule will be effective on November 25, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl R. Sosebee, Designated Agency Ethics Official, (202) 692-2150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Part 307, which sets out Peace Corps' regulations regarding the ethical conduct and other responsibilities of Peace Corps employees was last revised in 1987, *see* 52 FR 30151, Aug. 13, 1987; 22 CFR part 307. The conduct and responsibilities covered in this part have been superseded by the Office of Government Ethics' (OGE) executive branch ethical standards and requirements codified at 5 CFR parts 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638 and 2640. Further, rules governing partisan political activity by executive branch employees and rules governing gambling, betting and lotteries on government owned or leased property or while on duty are set forth at 5 CFR parts 734 and 735. Government-wide rules on procurement integrity are set forth in the Procurement Integrity Act, 41 U.S.C. 423, and the Federal Acquisition Regulations, 48 CFR 3.104. Because Peace Corps employees are

already subject to these various rules, the Peace Corps is removing Part 307 from the Code of Federal Regulations. Remaining portions of the Peace Corps' existing standards pertaining to prior review of publications of official concern set forth in Section 307.735-306(a)3; and portions pertaining to economic and financial activities of employees abroad, set forth in Section 307.735-308 have been retained as Agency internal regulations pursuant to the authority of the Director in 22 U.S.C. 2503. To the extent part 307 covers organizational conflicts of interest in procurement and procurement-related matters, the Peace Corps is considering whether to incorporate them into the Peace Corps' internal rules.

Peace Corps published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** on February 5, 2003 (68 FR 5857). Public comments were due on March 7, 2003. The Agency received no comments and has not made any changes to the rule.

II. Matters of Regulatory Procedure

Executive Order 12866. The Peace Corps has determined that this proposed rule does not constitute a "significant regulatory action" for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. Pursuant to section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Peace Corps certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). Accordingly, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Unfunded Mandates Act) (2 U.S.C. Chs. 17A and 25) requires that an agency prepare a budgetary impact statement before promulgating a rule that includes a Federal mandate that may result in expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year. If a budgetary impact statement is required, agencies must also identify and consider a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives before promulgating a rule. The Peace Corps has determined that this rule will not result in expenditures by State, local, or tribal governments or by the private sector of \$100 million or more. Accordingly, the Peace Corps has not prepared a budgetary impact statement or specifically addressed the regulatory alternatives considered.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 307

Political activities; Government employees; Ethical conduct; Financial disclosure, Conflicts of interest.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Peace Corps amends title 22 of the CFR by removing part 307.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Mullica River, NJ

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has approved a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Green Bank Road Bridge across Mullica River, mile 18.0, at Green Bank, New Jersey. From 7 a.m. on November 3, 2003, through 11 p.m. on December 1, 2003, this deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation. This closure is necessary to facilitate emergency mechanical and structural repairs.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on November 3, 2003, through 11 p.m. on December 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terrance Knowles, Environmental Protection Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, Bridge Section at (757) 398-6587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Green Bank Road Bridge is co-owned and operated by the Atlantic and Burlington Counties. However, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, as lead agency for the rehabilitation project, has requested a temporary deviation from the operating regulation set out in 33 CFR 117.735a. Currently, the draw of the Green Bank bridge shall open on signal unless at least four hours notice is given from April 1 through November 30, from 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.; and from December 1 through March 31, at all times.