For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 981 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 981—ALMONDS GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 981 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

§981.455 [Amended]

2. In § 981.455, paragraph (c) is redesignated as paragraph (d) and a new paragraph (c) is proposed to be added to read as follows:

§ 981.455 Interhandler transfers.

* * * *

(c) Transfers of reserve withholding obligation. A handler may transfer reserve withholding obligation to other handlers pursuant to § 981.55 after having filed with the Board an ABC Form 11 executed by both handlers. The Board shall approve the transfer upon receipt of the properly completed form.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Sharon Bomer Lauritsen.

Deputy Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division. [FR Doc. 97–9187 Filed 4–9–97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3410–02–P

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG-246018-96]

RIN 1545-AU49

Recomputation of Life Insurance Reserves; Hearing Cancellation

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of cancellation of a public hearing on proposed regulations relating to the definition of life insurance reserves.

DATES: The public hearing originally scheduled for April 17, 1997, beginning at 10 a.m. is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Evangelista C. Lee of the Regulations Unit, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate), (202) 622–7190 (not a tollfree number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject of the public hearing is proposed amendments to the Income Tax Regulations under sections 816 and 801 of the Internal Revenue Code. A notice of proposed rulemaking and public hearing appearing in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, January 2, 1997 (62 FR 71), announced that a public hearing would be held on Thursday, April 17, 1997, beginning at 10 a.m., in room 3313, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

The public hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 1997, is cancelled. **Cynthia E. Grigsby**,

Chief, Regulations Unit, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate). [FR Doc. 97–9112 Filed 4–9–97; 8:45 am]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[A-1-FRL-5801-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Vermont; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Major Stationary Sources of Nitrogen Oxides and Volatile Organic Compounds Not Covered By Other Category-Specific Regulations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a State implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Vermont. This revision establishes and requires Reasonably Available Control Technology at major stationary sources of nitrogen oxides and major stationary sources of volatile organic compounds (VOC) which are not covered by other category-specific VOC regulations. In the Final Rules Section of this Federal **Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this proposal. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposal should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Susan Studlien, Deputy Director, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Bldg., Boston, MA 02203. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA 02203-2211 and, the Air Pollution Control Division, Agency of Natural Resources, Building 3 South, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven A. Rapp, (617) 565-2773, or Rapp.Steve@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q. Dated: March 10, 1997.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator Region I. [FR Doc. 97–9013 Filed 4–9–97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–P

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA-7215]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA. **ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed base (1% annual chance) flood elevations and proposed base flood elevation modifications for the communities listed below. The base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick H. Sharrocks, Jr., Chief, Hazard Identification Branch, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2796. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA or Agency) proposes to make determinations of base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed base flood and modified base flood elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, state or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act

This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Executive Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate, certifies that this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because proposed or modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program. As a result, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, Flood insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of \S 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location		#Depth in f ground. *Elev (NG)	ation in feet
					Existing	Modified
Illinois	Lake In the Hills (Village) McHenry County.	Woods Creek	From Randall Road Algonquin Road.	To Huntley	None	*831
	County.				None	*848

Maps available for inspection at the Lake In The Hills Village Hall, 1211 Crystal Lake Road, Lake In The Hills, Illinois. Send comments to Mr. Joe Murawski, Lake In The Hills Acting Village President, 1211 Crystal Lake Road, Lake In The Hills, Illinois 60102.

Minnesota	Winona (City) Wi- nona County.	Gilmore Creek	Approximately 380 feet downstream of U.S. Highway 14.	None	*667
			Approximately 50 feet upstream of St. Mary's College Bridge.	*688	*687
		County Ditch Number 3	At confluence with Lake Winona	*655	*649
			At upstream corporate limits	*662	*658
		Lake Winona	Approximately 30 feet upstream of Man- kato Avenue Drive.	*655	*648
			At confluence of County Ditch Number 3	*655	*649

Maps available for inspection at the Winona City Hall, 207 Lafayette Street, P.O. Box 378, Winona, Minnesota.

Send comments to Mr. Eric Sorenson, Winona City Manager, Winona City Hall, 207 Lafayette Street, P.O. Box 378, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

New York	Sea Cliff (Village) Nassau County.	Long Island Sound: Hempstead Harbor	Approximately 250 feet west of intersec- tion of 15th Avenue and Bay Avenue At the intersection of Littleworth Lane and	*17 *15	*14 *14
		1	Prospect Avenue.		

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD)	
				Existing	Modified
•	•	Cliff Village Hall, Sea Cliff Ave s Blackburn, Mayor of the Vill	enue, Sea Cliff, New York. age of Sea Cliff, Sea Cliff Avenue, Sea Cliff,	New York 1157	79.
Dhio	Franklin County (Unincorporated Areas).	Georges Creek Overland Flow.	At confluence with Georges Creek	None	*74
			Approximately 2,080 feet upstream of confluence with Georges Creek.	None	*75
			nt, 373 South High Street, 15th Floor, Colum Director, 373 South High Street, 15th Floor,		43215.
ship)	Castanea (Town- ship) Clinton County.	West Branch Susque- hanna River.	At confluence of Bald Eagle Creek	*653	*56
			Approximately 140 feet upstream of Con- stitution Street.	*564	*56
		Bald Eagle Creek	At confluence with West Branch Susque- hanna River.	*563	*56
			Approximately 1,750 feet upstream of up- stream CONRAIL bridge.	*566	*50
		Ponding Areas	On west side of U.S. Highway 220 approximately 0.5 mile south of U.S.	*563	*5
			Highway 220 overpass over Jay Street. Approximately 2,000 feet northeast of the	None	*5
			CONRAIL crossing over Bald Eagle Creek.		
				, Pennsylvania [,]	17745.
Send comments to			Creek. Nittany Road, Castanea, Pennsylvania. ary Treasurer, 13 Quiggle Avenue, Castanea Approximately 1,200 feet downstream of U.S. Route 70.	, Pennsylvania *345	
	Ms. Rita L. O'Brien, T Jackson (City)	ownship of Castanea Secreta South Fork of Forked Deer River.	Creek. Nittany Road, Castanea, Pennsylvania. ary Treasurer, 13 Quiggle Avenue, Castanea Approximately 1,200 feet downstream of U.S. Route 70. Approximately 1,200 feet upstream of the confluence of Jones Creek.	*345 *359	*34
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Send comments to The Honorable Charles Farmer, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Jackson City Hall, P.O. Box 2508, Jackson, Tennessee 38302.

Tennessee	Madison County (Unincorporated Areas).	Matthews Creek	At confluence with Middle Fork of Forked Deer River.	*343	*344
			Approximately 0.61 mile upstream of John Smith Road.	None	*410
		Deloach Creek	Approximately 250 feet downstream of Il- linois Central Railroad.	*347	*346
			At McClellan Road	None	*416

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State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD)	
				Existing	Modified
		Moize Creek	Approximately 250 feet downstream of Il- linois Central Railroad.	*349	*3
			At the upstream side of Old Humboldt Road.	*400	*3
		Turkey Creek	Approximately 700 feet downstream of Mason Road.	None	*3
			At county boundary 2.2 miles upstream of U.S. Road 45E.	None	**
		Dyer Creek	Approximately 0.84 mile downstream of the Florida Steel Railroad.	*358	**
			At Christmasville Road	None	*4
		South Fork of Forked Deer River.	At Westover Road	*347	**
			Approximately 1.1 miles upstream of U.S. Route 45 (South Highland Avenue).	*356	*
		Johnson Creek (South Fork Basin).	Approximately 950 feet downstream of Lower Brownsville Road.	*344	*
			At downstream side of Mt. Pinson Road	*425	*
		North Fork of South Fork of Forked Deer River.	Approximately 350 feet downstream of Range Road (State Route 824).	*377	*
			At county boundary	*389	*
		Jones Creek	Approximately 1,500 feet downstream of Illinois Central Railroad.	None	*
			Approximately 650 feet downstream of Bendix Drive.	None	*
		Dry Branch	Entire shoreline of impoundment behind Johnson Creek Watershed Dam No. 5.	None	*
		Little Johnson Creek	Entire shoreline of impoundment behind Johnson Creek Watershed Dam No. 10.	None	*
		Hart Creek	Entire shoreline of impoundment behind Johnson Creek Watershed Dam No. 4.	None	*
		Lakey Creek	Entire shoreline of impoundment behind Johnson Creek Watershed Dam No. 7.	None	*
		Sandy Creek	At county boundary Approximately 1.86 miles upstream of Bowman-Collins Road.	*390 *495	*
		Brown Creek	At the confluence with North Fork of South Fork of Forked Deer River.	*368	*
			Approximately 1.14 miles upstream of Beech Bluff Road.	None	*
		Sandy Creek Tributary	At the confluence with Sandy Creek	*430	*
			Approximately 850 feet upstream of Col- lins Road.	*452	*
nessee.	·		mergency Management Agency, 234 Institu		ickson, Te
nnessee	Medon (Town)	Sandy Creek	Approximately 375 feet downstream of	None	*
	Madison County.		the confluence of Sandy Creek Tribu- tary.		
			Approximately 1,375 feet upstream of Bowman Collins Road.	None	*

Maps available for inspection at the Medon Town Hall, 20 College Street, Medon, Tennessee.

Send comments to The Honorable James Maroney, Mayor of the Town of Medon, P.O. Box 23, Medon, Tennessee 38356.

Wisconsin	Chippewa County (Unincorporated Areas).	Chippewa River	Downstream county boundary	*805	*804
			At toe of Wissota Dam	None	*853

Maps available for inspection at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 711 North Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Send comments to Mr. Thomas Goettl, Chairman of the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors, 711 North Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729.

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in fo ground. *Elev (NG)	ation in feet
				Existing	Modified
Wisconsin	Chippewa Falls (City) Chippewa County.	Chippewa River	Approximately 1 mile downstream of U.S. Highway 53.	*822	*821
	Approximately 2.4 miles upstream of Soo Line Railroad.		None	*852	

Maps available for inspection at the Chippewa Falls City Hall, Inspection Department, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Send comments to The Honorable Virginia Smith, Mayor of the City of Chippewa Falls, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: April 2, 1997. Richard W. Krimm,

Executive Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate. [FR Doc. 97–9207 Filed 4–9–97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4718–04–P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

[I.D. 033197B]

New England Fishery Management Council; Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 2-day public meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone. **DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, April 17, 1997, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Providence Biltmore Hotel, 11 Dorrance Street, Kennedy Plaza, Providence, RI; telephone (401) 421-0700. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036; telephone: (617) 231-0422. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, (617) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

April 16, 1997

The April 16 session will begin with reports from the Council Chairman; Executive Director; Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS; representatives from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center; **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries** Commission (ASMFC); U.S. Coast Guard; and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison. The Director of the Office of Sustainable Development will brief the Council on possible financial assistance to help address the issue of latent fishing capacity in the New England groundfish fishery. A report from the Scallop Committee will follow. The Scallop Committee will review proposals for inclusion in a public hearing document for Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The proposals address the transfer of days-at-sea (DAS) and the disposition of vessels after DAS are sold. The Herring Committee will review the discussions of its joint meeting with the ASMFC Herring Board on annual herring specifications for domestic fishing, joint ventures, and internal waters processing. The Large Pelagics Committee will discuss its draft comments on Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Swordfish FMP and on Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Shark FMP.

April 17, 1997

The April 17 session will begin with a report from the Mid-Atlantic Plans Committee. Several provisions of Amendment 10 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass

FMP will be discussed. The Monkfish Committee will summarize the comments received at the recent public hearings on Amendment 9 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. The **Responsible Fishing Committee will** update the Council on its efforts to develop comments on the NMFS draft Implementation Plan for the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. There will be an update on Essential Fish Habitat requirements for FMPs. The Groundfish Committee intends to propose initial action on a framework adjustment to the Multispecies FMP under the framework for abbreviated rulemaking procedure contained in 50 CFR 648.82. This action would allow fishing in the North Atlantic Fisheries Organization regulated area without using multispecies DAS allocations. The Council meeting will conclude with a report from the Interspecies Committee on eliminating inconsistencies in the vessel permit, upgrading, and replacement provisions in various FMPs, and the development of overall fisheries management policies and objectives.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 97–9160 Filed 4–9–97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–22–F