

Dated: January 28, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

[Docket No. 000131021-0021-01]

National Weather Service (NWS) Modernization and Associated Restructuring; Final Certification of No Degradation of Service for the Combined Consolidation and/or Automation and Closure of Eight Weather Service Offices (WSO)

AGENCY: NWS, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On January 28, 2000, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere transmitted to Congress notice of Consolidation and/or Automation and Closure certification approval for WSOs Hartford, Connecticut; Kahului, Hawaii; Portland, Maine; Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts; Concord, New Hampshire; Providence, Rhode Island; and Beckley, West Virginia. Pub. L. 102-567 requires the final certifications be published in the FR. This notice is intended to satisfy that requirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the final certification packages should be sent to Tom Beaver, Room 11426, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3283.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Beaver at 301-713-0300 ext. 136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These eight certifications were proposed in the March 26, 1999, FR for public comment. The 60-day public comment period closed on May 26, 1999. One public comment was received from Mr. Jack W. Ferns, Director, State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, pertaining to WSO Concord. The comment and the NWS response is set forth here for reference.

Comment on Concord: Mr. Ferns wrote, "A number of years ago our office opposed the consolidation of Flight Service Stations (FSS) and specifically the closure of the FSS at Concord. We felt strongly, at the time, that losing [sic] the FSS would compromise aviation safety. Now with the proposed closure of the NWS we feel that Concord has been dealt a second blow.

While we understand the effects of automation on our economy and the existing modernization process, we continue to recognize that weather services available on a person to person basis is becoming obsolete.

Our Department supports your effort to commission and certify an Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) at Concord. Thank you for the opportunity to respond."

NWS Response: Mr. John Jensenius, Liaison Officer for WS Concord, spoke with Mr. Ferns to assure him of the NWS commitment to provide continued support to the Concord area. Mr. Ferns said he is disappointed he will no longer be able to walk to the Concord office and discuss the weather with NWS personnel. Mr. Jensenius told him he could call the Portland forecast office, located in Gray, Maine, anytime for a weather briefing and offered to provide Mr. Ferns with a tour of the Portland office. Mr. Ferns stated he would try to work a tour into his schedule.

At its June 25, 1999, meeting, the Modernization Transition Committee (MTC) endorsed these certifications as not resulting in a degradation of service.

After consideration of the public comment received and the MTC endorsements, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere approved these eight combined consolidation and/or automation and closure certifications and transmitted notice of approval to Congress on January 28, 2000. Certification approval authority was delegated from the Secretary of Commerce to the Under Secretary in June 1996. The NWS is now completing the certification requirements of Pub. L. 102-567 by publishing the final consolidation and/or automation and closure certification notice in the FR.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 17 February 2000 at 10:00 AM in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Items of discussion will include designs

for projects affecting the appearance of Washington, D.C., including buildings and parks.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, D.C. January 28, 2000.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Safety

Standard for Cigarette Lighters

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In the **Federal Register** of November 24, 1999 (64 FR 66171), the Consumer Product Safety Commission published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to announce the agency's intention to seek extension of approval of the collection of information required in the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters (16 CFR Part 1210). No comments from members of the public were received in response to the **Federal Register** notice. By publication of this notice, the Commission announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of that collection of information without change for three years from the date of approval.

The Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters requires disposable and novelty lighters to be manufactured with a mechanism to resist operation by children younger than five years of age. Certification regulations implementing the standard require manufacturers and importers to submit to the Commission a description of each model of lighter, results of prototype qualification tests for compliance with the standard, and a physical specimen of the lighter before the introduction of each model of lighter in commerce.

The Commission uses the records of testing and other information required