PROPOSED RULES

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

7 CFR Parts 210, 220, 225, and 226

RIN 0584–AC82

Modification of the "Vegetable Protein Products" Requirements for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program—Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule entitled Modification of the "Vegetable Protein Products" Requirements for the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program was published in the Federal Register (64 FR 38839–38844) on July 20, 1999. Public comments were requested to be postmarked on or before November 19, 1999. This action extends the public comment period to November 19, 1999. The Department published the proposed Modification of the "Vegetable Protein Products" Requirements for the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program in the Federal Register (64 FR 38839–38844) on July 30, 1999. The Department provided a 60-day comment period. Commenters have indicated that the 60-day comment period is not enough to provide a thorough analysis and to develop detailed comments. Furthermore, since the rule was published in July, during summer break for many schools, the comment period would end at the beginning of the new school year, which would not provide school food service personnel adequate opportunity to review the rule and provide their comments.

The Department is eager to ensure that commentors have sufficient time to evaluate the proposal and to develop substantive comments. To achieve this end, the Department will continue to receive comments submitted or postmarked on or before November 19, 1999.


George A. Braley, Acting Administrator.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 70

Public Meeting on 10 CFR Part 70 Rulemaking Activities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: NRC will host a public meeting in Rockville, Maryland. This meeting will be held in two parts. During the first part of the meeting, an overview of the proposed revisions to 10 CFR Part 70 and the associated draft Standard Review Plan will be presented. Comments received to date on the proposed rule and the draft Standard Review Plan will be discussed during the second part of the meeting.

This meeting will facilitate public comments by presenting an overview of the proposed rule and Standard Review Plan and discussing areas where the Commission is specifically seeking public comments. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss public comments received to date on the proposed rule and Standard Review Plan.

DATES: This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 14–15, 1999 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: NRC's Licensing Board Hearing Room at Two White Flint North, Room 3B45, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Visitor parking around the NRC building is limited; however, the meeting site is located adjacent to the White Flint Station on the Metro Red Line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theodore S. Sherr, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415–7218, e-mail: tss@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 20th Day of August, 1999.

Theodore S. Sherr, Chief, Licensing and International Safeguards Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Part 114

[Notice 1999–14]

Rulemaking Petition: Voting Records and Voter Guides Notice of availability

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Rulemaking petition: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: On July 20, 1999, the Commission received a Petition for Rulemaking from James Bopp, Jr., of the James Madison Center for Free Speech, on behalf of the Iowa Right to Life Committee, Inc. The Petition urges the Commission to repeal its rules.
addressing voting records and voter guides that are publicly distributed by corporations and labor organizations, an action it calls necessary to conform these rules with a recent court decision. The Petition is available for inspection in the Commission’s Public Records Office and through its FAXLINE service.

DATES: Statements in support of or in opposition to the Petition must be filed on or before September 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Rosemary C. Smith, Acting Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either written or electronic form. Written comments should be sent to the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463. Faxed comments should be sent to (202) 219-3923, with printed copy follow-up. Electronic mail comments should be sent to voterguides@fec.gov. Commenters sending comments by electronic mail should include their full name and postal service address within the text of their comments. Comments that do not contain the full name, electronic mail address and postal service address of the commenter will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosemary C. Smith, Acting Assistant General Counsel, or Rita A. Reimer, Attorney, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530 (toll free).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Federal Election Campaign Act at 2 U.S.C. 441b prohibits corporations and labor organizations from using general treasury monies to make contributions or expenditures in connection with Federal elections. Such entities may engage in certain nonpartisan activities, however, including, inter alia, the preparation and distribution to the general public of voting records of Members of Congress and voter guides consisting of two or more candidates’ positions on campaign issues, as long as certain conditions are met. See 11 CFR 114.4(c)(4) (voting records), 114.4(c)(5) (voter guides).

The Petitioner is asking the Commission to repeal its rules at 11 CFR 114.4(c)(4) and 114.4(c)(5), an action it argues is necessary to conform the Commission’s regulations to the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Clifton v. Federal Election Commission, 927 F.Supp. 493 (D.Me. 1996), modified in part and remanded in part, 114 F.3d 1309 (1st Cir. 1997), cert. denied, 118 S.Ct. 1036 (1998). That decision invalidated certain portions of these rules, including the “electioneering message” standard contained in 11 CFR 114.4(c)(5)(ii) (D) and (E).

Copies of the Petition for Rulemaking are available for public inspection at the Commission’s Public Records Office, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Interested persons may also obtain a copy of the Petition by dialing the Commission’s FAXLINE service at (202) 501-3413 and following its instructions, at any time of the day and week.

Request document #241.

Consideration of the merits of the Petition will be deferred until the close of the comment period. If the Commission decides that the Petition has merit, it may begin a rulemaking proceeding. Any subsequent action taken by the Commission will be announced in the Federal Register.


Scott E. Thomas,
Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the proposed regulations, Barbara Jane League, (202) 622-3980; concerning submissions of comments, the hearing, and/or requests to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, LaNita Van Dyke, (202) 622-7180 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code provides rules addressing the use of proceeds of tax-exempt State and local bonds to acquire higher-yielding investments. On June 18, 1993, final regulations (TD 8476) relating to the arbitrage restrictions and related rules under sections 103, 148, 149, and 150 were published in the Federal Register (58 FR 33510). Corrections to these regulations were published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1993 (58 FR 4451), May 11, 1994 (59 FR 24350), and July 9, 1999 (64 FR 37037). On May 9, 1997, additional final regulations (TD 8718) relating to the arbitrage restrictions and related rules under sections 103, 148, 149, and 150 were published in the Federal Register (62 FR 25502). This document proposes to modify § 1.148-1(e) to clarify which prepayments are investment-type property under section 148(b)(2)(D).

Explanation of Provisions

The current regulations, at § 1.148-1(e)(2), provide that prepayments for property or services give rise to investment-type property if a principal purpose for prepaying is to obtain an investment return from the time that the payment is made until the time that payment otherwise would be made. A prepayment does not give rise to investment-type property if (1) the prepayment is made for a substantial business purpose other than investment return and the issuer otherwise has a commercially reasonable alternative to the prepayment, or (2) prepayments on...