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Subpart A—Purpose and Coverage

[Reserved.]

Subpart B—Requirements for Recipients Other Than Individuals

§1536.225 Whom in the Environmental Protection Agency does a recipient other than an individual notify about a criminal drug conviction?

A recipient other than an individual that is required under 2 CFR 182.225(a) to notify Federal agencies about an employee’s conviction for a criminal drug offense must notify the EPA award official from each Environmental Protection Agency office from which it currently has an award.

Subpart C—Requirements for Recipients Who Are Individuals

§1536.300 Whom in the Environmental Protection Agency does a recipient who is an individual notify about a criminal drug conviction?

A recipient who is an individual and is required under 2 CFR 182.300(b) to notify Federal agencies about a conviction for a criminal drug offense must notify the EPA award official from each Environmental Protection Agency office from which it currently has an award.

Subpart D—Responsibilities of Agency Awarding Officials

§1536.400 What method do I use as an agency awarding official to obtain a recipient’s agreement to comply with the OMB guidance?

To obtain a recipient’s agreement to comply with applicable requirements in the OMB guidance at 2 CFR part 182, you must include the following term or condition in the award:


Subpart E—Violations of This Part and Consequences

§1536.500 Who in the Environmental Protection Agency determines that a recipient other than an individual violated the requirements of this part?

The EPA Administrator or designee is the official authorized to make the determination under 2 CFR 182.500.

§1536.505 Who in the Environmental Protection Agency determines that a recipient who is an individual violated the requirements of this part?

The EPA Administrator or designee is the official authorized to make the determination under 2 CFR 182.505.

Title 40—Protection of Environment

PART 36—[REMOVED]

2. Remove Part 36.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 430


Energy Efficiency Program for Consumer Products: Waiver of Federal Preemption of State Regulations Concerning the Water Use or Water Efficiency of Showerheads, Faucets, Water Closets and Urinals


ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) waives the general rule of Federal preemption for energy conservation standards under 42 U.S.C. 6297(c) with respect to any State regulation concerning the water use or water efficiency of faucets, showerheads, water closets and urinals if such State regulation is: More stringent than Federal regulation concerning the water use or water efficiency for that same type or class of product; and applicable to any sale or installation of all products in that particular type or class.

DATES: Effective Date: This rule is effective December 22, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The public may review copies of all materials related to this rulemaking at the U.S. Department of Energy, Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program, 950 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC, [202] 586–2945, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards at the above telephone number for additional information regarding visiting the Resource Room.

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I. Authority and Discussion

Title III, Part B of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), Public Law 94–163 (42 U.S.C. 6291–6309, as codified), established the Energy Conservation Program for “Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles.” 1 The consumer products subject to this program (hereafter “covered products”) include faucets, showerheads, water closets and urinals, the subjects of today’s notice. Under EPCA, the overall program consists essentially of testing, labeling, and Federal energy conservation standards, including water conservation standards for faucets, showerheads, water closets and urinals. National standards for these water-using products are based on the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)/American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards A112.18.1M, for showerheads and faucets, and A112.19.6, for water closets and urinals. 42 U.S.C. 6295(j), (k).

42 U.S.C. 6295(j)(3)(C) and 6295(k)(3)(C) requires that, not later than six months after the conclusion of a five-consecutive-year period during which the ASME/ANSI has not amended these faucet, showerhead, water closet or urinal standards in order to improve water efficiency, DOE must publish a final rule waiving preemption for Federal standards under 42 U.S.C. 6297(c) with respect to any State regulation concerning the water use or water efficiency of such type or class of showerhead, faucet, water closet or urinal if such State regulation meets the following two conditions. First, the State regulation concerning water use or water efficiency for that same type or class of showerhead, faucet, water closet or urinal must be more stringent than the Federal regulation concerning water use or water efficiency for that same type or class of showerhead, faucet, water closet or urinal. 42 U.S.C. 6295(j)(3)(C)(i), 6295(k)(3)(C)(i). Second, the State regulation concerning the water use or water efficiency for a particular type or class of showerhead, faucet, water closet or urinal must be applicable to any sale or installation of all products in that particular type or class. 42 U.S.C. 6295(j)(3)(C)(ii), 6295(k)(3)(C)(ii).

The provisions in 42 U.S.C. 6295(j)(3)(C) and 6295(k)(3)(C) represent a choice by Congress to deviate from the general rule of Federal preemption, where the relevant industry consensus body has failed to act to improve water efficiency for a significant period of time. ASME/ANSI last made a substantive amendment to its standards regarding the water efficiency requirements for showerheads and faucets on May 29, 1996 (ASME/ANSI A112.18.1M–1996), and for water closets and urinals on April 19, 1996 (ASME/ANSI A112.19.6–1996). Both of these standards were incorporated by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations in a final rule issued by DOE on March 18, 1998. 63 FR 13308. Because more than five years have passed since ASME/ANSI last amended the water efficiency requirements in either of these standards, DOE must issue this final rule waiving the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 6297(c) with respect to any State regulation concerning the water use or water efficiency of a particular type or class of showerhead, faucet, water closet or urinal that is both more stringent than the relevant Federal regulation and is applicable to any sale or installation or all products in that particular type or class.

II. Procedural Requirements

A. Executive Order 12866

Today’s regulatory action is not a “significant regulatory action” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, “Regulatory Planning and Review,” 58 FR 51735 (October 4, 1993). Accordingly, this action was not subject to review under that Executive Order by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

B. Administrative Procedure Act

The Department of Energy finds good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on these regulations pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 533(b)(B), because such procedures are unnecessary. EPCA imposes a non-discretionary duty on DOE to waive Federal preemption in a defined factual circumstance. That circumstance has occurred. Therefore, this rule is necessary for DOE to implement this statutorily-imposed obligation. Public comment on DOE’s implementation of this legal mandate would serve no useful purpose. For the same reason, DOE finds good cause, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), to waive the 30-day delay in effective date for this rule. Therefore, these regulations are being published as final regulations and are effective December 22, 2010.

C. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

DOE has determined that this rule falls into a class of actions that are categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and DOE’s implementing regulations at 10 CFR part 1021. This rule at most amends an existing rule without changing its environmental effect, and, therefore, is covered by the Categorical Exclusion A5 found in appendix A to subpart D, 10 CFR part 1021. Accordingly, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required. Moreover, a State’s promulgation of a regulation concerning water use or water efficiency for a particular type or class of showerhead, faucet, water closet or urinal is not a Federal action subject to NEPA.

D. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) requires preparation of an initial regulatory flexibility analysis for any rule that must be proposed for public comment, unless the agency certifies that the rule will have no significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. As required by Executive Order 13272, “Proper Consideration of Small Entities in Agency Rulemaking,” 67 FR 53461 (August 16, 2002), DOE published procedures and policies on February 19, 2003, to ensure that the potential impacts of its rules on small entities are properly considered during the
Policymaking Assessment for any rule that may affect family well-being. Today’s rule would have no impact on the autonomy or integrity of the family as an institution. Accordingly, DOE has concluded that it is unnecessary to prepare a Family Policymaking Assessment.

H. Executive Order 13132

Executive Order 13132, “Federalism,” 64 FR 43255 (August 4, 1999) imposes certain requirements on agencies formulating and implementing policies or regulations that preempt State law or that have Federalism implications. The executive order requires agencies to examine the constitutional and statutory authority supporting any action that would limit the policymaking discretion of the States and to carefully assess the necessity for such actions. DOE has examined this final rule and determined that it would not preempt State law; in fact, this rule waives preemption of State law and has no negative impact on any State. Executive Order 13132 requires no further action.

I. Executive Order 12988

With respect to the review of existing regulations and the promulgation of new regulations, section 3(a) of Executive Order 12988, “Civil Justice Reform,” 61 FR 4729 (February 7, 1996), imposes on Federal agencies the general duty to adhere to the following requirements: (1) Eliminate drafting errors and ambiguity; (2) write regulations to minimize litigation; (3) provide a clear legal standard for affected conduct rather than a general standard, and (4) promote simplification and burden reduction. Regarding the review required by section 3(a), section 3(b) of Executive Order 12988 specifically requires that Executive agencies make every reasonable effort to ensure that the regulation (1) clearly specifies the preemptive effect, if any; (2) clearly specifies any effect on existing Federal law or regulation; (3) provides a clear legal standard for affected conduct while promoting simplification and burden reduction; (4) specifies the retroactive effect, if any; (5) adequately defines key terms; and (6) addresses other important issues affecting clarity and general draftsmanship under any guidelines issued by the Attorney General. Section 3(c) of Executive Order 12988 requires Executive agencies to review regulations in light of applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b) to determine whether they are met or it is unreasonable to meet one or more of them. DOE has completed the required review and determined that, to the extent permitted by law, this rule meets the relevant standards of Executive Order 12988.

J. Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001

The Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note) provides for agencies to review most disseminations of information to the public under guidelines established by each agency pursuant to general guidelines issued by OMB. OMB’s guidelines were published at 67 FR 8452 (February 22, 2002), and DOE’s guidelines were published at 67 FR 62446 (October 7, 2002). DOE has reviewed today’s notice under the OMB and DOE guidelines and has concluded that it is consistent with applicable policies in those guidelines.

K. Executive Order 13211

Executive Order 13211, “Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use,” 66 FR 28355 (May 22, 2001), requires Federal agencies to prepare and submit to OMB a Statement of Energy Effects for any proposed significant energy action. A “significant energy action” is defined as any action by an agency that promulgates or is expected to lead to promulgation of a final rule, and that (1) is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, or any successor order; and (2) is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy; or (3) is designated by the Administrator of OIRA as a significant energy action. For any proposed significant energy action, the agency must give a detailed statement of any adverse effects on energy supply, distribution, or use or should the proposal be implemented, and of reasonable alternatives to the action and their expected benefits on energy supply, distribution, and use. Today’s regulatory action is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866 or any successor order; would not have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy; and has not been designated by the Administrator of OIRA as a significant energy action. Accordingly, DOE has not prepared a Statement of Energy Effects.

L. Executive Order 12630

Pursuant to Executive Order 12630, “Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights,” 53 FR 8859 (March 15, 1988), DOE has determined that this rule would not result in any takings that might require compensation under the
The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a final rule on March 23, 2009, promulgating energy conservation standards for certain electric motors as prescribed in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act. This document is being issued to correct the energy efficiency levels that DOE promulgated for NEMA Design B general purpose electric motors that, due to a drafting error, are not consistent with statutory requirements.

DATES: This technical correction is effective as of December 22, 2010.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended by section 313(b)(1)(B) of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA 2007), requires each National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) Design B, general purpose electric motor with a power rating of more than 200 horsepower, but not greater than 500 horsepower, manufactured (alone or as a component of another piece of equipment) after December 19, 2010, to have a nominal full load efficiency that is not less than the values in NEMA Standard MG–1 (2006) Table 12–11. (42 U.S.C. 6313(b)(2)(D)) DOE codified this requirement at 10 CFR 431.25(f). 74 FR 12058 (March 23, 2009)

It was recently discovered that the efficiency levels under 10 CFR 431.25(f), for NEMA Design B, six-pole open motors rated 250, 300, and 350 horsepower are not consistent with the EISA 2007 levels as prescribed. Today’s final rule conforms these efficiency levels with EPCA, as amended by EISA 2007, by replacing the nominal full load efficiency of “94.5” with “95.4.”

II. Need for Correction

As published, the nominal full load efficiency table at 10 CFR 431.25(f) contains three values that deviate from the requirements established by EPCA, as amended by EISA 2007. To correct this error, DOE is amending 10 CFR 431.25(f) to replace the current table with a corrected table of values. In light of the statutory requirement, the change addressed by today’s document is technical in nature. In addition, because DOE does not have the discretion to deviate from these statutorily-prescribed requirements, DOE finds that there is good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) to not issue a separate notice to solicit public comment on the changes contained in this document. Issuing a separate notice to solicit public comments would be impractical, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest.

List of Subjects in 10 CFR part 431

Administrative practice and procedure, Energy conservation, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 15, 2010.

Cathy Zoi, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, DOE amends 10 CFR Part 431 as set forth below.

PART 431—ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

1. The authority citation for part 431 continues to read as follows:


2. Section 431.25 is amended by revising paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 431.25 Energy conservation standards and effective dates.

(f) Each NEMA Design B general purpose electric motor with a power rating of more than 200 horsepower, but not greater than 500 horsepower, manufactured (alone or as a component of another piece of equipment), on or after December 19, 2010, shall have a nominal full load efficiency that is not less than the following:

- 94.5
- 95.4
- 95.4
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