

Agency Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR) coverage on Information Resources Management (IRM) by providing electronic access to EPA IRM policies for the Agency's contractors. Electronic access is available through the Internet or a dial-up modem bulletin board service (BBS). Agency contractors will be required to review the Internet or bulletin board when receiving a work request (i.e. delivery order or work assignment) to ascertain the applicable IRM policies. The intended effect of this proposed rule is to ensure that contractors perform IRM related work in accordance with current EPA policies.

DATES: Written comments shall be submitted not later than September 11, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Acquisition Management (3802F), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention: Edward N. Chambers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward N. Chambers, telephone: (202) 260-6028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The required EPA IRM policies are currently referenced in a clause contained in all Agency solicitations and contracts. While this clause provides for revised and new directives through attachments to contracts, because of the rapid changes in the IRM field EPA may still be at risk for requiring compliance with outdated directives. By locating the references and providing the full text of all required IRM policies on the Internet or the Agency's bulletin board service, EPA will be able to update this information as changes occur to ensure contractor compliance with current IRM policies. This effort to provide electronic access is consistent with the Federally mandated Government Information Locator Service (GILS), a key initiative of the National Performance Review (NPR).

B. Executive Order 12866

This is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866; therefore, no review is required by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because this rule does not contain information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

D. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The proposed rule is not expected to have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*

Internet and electronic bulletin boards are widely available information services, used commonly in the conduct of business by both small and large entities. Compliance with this requirement will require minimal cost or effort for any entity, large or small.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 1552

Government Procurement, Specifications, Standards, and other Purchase Descriptions, Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses.

Dated: June 14, 1995.

Betty L. Bailey,

Director, Office of Acquisition Management.

For reasons set out in the preamble, chapter 15 of title 48 Code of Federal Regulations is proposed to be amended as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 1552 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Section 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

2. Section 1552.210-79 is amended by revising the date in the clause heading and paragraphs (b), (c) and (d); and by removing paragraphs (e) and (f) to read as follows:

§ 1552.210-79 Compliance with EPA Policies for Information Resources Management.

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Compliance With EPA Policies for Information Resources Management (XXX-1995)

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(b) *General.* The contractor shall perform any IRM related work under this contract in accordance with the IRM policies, standards and procedures set forth in this clause and noted below. Upon receipt of a work request (i.e. delivery order or work assignment) the contractor shall check this listing of directives (See paragraph (d) for electronic access). The applicable directives for performance of the work request are those in effect on the date of issuance of the work request.

(1) *IRM Policies, Standards and Procedures.* The 2100 Series (2100-2199) of the Agency's Directives System contain the majority of the Agency's IRM policies, standards and procedures.

(2) *Groundwater Program IRM Requirement.* A contractor performing any work related to collecting groundwater data, or developing or enhancing data bases containing groundwater quality data, shall comply with *EPA Order 7500.1A—Minimum Set of Data Elements for Groundwater Quality.*

(3) *EPA Computing and Telecommunications Services.* The National

Data Processing Division (NDPD) Operational Directives Manual contains procedural information about the operation of the Agency's computing and telecommunications services. Contractors performing work for the Agency's National Computer Center or those who are developing systems which will be operating on the Agency's national platforms must comply with procedures established in the Manual.

(c) *Printed Documents.* Documents listed in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) above may be obtained from: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Administration, Facilities Management and Services Division, Distribution Section, Mail Code: 3204, 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460, Phone: (202) 260-5797.

(d) *Electronic Access.*

(1) *Internet.* A complete listing, including full text, of documents included in the 2100 Series of the Agency's Directives System as well as the two other EPA documents noted in this clause is maintained on the EPA Public Access Server on the Internet. The listing is located in the EPA policy section under IRM Policy, Standards and Guidance. The address is gopher.epa.gov.

(2) *Bulletin Board Notices.* All documents, including the listing, are available for browsing and electronic download through a dial-up modem bulletin board service (BBS). Dial (919) 558-0335 for access to the BBS. Set the communication parameters to 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit (8,N,1) Full Duplex, and the emulator to VT-100. The information is the same whether accessed through the BBS or the Internet. For technical assistance, call 1-800-334-2405.

(End of Clause)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Logistics Agency

48 CFR Parts 5446 and 5452

DLA Acquisition Regulation; Quality Assurance

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency, DOD.

ACTION: Proposed rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Defense Logistics Agency proposes to add a new part to 48 CFR Chapter 54, the Defense Logistics Acquisition Regulation (DLAR) part 5446 and add coverage to 48 CFR Chapter 54, Part 5452. The proposed coverage implements a test under which a contractor will be required to replace, repair or provide reimbursements for items which do not conform with the specifications of the contract when such nonconformances are discovered within one year after Government acceptance. Comments are hereby requested on the proposed coverage.