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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 431**

[FRL-6562-3]

**Amendment to the Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards, and New Source Performance Standards for the Builders' Paper and Board Mills Point Source Category; Technical Amendment; Removal**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; technical amendment.

**SUMMARY:** This action removes duplicative regulatory language for the Builders' Paper and Board Mills Point Source Category. The regulatory requirements for this category are already included in regulations related to the Secondary Fiber, Non-Deink Subcategory of the Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Point Source Category.

**DATES:** Effective on March 21, 2000.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Need for Removing 40 CFR Part 431**

On April 15, 1998, EPA promulgated effluent limitations guidelines and standards, under the Clean Water Act (CWA), for a portion of the pulp, paper and paperboard industry. 63 FR 18504. EPA also promulgated national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) under the Clean Air Act (CAA) as amended in 1990, for the pulp and paper production source category.

Id. In that rulemaking, known as the Cluster Rules, EPA reorganized 26 subcategories (formerly found in parts 430 and 431) into 12 new subcategories. See 63 FR 18637. In reorganizing the subcategories, mills formerly in the Builders' Paper and Board Mills Point Source Category (part 431) were placed under the Secondary Fiber Non-Deink Subcategory (part 430, subpart J). EPA did not make any substantive changes to the limitations and standards applicable to mills in this subcategory in the April 15, 1998 rule, but simply reprinted in their entirety the current effluent limitations guidelines and standards applicable to these mills. Thus, the regulations codified under part 431 are now duplicative and are removed by this action.

**Administrative Requirements and Related Government Acts**

Section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), provides that, when an agency for good cause finds that notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest, the agency may issue a rule without providing notice and an opportunity for public comment. EPA has determined that there is good cause for making today's rule final without prior proposal and opportunity for comment because the revisions in this final rule are not substantive. Today's correction removes redundant regulatory language for the Builders' Paper and Board Mills Point Source Category. The same requirements for this category appear in 40 CFR parts 430 and 431. This action removes the redundant part 431 requirements. Thus, notice and public procedure are unnecessary. EPA finds that this constitutes good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). For the same reason, the Agency has determined that good cause exists to waive the requirement under 5 U.S.C. 553(d) that a rule be published not less than 30 days before its effective date. In this case, the revision in today's final rule is not substantive in nature because it withdraws duplicative requirements. Therefore, the amendments are effective immediately.

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this action is not a "significant regulatory action" and is therefore not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget. Because the Agency has made a "good cause" finding that this action is not subject to notice-and-comment requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute, as described above, it is not subject to the regulatory flexibility provisions of the

Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), or to sections 202 and 205 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) (Public Law 104-4). In addition, this action does not significantly or uniquely affect small governments or impose significant intergovernmental mandates, as described in sections 203 and 204 of UMRA. This rule also does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of tribal governments, as specified by Executive Order 13084 (63 FR 27655, May 10, 1998). This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999). This rule also is not subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) because it is not economically significant.

This technical correction action does not involve technical standards; thus, the requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) do not apply. The rule also does not involve special consideration of environmental justice related issues as required by Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994). This rule does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). EPA's compliance with these statutes and Executive Orders for the underlying rule is discussed in the April 15, 1998 **Federal Register** document.

In issuing this rule, EPA has taken the necessary steps to eliminate drafting errors and ambiguity, minimize potential litigation, and provide a clear legal standard for affected conduct, as required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 (61 FR 4729, February 7, 1996). EPA has complied with Executive Order 12630 (53 FR 8859, March 15, 1988) by examining the takings implications of the rule in accordance with the "Attorney General's Supplemental Guidelines for the Evaluation of Risk and Avoidance of Unanticipated Takings" issued under the executive order.

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. Section 808 allows

the issuing agency to make a rule effective sooner than otherwise provided by the CRA if the agency makes a good cause finding that notice and public procedure is impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest. This determination must be supported by a brief statement. 5 U.S.C. 808(2). As stated previously, EPA has made such a good cause finding, including the reasons therefor, and established an effective date of March 21, 2000. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 431

Environmental protection, Paper and paper products industry, Waste treatment and disposal, Water pollution control.

Dated: March 8, 2000.

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#### PART 431—[REMOVED]

Accordingly under the authority of Sections 301, 304(b), (c), (e), and (g), 306(b) and (c), 307(b) and (c), and 501 of the Clean Water Act (the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, as amended by the Clean Water Act of 1977) (the "Act"); 33 U.S.C. 1311, 1314(b), (c), (e), and (g), 1316(b) and (c), 1317(b) and (c), and 1361; 86 Stat. 816, Public Law 92-500; 91 Stat. 1567, Public Law 95-217, 40 CFR part 431 is removed and reserved.

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Parts 350 and 355

[Docket No. FMCSA-98-4878 (formerly FHWA Docket No. FHWA-98-4878)]

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#### Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FMCSA is revising the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) to comply with the congressionally-mandated provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). This action broadens the scope of the MCSAP beyond enforcement activities and programs by requiring participating States to assume greater responsibility for improving motor carrier safety. These rules will now require States to develop performance-based plans reflecting national priorities and performance goals, revise the MCSAP funding distribution formula, and create a new incentive funding program. These rules provide States greater flexibility in designing programs to address national and State goals for reducing the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) accidents. This action also includes conforming amendments to the regulations on compatibility of State laws and regulations affecting interstate motor carrier operations.

**DATES:** The effective date of this rule is April 20, 2000.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### Creation of New Agency

In October 1999, the Secretary of Transportation rescinded the authority previously delegated to the Federal Highway Administrator to perform the motor carrier functions and operations, and to carry out the duties and powers related to motor carrier safety, that are statutorily vested in the Secretary. That authority was redelegated to the Director of the Office of Motor Carrier Safety (OMCS), a new office within the Department (see 64 FR 56270, October 19, 1999, and 64 FR 58356, October 29, 1999). The OMCS had previously been the FHWA's Office of Motor Carriers (OMC).

The Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA) established the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) as a new operating administration within the Department of Transportation, effective January 1, 2000 (Public Law 106-159, 113 Stat. 1748, December 9, 1999). The Secretary therefore rescinded the motor carrier authority delegated to the Director of the OMCS and redelegated it to the Administrator of the FMCSA (65 FR 220, January 4, 2000).

The staff previously assigned to the FHWA's OMC, and then to the OMCS, are now assigned to the FMCSA. The motor carrier functions of the FHWA's Resource Centers and Division (*i.e.*, State) Offices have been transferred without change to the FMCSA Service Centers and FMCSA Division Offices, respectively. For the time being, all phone numbers and addresses are unchanged. Similarly, rulemaking activities begun under the auspices of the FHWA and continued under the OMCS will be completed by the FMCSA.

#### Background

The Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) is a Federal grant-in-aid program. The MCSAP was first authorized in the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (STAA)(Public Law 97-424, 96 Stat. 2079, 2154), reauthorized in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-570, 100 Stat. 3207, 3207-186), and again in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (49 U.S.C. 31101-31104, as amended). The original authorization contained certain eligibility requirements for financial assistance, including agreement to adopt and enforce safety regulations compatible with the FMCSRs and Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs). The regulatory compatibility requirement remains today and ensures