DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Secretary

15 CFR Part 4a

Classification, Declassification and Public Availability of National Security Information; Correction

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule; Correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the effective date of a final rule relating to the classification, declassification and public availability of national security information published at 46 FR 16251, March 12, 1981.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan F. Brown, 202-377-1722.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The effective date of 15 CFR Part 4a as revised in FR Doc. 81-7640 published at 46 FR 16251, March 12, 1981, third column, was incorrectly listed as December 30, 1980. The correct effective date should be September 4, 1980.


Andrew L. Lewis, Jr.,

Secretary of Transportation.

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15 CFR Part 19

Federal Interaction With Voluntary Standards Bodies; Procedures

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Productivity, Technology and Innovation, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Deferral of effective date of final rule.

SUMMARY: The procedures for Federal Interaction with Voluntary Standards Bodies were published at 46 FR 1574, January 6, 1981 to become effective February 5, 1981. In response to President Reagan's Memorandum of January 29, 1981, comments were received questioning the appropriateness of the procedures. A decision has therefore been made to reexamine these procedures, insofar as there is lawful discretion to do so. A notice of proposed rulemaking appears in this issue in the proposed rules section (FR Doc. 81-9525). That notice proposes to suspend the procedures for an indefinite period of time while they are being reexamined, and further proposes that they be permitted to go into effect on an interim basis during the period of reexamination. To allow time for completion of the rulemaking proceeding initiated by that notice, the effective date of the procedures is being extended for an additional 30 days until April 29, 1981.

Effective date of this amendment: March 27, 1981.
Comments on whether they should continue to be suspended or thereafter be made effective on an interim basis are requested for a period of 15 days from publication in the Federal Register (April 14, 1981). Comments on the substantive issues involved in the analysis of the regulations will be accepted until June 30, 1981.

**ADDRESS**: Send comments to: Dr. Nancy Foster, Deputy Director, Sanctuary Programs Office, Office of Coastal Zone Management, 3300 Whitehaven Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20225.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Dr. Nancy Foster, telephone (202) 634-4236.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: Regulations pursuant to the designation of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary were published on October 24, 1980 (45 FR 65198). Regulations for the designation of the Point Reyes-Farallon Islands National Marine Sanctuary were published on January 26, 1981 (46 FR 7908).

In accordance with Section 302(h)(2) of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1432(h)(2), (the Act) each set of regulations provided that they would not become effective until the expiration of a period of 60 calendar days of continuous session of Congress from the date of their transmittal to Congress, concurrent with publication. Under Section 302(h) of the Act, the period is broken by an adjournment sine die and tolled by an adjournment of House of more than three days to a day certain.

The Congressional review period was still running for both sets of regulations on January 29, 1981, when President Reagan ordered a 60-day suspension of pending regulations. In response to this order, NOAA amended the regulations to provide that they would become effective on March 30, 1981, or upon the expiration of the 60-day Congressional period, whichever date was later (46 FR 14741, March 2, 1981). Assuming no further adjournments, the Channel Islands regulations will become effective on March 30, 1981, and the Point Reyes-Farallon Islands regulations on April 5, 1981.

On February 17, 1981, the President issued Executive Order 12291 directing Federal agencies to further suspend or postpone the effective dates of any pending "major" regulation to the extent permitted by law in order to reconsider the regulation in accordance with the objectives of the Executive Order and prepare a Regulatory Impact Analysis. A major regulation is defined as one "likely to result in:

- An annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more;
- A major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or
- Significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic or export markets."

A Federal agency's initial determination is whether a regulation meets these criteria. The only regulations in either Sanctuary which might meet these criteria are § 935.6 limiting or prohibiting hydrocarbon exploration, development, and production activities in the Channel Islands Sanctuary, § 935.7 to the degree that it has the effect of limiting or prohibiting hydrocarbon activities in the Channel Islands Sanctuary, § 936.6 limiting or prohibiting hydrocarbon exploration, development and production activities within the Point Reyes-Farallon Islands Sanctuary.

In response to the President's Executive Order, NOAA will be reviewing in depth these proposed hydrocarbon development prohibitions in the two sanctuaries. NOAA has examined the issues in considerable detail already to satisfy Executive Order 12044, the predecessor to Executive Order 12291. However, NOAA will be reexamining them in light of Executive Order 12291 (46 FR 13193, February 19, 1981) and determining whether the prohibitions meet the criteria for "major" regulations and, in any event, whether they are consistent with the general requirements of section 2 of this Executive Order including the requirement that the potential benefits to the Nation outweigh the potential costs. Comments on these issues are invited until June 30, 1981.

Reconsideration will take up to six months. Therefore, NOAA will determine whether to allow the hydrocarbon regulations to become effective on an interim basis during the balance of the period of reexamination. The other option is to suspend the regulations pending completion of our review. Comments on the issue of interim effectiveness versus suspension are requested for a period of fifteen days. Comments on the substantive issues connected with reconsideration will be requested again in a subsequent notice prior to April 30, 1981, announcing whether the relevant regulations will continue to be suspended or will be made effective on an interim basis.

Dated: March 25, 1981.

Donald W. Fowler,
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Coastal Zone Management.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

18 CFR Part 282

[Docket No. RM79-14]

**Incremental Pricing Acquisition Cost Thresholds Under Title II of the NGPA**

Issued: March 24, 1981.

**AGENCY**: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION**: Order prescribing incremental pricing thresholds.

**SUMMARY**: The Director of the Office of Pipeline and Producer Regulation is issuing the incremental pricing acquisition cost thresholds prescribed by Title II of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR 282.304. The Act requires the Commission to compute and publish the threshold prices before the beginning of each month for which the figures apply. Any cost of natural gas above the applicable threshold is considered to be an incremental gas cost subject to incremental pricing surcharging.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: April 1, 1981.


**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: In the matter of publication of prescribed incremental pricing acquisition cost threshold of the NGPA of 1978; order of the Director, OPPR.

Section 203 of the NGPA requires that the Commission compute and make available incremental pricing acquisition cost threshold prices prescribed in Title II before the