

(b) Each commercial packaged boiler listed in table 2 of this paragraph (b) and manufactured on or after the effective date listed in Table 2 must meet the indicated energy conservation standard.

TABLE 2 TO PARAGRAPH (b)—COMMERCIAL PACKAGED BOILER ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS

Equipment category	Subcategory	Certified rated input	Efficiency level—effective date: March 2, 2022*
Steam Commercial Packaged Boilers .....	Gas-fired—natural draft .....	≥300,000 Btu/h and ≤2,500,000 Btu/h .....	79.0% E <sub>T</sub> .
Steam Commercial Packaged Boilers .....	Gas-fired—natural draft .....	>2,500,000 Btu/h .....	79.0% E <sub>T</sub> .

\* Where E<sub>T</sub> is thermal efficiency.

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**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**10 CFR Part 1709**

[Docket No. DNFSB–2023–01]

**Debt Collection Procedures**

**AGENCY:** Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) is confirming the effective date of October 10, 2023, for the direct final rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on July 11, 2023.

**DATES:** The effective date of October 10, 2023, for the direct final rule published on July 11, 2023, (88 FR 44031), is confirmed.

**ADDRESSES:** *DNFSB’s General Counsel web page:* Go to <https://www.dnfsb.gov/office-general-counsel> and click “**Federal Register** Notices” to access publicly available information related to this rulemaking.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia A. Hargrave, Associate General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004–2901, (202) 694–7000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 30, 2021 (88 FR 44031), the DNFSB published a direct final rule to implement the Debt Collection Act (DCA), as amended, 31 U.S.C. 3701, *et seq.* The DCA governs the federal government’s debt collection activities. In accordance with this law, the Treasury Department and the Department of Justice jointly promulgated Federal Claims Collection Standards (FCCS), 31 CFR parts 900 through 904. Agencies may adopt the FCCS without change or may prescribe agency regulations for collecting debts

by administrative offset that are consistent with the FCCS. 31 U.S.C. 3716. These regulations are required before an agency may collect a debt by administrative offset.

In the direct final rule, the DNFSB stated that, if no significant adverse comments were received, the direct final rule would become effective on October 11, 2023. The DNFSB received one comment. The DNFSB evaluated the comment against the criteria described in the direct final rule and determined that the comment was not significant and adverse. Specifically, the commentator stated that the rule would be “great” due to “the added measure of structure and accountability that will result from this rule.” The comment was positive and supportive. The direct final rule will become effective as scheduled.

Dated: September 7, 2023.

**Joyce Connery,**  
*Chair.*

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**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**10 CFR Part 1710**

[Docket No. DNFSB–2023–02]

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**Federal Employee Salary Offset Procedures for the Collection of a Debt Owed to the Federal Government**

**AGENCY:** Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

**ACTION:** Interim rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is issuing interim regulations to govern the collection of debts owed to the Board and to the United States by federal employees.

**DATES:** This interim final rule is effective October 19, 2023. Comments must be submitted on or before October 19, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments at any time prior to the comment deadline by the following methods:

*Email:* Send an email to [comment@dnfsb.gov](mailto:comment@dnfsb.gov). Please include “Federal Employee Offset Procedures” in the subject line of your email.

*Mail:* Send hard copy comments to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Attn: Office of the General Counsel, 625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004–2901.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia A. Hargrave, Associate General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004–2901, (202) 694–7000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

These regulations implement the debt collection procedures provided under section 5 of the Debt Collection Act (DCA), as amended, codified at 5 U.S.C. 5514. The DCA authorizes the federal government to collect debts by offset from the salaries of federal employees without the employee’s consent, provided that the employee is properly notified and given the opportunity to exercise certain administrative rights.

The DCA, codified at 5 U.S.C. 5514, made changes in the way executive agencies collect debts owed to the federal government. The purpose of the DCA is to improve the ability of the government to collect money owed to it. The DCA requires each agency to establish a salary offset program for the collection of debts owed by federal employees to the federal government. Before an agency may collect a debt by salary offset, an employee-debtor must be provided with notice of the debt and the opportunity to (1) inspect and copy government records relating to the debt, (2) enter into a written repayment agreement, and (3) request an impartial hearing on the agency’s determination of the existence or the amount of the debt. The employee must notify the agency of his or her intent to exercise these rights within the time prescribed in the agency’s regulations.