

Guard Group Charleston, South Carolina.

(b) *Special Local Regulations.* (1) Entry into the regulated area is prohibited to all non-participants.

(2) After termination of the River Race Augusta each day, and during intervals between scheduled events, at the discretion of the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, all vessels may resume normal operations.

(3) The Captain of the Port Charleston will issue a Marine Safety Information Broadcast Notice to Mariners to notify the maritime community of the special local regulations and the restrictions imposed.

(c) *Dates.* These regulations become effective annually from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT each day, on the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday of May, unless otherwise specified in the notice to mariners.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

**N.T. Saunders,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Part 21

RIN 2900-A185

#### Veterans' Training: Time Limit for Submitting Certifications under the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends the training assistance and training benefit regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It places deadlines for submitting the certifications needed for both periodic payments and lump-sum deferred-incentive payments under the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA). Since the Act has a sunset provision, all work for which payments are due has been completed. This final rule allows VA to close the administration of SMOCTA.

**DATES:** Effective Date: July 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William G. Susling, Jr., Education Adviser, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, 202-273-7187.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a document published in the **Federal Register** on November 10, 1997 (62 FR 60464), VA proposed to amend the

"Administration of Educational Assistance Programs" regulations that are set forth in 38 CFR 21.4001 *et seq.* VA proposed placing two-year deadlines for submitting the certifications required for both periodic payments and lump-sum deferred-incentive payments under the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA), 10 U.S.C. 1143 note.

Interested parties were given 60 days to submit comments. VA received no comments. Accordingly, based on the rationale set forth in the proposed rule document, we are adopting the provisions of the proposed rule as a final rule.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs hereby certifies that this final rule 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 final rule will affect some small entities. However, the effect of the final rule, requiring employers to submit certifications within two years of the end of SMOCTA training, would not impose any additional costs on the employer. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this final rule, therefore, is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of sections 603 and 604.

No Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number has been assigned to the program affected by this final rule.

#### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 21

Administrative practice and procedure, Armed forces, Civil rights, Claims, Colleges and universities, Conflict of interests, Defense Department, Education, Employment, Grant programs—education, Grant programs—veterans, Health care, Loan programs—education, Loan programs—veterans, Manpower training programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Educational institutions, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans, Vocational education, Vocational rehabilitation.

Approved: May 5, 1998.

**Togo D. West, Jr.,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 38 CFR part 21 (subpart F-3) is amended as set forth below.

## PART 21—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION

### Subpart F-3—Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Program

1. The authority for part 21, subpart F-3 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 10 U.S.C. 1143 note; sec. 4481-4487, Pub. L. 102-484, 106 Stat. 2757-2769; sec. 610, Pub. L. 103-446, 108 Stat. 4673-4674, unless otherwise noted.

2. In § 21.4832, paragraphs (e)(3) and (e)(4) are added to read as follows:

#### § 21.4832 Payments to employers.

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(e) \* \* \*

(3) VA will not release any periodic payments for training provided by an employer if VA receives the employer's certification for that training after September 30, 1999.

(4) VA will not release any lump sum deferred incentive payment if VA receives either the veteran's or employer's certification required for that payment after January 31, 2000.

(Authority: 106 Stat. 2762, Pub. L. 102-484, sec. 4487(b); 10 U.S.C. 1143, note)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

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#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Nitrogen Oxides for the State of New Hampshire

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

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of New Hampshire. This revision establishes and requires Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) at three stationary sources of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). The intended effect of this action is to approve source specific orders which require major stationary sources of NO<sub>x</sub> to reduce their emissions in accordance with requirements of the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on July 13, 1998 without further notice unless the Agency receives relevant adverse comments by June 12, 1998. Should the