

after the month in which VR services end.

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(2) If no written notice was sent to the State VR agency or alternate participant, a claim must be filed within 12 months after the first month for which disability or blindness benefits are suspended because of such VR refusal.

9. Section 416.2217 is amended in the introductory text of the section by adding "and (e)" after "section 1615(d)."

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### 25 CFR Ch. 1

#### Meeting of the Indian Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior, Indian Health Service, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior (DOI) and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS) have established an Indian Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee) to negotiate and develop a proposed rule implementing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), as amended.

The Department have determined that the establishment of this committee is in the public interest and will assist the agencies in developing regulations authorized under section 107 of the ISDEAA. The agenda planned for the week includes meetings of work groups as well as the full committee. Work groups will be finalizing draft regulatory language and recommending adoption by the full committee. The full committee will review and give approval of such language for publication in the **Federal Register**, as a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). This will be the final meeting of the committee prior to publication of the NPRM.

**DATES:** The committee and appropriate workgroups will meet on the following days, beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m. on each day: Tuesday, September 26; Wednesday, September 27; and Thursday, September 28, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings September 26 through September 28, 1995, will be held at the Doubletree Inn (previously

Ramada Inn), 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22043, telephone (703) 893-1340.

Written statements may be submitted to Mr. James J. Thomas, Chief, Division of Self-Determination Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW, MS: 4627-MIB, Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 208-3708.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James J. Thomas, Chief, Division of Self-Determination Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., MS: 4627-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 208-3708.

Mrs. Merry Elrod, Acting Director, Division of Self-Determination, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Room 6A-05, Rockville, MD, 20857, telephone (301) 443-1044.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**. The meetings will be open to the public without advance registration.

Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent that time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the addresses listed above. Summaries of committee meetings will be available for public inspection and copying ten days following each meeting at the same addresses. In addition, the materials received during the input sessions are available for inspection and copying at the same addresses.

Dated: September 5, 1995.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### 29 CFR Part 1952

#### U.S. Virgin Islands State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** U.S. Virgin Islands state plan: Notice of reconsideration of 18(e) determination; proposed re-assumption of concurrent Federal enforcement authority; request for written comments; notice of opportunity to request informal public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Virgin Islands operates a state occupational safety and health program or "state plan" which is federally approved under section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. In 1984, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration made a "final approval" determination under section 18(e) of the Act which in effect gave exclusive regulatory authority over all safety and health issues covered by the state plan to the Virgin Islands Department of Labor. (The Virgin Islands State Plan is limited in coverage to safety issues, in the private sector.) The most recent Federal monitoring of the state plan indicates that state plan enforcement has ceased to be "at least as effective as" that provided under OSHA and that other 18(e) requirements are no longer being met. In response to that finding, the Virgin Islands Commissioner of Labor has agreed to voluntarily relinquish the State's final approval status, has requested the reassertion of concurrent Federal enforcement jurisdiction, and has pledged to accomplish the necessary corrective action. As a result, the affirmative 18(e) determination is under reconsideration by the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, (the "Assistant Secretary") pursuant to procedures set forth in 29 CFR 1902.47 *et seq.* Reconsideration and subsequent revocation/suspension of the 18(e) determination will result in reinstatement of concurrent enforcement authority by Federal OSHA over occupational safety issues in the U.S. Virgin Islands pending State corrective action. This notice affords an opportunity for the public to submit written information, views and comments on the proposed reconsideration. A similar notice will be published by the Virgin Islands within the next 10 days.

OSHA is soliciting written comment from interested persons in its reconsideration of the U.S. Virgin Islands State Plan's affirmative 18(e) determination to assure that all relevant information, views, data and arguments are available to the Assistant Secretary during this proceeding. Members of the public may also submit requests for an informal hearing; if the Assistant Secretary determines that substantial issues are presented which a hearing would likely resolve, an informal hearing will be scheduled in accordance with 29 CFR 1902.49(c).

**DATES:** Comments and requests for an informal hearing must be received by October 16, 1995.