

his or her retirement code classification is incorrect.

(2) If a participant fails in a timely manner to file a claim for correction (or fails in a timely manner to request reconsideration of a claim) under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, the Board or TSP recordkeeper may still correct any administrative error that is brought to or comes to its attention.

Subpart D—Miscellaneous Provisions

§ 1605.9 Miscellaneous provisions.

(a)(1) If all employee contributions are removed from a participant's account under the rules set forth in this part, but earnings on any of those employee contributions or other residual amounts are left in the account, the earnings will remain in the account unless the participant was ineligible to have an account in the TSP at the time the earnings were credited to the account and remains ineligible. In that case, the earnings will be removed from the account and used to offset TSP administrative expenses. If earnings remain in the account under this paragraph (a), they will be subject to withdrawal from the participant's account upon separation from Federal employment under the same withdrawal rules as apply to any other money in a participant's account.

(2) If any residual earnings on employer contributions remain in a participant's account after all employer contributions have been removed from the account, those residual earnings will be removed from the account and used to offset TSP administrative expenses.

(b) If a participant fails to participate in the TSP due to circumstances beyond his or her control but not due to circumstances attributable to employing agency, Board, or TSP recordkeeper error, the participant will be entitled to elect to participate effective not later than the first pay period after the participant submits a contribution election form (Form TSP-1), regardless of whether the form is submitted during an election period. Such belated elections will be permitted on a prospective basis only; no makeup contributions will be permitted under this part.

(c) If TSP contributions are invested in the wrong investment fund(s) because of employing agency error, that error may be corrected only in accordance with 5 CFR 1606.7. Such errors may not be corrected under this part.

(d)(1) The address for the TSP recordkeeper is: National Finance Center, TSP Service Office, Post Office Box 61500, New Orleans, LA 70161-1500.

(2) The address for the Board is: Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

[Docket No. EE-RM-94-403]

RIN 1904-AA67

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Review of Draft Reports and Public Workshop on Clothes Washer Standards

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Public Workshop.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (the Department or DOE) today gives notice that copies of the "Draft Report on Design Options for Clothes Washers" and "Draft Report on the Preliminary Engineering Analysis for Clothes Washers" are available. In addition, the Department of Energy will hold a public workshop to discuss the above mentioned reports, comments received on the reports, the peer review of the reports, and other relevant topics pertaining to standards for clothes washers. All persons are hereby given notice of the opportunity to attend and participate in the public workshop.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on Friday, November 15, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the reports entitled "Draft Report on Design Options for Clothes Washers" and "Draft Report on the Preliminary Engineering Analysis for Clothes Washers" may be obtained from: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7574. These documents may be read at the DOE Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. DOE, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The workshop will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Room 1E-245,

1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Bryan Berringer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-0371

Mr. P. Marc LaFrance, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-8423

Ms. Sandy Beall, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Mail Station EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-7574.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy has initiated an extensive standards rulemaking process improvement effort which includes priority setting for various products. The Department has determined that the clothes washers standards rulemaking be assigned a "High Priority" based on potential energy savings being large. Therefore, the Department is initiating the first step of the new process, which is to consider design options for efficiency improvements, in developing clothes washer standards. The procedures of the new process can be found in the July 15, 1996, Federal Register notice (61 FR 36973) which outlines the planning and prioritization process, data collection and analysis, and decision making criteria.

The Department has recently drafted the following documents: "Draft Report on Design Options for Clothes Washers" and "Draft Report on the Preliminary Engineering Analysis for Clothes Washers." The design options report identifies product classes and narrows the range of design options being considered in the development of standards. The Department is providing the preliminary engineering analysis primarily for information purposes, because the Department had previously received extensive data on manufacturer costs, energy and water use from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, and was able to do a preliminary analysis based largely on this data. The engineering analysis, selection of candidate standard levels, and draft consumer/forecasting (energy and water) analyses will be completed before the Department publishes a Supplemental Advance Notice of

Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) for clothes washers planned for April 1997.

The Department seeks information from interested parties relative to the validity of the design option report, and on how to conduct and complete the engineering analysis. These reports are currently being peer reviewed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Arthur D. Little, Inc. There will be an opportunity to suggest other parties to perform peer review at the workshop.

The Department sent a letter on October 15, 1996, to all interested parties that have participated in past clothes washer rulemakings, announcing the workshop and providing the above mentioned draft reports for comment by November 8, 1996.

A workshop for clothes washer standards, primarily to discuss the screening of design options, will be held on Friday, November 15, 1996, at the U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. 20585-0121 in room 1E-245 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Discussion will cover the draft reports, comments received on the reports, the peer review of the reports, and other relevant topics pertaining to the standards.

The preliminary draft agenda for the workshop is as follows:

Preliminary Draft Agenda

Opening Remarks, Introductions,
Agenda Review
Overview of Clothes Washer
Rulemaking Schedule
Discussion on Design Options
Discussion on Preliminary Engineering
Analysis
Discussion on How to Improve Future
Workshops
Closing—Next Steps

After completion of the workshop, the Department will review all of the findings and other recommendations. The Department will use this information to develop the final engineering analysis report for review by interested parties. The workshop will be professionally facilitated.

Copies of any comments and this notice are available in the DOE Freedom of Information Reading Room. A copy of the workshop transcript will be available in the DOE public reading room approximately ten days after the workshop.

There will also be an opportunity to submit written comments after the workshop. Please notify Bryan Berringer at the above listed address of your intention to attend the workshop, if you wish to submit written comments, or if you wish to be added to the DOE

mailing list for receipt of future notices and information concerning clothes washer matters relating to energy efficiency.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 30, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-NM-124-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 and Model DC-9-80 Series Airplanes, Model MD-88 Airplanes, and C-9 (Military) Series Airplanes Equipped With BFGoodrich Evacuation Slides

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 and Model DC-9-80 series airplanes, Model MD-88 airplanes, and C-9 (military) series airplanes. This proposal would require modification of the girt and firing lanyard stowage. This proposal is prompted by reports of in-cabin inflation of certain evacuation slides due to the impingement of the galley service cart on the slide girt and firing lanyard. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent inadvertent inflation of the evacuation slides inside the cabin, which could contribute to injury of passengers and/or flightcrew in the passenger cabin.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-NM-124-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from

BFGoodrich Company, Aircraft Evacuation Systems, Department 7916, Phoenix, Arizona 85040. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tracy Ton, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM-130L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712; telephone (310) 627-5352; fax (310) 627-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 96-NM-124-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-NM-124-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Discussion

The FAA has received several reports of certain BFGoodrich evacuation slides installed on McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-80 series airplanes inadvertently inflating inside the passenger cabin. The