

(b) [Reserved]

Subpart D—Testing Procedures

§ 343.90 Dissolution and drug release testing.

(a) [Reserved]

(b) *Aspirin capsules.* Aspirin capsules must meet the dissolution standard for aspirin capsules as contained in the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) 23 at page 132.

(c) *Aspirin delayed-release capsules and aspirin delayed-release tablets.* Aspirin delayed-release capsules and aspirin delayed-release tablets must meet the drug release standard for aspirin delayed-release capsules and aspirin delayed-release tablets as contained in USP 23 at pages 133 and 136 respectively.

(d) *Aspirin tablets.* Aspirin tablets must meet the dissolution standard for aspirin tablets as contained in USP 23 at page 134.

(e) *Aspirin, alumina, and magnesia tablets.* Aspirin in combination with alumina and magnesia in a tablet dosage form must meet the dissolution standard for aspirin, alumina, and magnesia tablets as contained in USP 23 at page 138.

(f) *Aspirin, alumina, and magnesium oxide tablets.* Aspirin in combination with alumina, and magnesium oxide in a tablet dosage form must meet the dissolution standard for aspirin, alumina, and magnesium tablets as contained in USP 23 at page 139.

(g) *Aspirin effervescent tablets for oral solution.* Aspirin effervescent tablets for oral solution must meet the dissolution standard for aspirin effervescent tablets for oral solution as contained in USP 23 at page 137.

(h) *Buffered aspirin tablets.* Buffered aspirin tablets must meet the dissolution standard for buffered aspirin tablets as contained in USP 23 at page 135.

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William B. Schultz,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 216

RIN 0790-AG42

Military Recruiting and Reserve Officer Training Corps Program Access to Institutions of Higher Education

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense promulgates the rule addressing military recruiting and Reserve Officer Training Corps program access at institutions of higher education. This rule implements the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, and the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997 (the Acts).

The Acts state that no funds available under appropriations acts for any fiscal year for the Departments of Defense, Transportation (with respect to military recruiting), Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies may be provided by contract or grant (including a grant of funds to be available for student aid) to a covered school that has a policy or practice (regardless of when implemented) that either prohibits, or in effect prevents, the Secretary of Defense from obtaining, for military recruiting purposes, entry to campuses, access to students on campuses, access to directory information on students, or that has an anti-ROTC policy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 29, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 8, 1997 the Department of Defense published an interim rule to implement the Acts, and invited public comments by July 7, 1997 (62 FR 16691). Consistent with the Acts, the interim rule took effect on March 29, 1997. Public comments were received and appropriate adjustments were made as reflected in this final rule.

The Secretary is committed to establishing sound procedures to implement current statutes, while keeping the regulatory burden to the minimum necessary to carry out the congressional intent. To that end, the Department has finalized this rule in consultation with other Federal agencies, including the Departments of Education, Labor, Transportation, and Health and Human Services. Agencies affected by this rule will continue to

coordinate as they implement its provisions.

This rule defines the criteria for determining whether an institution of higher education has a policy or practice prohibiting or preventing the Secretary of Defense from maintaining, establishing, or efficiently operating a Senior ROTC unit; or has a policy of denying military recruiting personnel entry to campuses, access to students on campuses, or access to directory information on students. The Acts establish that institutions of higher education having such policies or practices are ineligible for certain Federal funding.

The criterion of "efficiently operating a Senior ROTC unit" refers generally to an expectation that the ROTC Department would be treated on a par with other academic departments; as such, it would not be singled out for unreasonable actions that would impede access to students (and vice versa) or restrict its operations.

This rule also defines the procedures that would be followed in evaluating reports that a covered school has not met requirements defined in this rule. When a component of the Department of Defense (DOD Component) believes that policies or practices of an institution of higher education might require such an evaluation, that component is required to confirm the institution's policy in consultation with the institution. If that exchange suggests that the policy or practice could trigger a denial of funding, as required by the Acts, the supporting facts would be forwarded through Department of Defense channels to the decision authority, who is the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy (ASD(FMP)).

The Department of Defense received and considered comments relating to this rule. Those comments frequently related to the interplay between the Acts and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g. Commenters have inquired whether release of student information in response to a request from a military recruiter would violate FERPA. Commenters pointed out that "directory information" is a term of art under FERPA that triggers particular responsibilities of the institution regarding the confidentiality of student information. Depending on the policy of a particular institution, that term may not necessarily refer to the same information that may be requested by a military recruiter. Commenters also pointed out that FERPA provides a mandatory opportunity for a student to object to release of "directory information" designated by an

institution, and questioned whether the same opportunity to object must be provided to a student if a request is received from a military recruiter.

In response to the basic question of whether providing information in response to a request from a military recruiter would violate FERPA, the Department of Education has informed the Department of Defense that it will not consider provision of responsive student information as required under the Acts and this rule to violate FERPA. Institutions must take care, however, to release only that information specifically required under the Acts and this rule.

The Department of Defense appreciates the comments received regarding possible confusion from the use of the term "directory information" in the interim rule. Because the term is not synonymous under FERPA or the Acts, and to avoid possible conflict or confusion, the final rule substitutes the term "student recruiting information" for "directory information" as that term was used in the interim rule.

Regarding the opportunity for a student to "opt-out" of or object to release of "directory information" under FERPA, the Department of Defense provides the following clarification. If an institution receives a request for student recruiting information, and that request seeks information that the institution has included in its definition of "directory information" that is releasable under FERPA, and a student has previously requested that the "directory information" not be disclosed to any third party, the Department of Defense agrees that information for that student will not be provided to the Department of Defense. If an institution declines to provide student recruiting information because a student has "opted-out" from the institution's policy of disclosing "directory information" under FERPA, the Department of Defense will not consider that institution to have denied access under the Acts. The Department of Defense will honor only those student "opt-outs" from the disclosure of directory information that are evenhandedly applied to all prospective employers seeking information for recruiting purposes. The Department of Defense will also honor the "opt-out" in cases where the institution's "directory information" definition does not include all of the student recruiting information requested by the recruiter.

If an institution does not release all of the requested student recruiting information as part of its "directory information" policy under FERPA (or has a policy of disclosing no "directory

information"), the institution must nevertheless honor the request from a military recruiter for student recruiting information on students who have not "opted-out", even if that information would not be available to the public under FERPA. Because this information is requested exclusively for military recruiting, a special opportunity for a student to decline the release of student recruiting information is not necessary or appropriate.

In carrying out their customary activities, DOD components must identify any institutions of higher education that, by policy or practice, denies military recruiting personnel entry to the campus(es) of those schools, access to their students, or access to student recruiting information. When repeated requests to schedule recruiting visits or to obtain student recruiting information are unsuccessful, the DOD component concerned must seek written confirmation of the school's present policy from the head of the covered school through a letter of inquiry, allowing 30 days for response. If written confirmation cannot be obtained, oral policy statements or attempts to obtain such statements from an appropriate official of the school shall be documented. A copy of the documentation shall be provided to the covered school, which shall be informed of its opportunity to forward clarifying comments to accompany the DOD component's submission to the ASD(FMP), and shall be provided 30 day to offer such clarifying comments. When that 30-day period has elapsed, the DOD component will forward the case for disposition.

Similarly, in carrying out their customary activities, DOD components also must identify any institutions of higher education that, by policy or practice, deny establishment, maintenance, or efficient operation of a unit of the Senior ROTC, or deny students permission to participate, or effectively prevent students from participating in a unit of the Senior ROTC at another institution of higher education. The DOD component concerned must seek written confirmation of the school's policy from the head of the covered school through a letter of inquiry, allowing 30 days for response. If written confirmation cannot be obtained, oral policy statements or attempts to obtain such statements from an appropriate official of the school shall be documented. A copy of the documentation shall be provided to the covered school, which shall be informed of its opportunity to forward clarifying comments to accompany the DOD component's submission to the

ASD(FMP), and shall be provided 30 days to offer such clarifying comments. When that 30-day period has elapsed, the DOD component will forward the case for disposition.

The recommendation of the DOD component then must be reviewed by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned, or designee, who shall evaluate responses to the letter of inquiry and other such information obtained in accordance with this part, and submit to the ASD(FMP) the names and addresses of covered schools that are believed to be in violation of current law. Full documentation must be furnished to the ASD(FMP) for each such covered school, including the school's formal response to the letter of inquiry, documentation of any oral response, or evidence showing that attempts were made to obtain either written confirmation or an oral statement of the school's policies.

Following any determination by the ASD(FMP) that policies or practices of an institution of higher education require ineligibility for certain Federal funding, as required by the Acts, the ASD(FMP) shall:

- Disseminate to Federal entities affected by the decision, including the DoD components and the General Services Administration (GSA), the names of the affected institutions. The ASD(FMP) also shall notify the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives;

- Publish in the **Federal Register** each such determination, and publish in the **Federal Register** at least once every six months a list of all institutions currently determined to be ineligible for contracts and grants by reason of such determinations; and

- Inform the affected institution that its funding eligibility may be restored if the school provides sufficient new information to establish that the basis for the determination no longer exists.

This rule contains procedures under which funding may be restored. Not later than 45 days after receipt of a school's request to restore funding eligibility, the ASD(FMP) must determine whether the funding status of the covered school should be changed and notify the applicable school of that determination. Pursuant to that determination, entities of the Federal government affected by the decision, including the DoD components and the GSA, shall be notified of any change in funding status.

Other Matters

In the event of any determination of ineligibility by the ASD(FMP), the affected Federal agencies shall determine what funds provided by grant or contract to the covered school are affected and take appropriate action. As a result of this division of responsibility and the large number of Federal agencies affected, this rule does not detail what specific funds are affected by any determination of ineligibility.

The Department of Education has provided information on the impact of the Acts on the programs of student financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, in a January 1998 "Dear Colleague Letter" (No. GEN-98-3). That letter is available by request by calling 800-4FEDAID, or through the Department of Education's website at "http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/announce/dcl/1998/".

The Secretary of Education has determined that funds under the Federal Pell Grant Program (Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1), the Federal Family Education Loan Program (Title IV, Part B), the Federal Direct Student Loan Program (Title IV, Part D), the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Title IV, Part D), the State Student Incentive Grant Program (Title IV, Part A, Subpart 4), the Robert C. Byrd Honor Scholarship Program (Title IV, Part A, Subpart 6), and the National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership (NEISP) Program (Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2) are not affected. States that receive NEISP Program grants may continue to award student scholarships to be utilized at institutions that have been determined to be ineligible by the DoD. States may not, however, award sub-grants or contracts for NEISP services to such institutions.

The Secretary of Education has determined that funds under the following programs are affected: the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (Title IV, Part A, Subpart 3), the Federal Work-Study Program (Title IV, Part C), and the Federal Perkins Loan Program (Title IV, Part E). Collectively referred to as the campus-based programs, these three programs depend on institutional applications for funding. Once funds are received, the institution determines which students will receive allotted funds, within statutory and regulatory guidelines. Thus, for the purposes of this rule, these funds are considered to be grants to the institution.

Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review"

It has been determined that this final rule is not a significant regulatory action for OMB review since the consequences outlined in Executive Order 12866 are not likely to occur, given the historically infrequent occurrence of denial of funding to institutions of higher education under this rule.

Pub. L. 96-354, "Regulatory Flexibility Act" (5 U.S.C. 601)

The Secretary certifies that these proposed regulations would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities since recent history indicates that its provisions are not applicable to the vast majority of institutions of higher education.

Pub. L. 96-511, "Paperwork Reduction Act" (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)

This final rule will not impose any additional reporting or record keeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 216

Armed forces, Colleges and universities.

Accordingly, 32 CFR part 216 is revised to read as follows:

PART 216—MILITARY RECRUITING AND RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS PROGRAM ACCESS TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Sample Letter of Inquiry

Appendix B of part 216—ROTC Sample

Letter of Inquiry.

Authority: 10 U.S.C. 983.

§ 216.1 Purpose.

This part:

(a) Implements the National Defense Authorization Act of 1995 (108 Stat. 2663),

(b) Implements 10 U.S.C. 983, and

(c) Implements the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997 (110 Stat. 3009).

(d) Updates policy and responsibilities relating to the management of covered schools that have a policy of either denying, or effectively preventing military recruiting personnel entry to their campuses, access to their students, or access to student recruiting information.

(e) Updates policy and responsibilities relating to the management of covered schools that have an anti-ROTC policy.

§ 216.2 Applicability.

This part applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD components"). The policies herein also affect the Departments of Transportation, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard, including their Reserve or National Guard components. The term "Related Agencies," as used herein, refers to the Armed Forces Retirement Home, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, the National Council on Disability, the National Education Goals Panel, the National Labor Relations Board, the National Mediation Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, the Physician Payment Review Commission, the Prospective payment Assessment Commission, the Social Security Administration, the Railroad Retirement Board and the United States Institute of Peace.

§ 216.3 Definitions.

(a) *Anti-ROTC policy.* A policy or practice whereby a covered school prohibits or in effect prevents the Secretary of Defense from maintaining, establishing, or efficiently operating a unit of the Senior ROTC at the covered school, or prohibits or in effect prevents a student at the covered school from enrolling in a Senior ROTC unit at another institution of higher education.

(b) *Covered school.* An institution of higher education, or a subelement of an institution of higher education, subject to the following clarifications:

(1) In the event of a determination (§ 216.5) affecting only a subelement of a parent institution (see § 216.3(d)), the limitations on the use of funds (§ 216.4(a) and (b)) shall apply only to the subelement and not to the parent institution as a whole.

(2) The limitations on the use of funds (§ 216.4(a) and (b)) shall not apply to any individual institution of higher

education that is part of a single university system if that individual institution does not prevent entry to campus, access to students, or access to student recruiting information by military recruiters, or have an anti-ROTC policy, even though another campus of the same system is affected by a determination under § 216.5(a).

(c) *Student recruiting information.* For those currently enrolled, the student's name, address, telephone listing, age (or year of birth), level of education (e.g., freshman, sophomore, or degree awarded for a recent graduate), and major.

(d) *Institution of higher education.* A domestic college, university, or other institution (or subelement thereof) providing postsecondary school courses of study, including foreign campuses of such domestic institutions. The term includes junior colleges, community colleges, and institutions providing courses leading to undergraduate and post-graduate degrees. The term does not include entities that operate exclusively outside the United States, its territories, and possessions. A *subelement* of an institution of higher education is a discrete (although not necessarily autonomous) organizational entity that may establish policies or practices affecting military recruiting and related actions (e.g., an undergraduate school, a law school, a medical school, or other graduate schools). For example, the School of Law of XYZ University is a subelement of its *parent* institution (XYZ University).

(e) *Student.* An individual who is 17 years of age or older and is enrolled at a covered school.

(f) *Enrolled.* Registered for a least one credit hour of academic credit at the covered school during the most-recent, current, or next term.

(g) *Military recruiters.* Personnel of DoD whose current assignment or detail is to a recruiting activity of the DoD.

(h) *Pacifism.* Opposition to war or violence, demonstrated by refusal to participate in military service.

§ 216.4 Policy.

It is policy that:

(a) Under 108 Stat. 2663 and 110 Stat. 3009, no funds available under appropriations acts for any fiscal year for the Departments of Defense, Transportation (with respect to military recruiting), Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies may be provided by contract or by grant (including a grant of funds to be available for student aid) to a covered school if the Secretary of Defense determines that the covered

school has a policy or practice (regardless of when implemented) that either prohibits or in effect prevents the Secretary of Defense from obtaining, for military recruiting purposes, entry to campuses, access to students on campuses, or access to directory information on students (student recruiting information).

(b) Under 110 Stat. 3009, no funds available under appropriations acts for any fiscal year for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies may be provided by contract or grant (including a grant of funds to be available for student aid) to a covered school that has an anti-ROTC policy or practice (regardless of when implemented). Additionally, under 10 U.S.C. 983, no funds appropriated or otherwise available to the Department of Defense may be made obligated by contract or by grant to a covered school that has such a policy or practice.

(c) The limitations established in paragraph (a) of this section, shall not apply to a covered school if the Secretary of Defense determines that the covered school:

(1) Has ceased the policies or practices defined in paragraph (a) of this section;

(2) Has a long-standing policy of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation;

(3) When not providing requested access to campuses or to students on campus, certifies that all employers are similarly excluded from recruiting on the premises of the covered school, or presents evidence that the degree of access by military recruiters is at least equal in quality and scope to that afforded to other employers;

(4) When not providing any student recruiting information, certifies that such information is not maintained by the covered school; or that such information already has been provided to the Military Service concerned for that current semester, trimester, quarter, or other academic term, or within the past four months (for institutions without academic terms);

(5) When not providing student recruiting information for specific students, certifies that each student concerned has formally requested the covered school to withhold this information from third parties;

(6) Permits employers to recruit on the premises of the covered school only in response to an expression of student interest, and the covered school;

(i) Provides the Military Services with the same opportunities to inform the students of military recruiting activities as are available to other employers; or

(ii) Certifies that too few students have expressed an interest to warrant accommodating military recruiters, applying the same criteria that are applicable to other employers; or

(7) Is prohibited by the law of any State, or by the order of any State court, from allowing Federal military recruiting on campus. Such exemption does not apply to funds available to the Department of Defense, in accordance with 108 Stat. 2663.

Note: This exemption terminated effective March 29, 1998, in accordance with 110 Stat. 3009.

(d) The limitations established in paragraph (b) of this section, shall not apply to a covered school if the Secretary of Defense determines that the covered school:

(1) Has ceased the policies or practices defined in paragraph (b) of this section;

(2) Has a long-standing policy of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation;

(3) Is prohibited by the law of any State, or by the order of any State court, from allowing Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps activities on campus. Such exemption does not apply to funds available to the Department of Defense, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 983.

Note: This exemption terminated effective March 29, 1998, in accordance with 110 Stat. 3009.

(e) A covered school may charge for actual costs incurred in providing military recruiters access to student recruiting information, provided such charges are reasonable and customary; in this case, the school must explain to the military recruiter, within 15 days of a request by the recruiter, its method for determining costs, and its basis for concluding that such charges are reasonable and customary.

(f) An evaluation to determine whether a covered school maintains a policy or practice covered by paragraph (a) of this section shall be undertaken when:

(1) Military recruiting personnel cannot gain entry to campus, cannot obtain access to students on campus, or are denied access to student recruiting information (however, military recruiting personnel shall accommodate a covered school's reasonable preferences as to times and places for scheduling on-campus recruiting, to the same extent such preferences are applicable to employers, generally);

(2) The costs being charged by the school for providing student recruiting information are believed by the military recruiter to be excessive, and the school does not provide information sufficient

to support a conclusion that such charges are reasonable and customary; or

(3) The covered school is unwilling to declare in writing, in response to an inquiry from a DoD component, that the covered school does not have a policy or practice of denying, and that it does not effectively prevent, the Secretary of Defense from obtaining for military recruiting purposes entry to campuses, access to students on campuses, or access to student recruiting information.

(g) An evaluation to determine whether a covered school has an anti-ROTC policy covered by paragraph (b) of this section shall be undertaken when:

(1) A Secretary of a Military Department of designee cannot obtain permission to establish, maintain, or efficiently operate a unit of the Senior ROTC; or

(2) Absent a Senior ROTC unit at the covered school, students cannot obtain permission from a covered school to participate, or are effectively prevented from participating, in a unit of the Senior ROTC at another institution of higher education.

§ 216.5 Responsibilities.

(a) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, under the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall:

(1) Not later than 45 days after receipt of the information described in paragraph (b)(3) of this section:

(i) Make a final determination under 108 Stat. 2663, 10 U.S.C., section 983; and 110 Stat. 3009 and/or this part, and notify any affected school of that determination along with the basis, and that it is therefore ineligible to receive prescribed funds as a result of that determination.

(ii) Disseminate to Federal agencies affected by 110 Stat. 3009, to the DoD components, and to the General Services Administration (GSA) the names of covered schools identified under paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, and the basis of the determination.

(iii) Disseminate the names of covered schools identified under paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, to the Secretary of Education and to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives.

(iv) Inform the applicable school identified under paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, that its funding eligibility may be restored if the school provides sufficient new information that the basis for the determination under paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section no longer exists.

(2) Not later than 45 days after receipt of a covered school's request to restore its eligibility:

(i) Determine whether the funding status of the covered school should be changed, and notify the applicable school of that determination.

(ii) Notify the parties reflected in paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section when a determination of funding ineligibility (paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section) has been rescinded.

(3) Publish in the **Federal Register** each determination of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy that a covered school is ineligible for contracts and grants made under 108 Stat. 2663, 10 U.S.C., section 983, and 110 Stat. 3009 and/or this part.

(4) Publish in the **Federal Register** at least once every six months a list of covered schools that are ineligible for contracts and grants by reason of a determination of the Secretary of Defense under 108 Stat. 2663, 10 U.S.C., section 983, and 110 Stat. 3009 and/or this part.

(b) The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:

(1) Identify covered schools that, by policy or practice, deny military recruiting personnel entry to the campus(es) of those schools, access to their students, or access to student recruiting information.

(i) When requests by military recruiters to schedule recruiting visits or to obtain student recruiting information are unsuccessful, the Military Service concerned shall seek written confirmation of the school's present policy from the head of the school through a letter of inquiry. A letter similar to that shown in appendix A of this part shall be used, but it should be tailored to the situation presented. If written confirmation cannot be obtained, oral policy statements or attempts to obtain such statements from an appropriate official of the school shall be documented. A copy of the documentation shall be provided to the covered school, which shall be informed of its opportunity to forward clarifying comments to accompany the submission to the ASD(FMP), and shall be provided 30 days to offer such clarifying comments.

(ii) When a request for student recruiting information is not fulfilled within a reasonable period, normally 30 days, a letter similar to that shown in appendix A of this part shall be used to communicate the problem to the school, and the inquiry shall be managed as described in § 216.5.(b)(1)(i). Schools may stipulate that requests for student

recruiting information shall be in writing.

(2) Identify covered schools that, by policy or practice, deny establishment, maintenance, or efficient operation of a unit of the Senior ROTC, or deny students permission to participate, or effectively prevent students from participating in a unit of the Senior ROTC at another institution of higher education. The Military Service concerned shall seek written confirmation of the school's policy from the head of the school through a letter of inquiry. A letter similar to that shown in appendix B of this part shall be used, but it should be tailored to the situation presented. If written confirmation cannot be obtained, oral policy statements or attempts to obtain such statements from an appropriate official of the school shall be documented. A copy of the documentation shall be provided to the covered school, which shall be informed of its opportunity to forward clarifying comments to accompany the submission to the ASD(FMP), and shall be provided 30 days to offer such clarifying comments.

(3) Evaluate responses to the letter of inquiry, and other such evidence obtained in accordance with this part, and submit to the ASD(FMP) the names and addresses of covered schools that are believed to be in violation of policies established in § 216.4. Full documentation shall be furnished to the ASD(FMP) for each such covered school, including the school's formal response to the letter of inquiry, documentation of any oral response, or evidence showing that attempts were made to obtain either written confirmation or an oral statement of the school's policies.

(c) The Heads of the DoD components shall:

(1) Provide the ASD(FMP) with the names and addresses of covered schools identified as a result of evaluation(s) required under §§ 216.4(f) and (g).

(2) Take immediate action to deny obligations of DoD Funds to covered schools identified under paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, and to restore eligibility of covered schools identified under paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

§ 216.6 Information requirements.

The information requirements identified at §§ 216.5 (b) and (c)(1) have been assigned Report Control Symbol P&R-(AR)-2038 in accordance with DoD 8910.1-M.¹

¹ Copies may be obtained, at cost, from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

Appendix A of Part 216—Military Recruiting Sample Letter of Inquiry

(Tailor letter to situation presented)

Dr. John Doe
President
ABC College
Anywhere, USA 12345-9876

Dear Dr. Doe: I understand that military recruiting personnel (are unable to recruit on the campus of ABC College) (have been refused student recruiting information¹ on ABC College students for the purpose of military recruiting) by a policy or practice of the College. Current law² prohibits funds by grant or contract (including a grant of funds to be available for student aid) from appropriations of the Departments of Defense, Transportation (with respect to military recruiting), Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies to schools that have a policy or practice of denying military recruiting personnel entry to campuses, access to students on campuses, or access to student recruiting information. Implementing regulations are codified at 32 Code of Federal Regulations, part 216.

This letter provides you an opportunity to clarify your institution's policy regarding military recruiting on the campus of ABC College. In that regard, I request, within the next 30 days, a written policy statement of the institution with respect to access to campus and students, and to student recruiting information by military recruiting personnel.

Your response should highlight any difference between access for military recruiters and access for recruiting by other potential employers.

Based on this information, Department of Defense officials will make a determination as to your institution's eligibility to receive funds by grant or contract. That decision may affect eligibility for funding from appropriations of the Departments of Defense, Transportation, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. Should it be determined that ABC College is in violation of the aforementioned statutes, such funding would be stopped, and the school would be ineligible to receive such funds in the future.

I regret that this action may have to be taken. Successful recruiting requires that Department of Defense recruiters have reasonable access to students on the campuses of colleges and universities, and at the same time have effective relationships with the officials and student bodies of those institutions. I hope it will be possible to (define the correction to the aforementioned problem area(s)). I am available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

¹ Student recruiting information refers to a student's name, address, telephone listing, age (or year or birth), level of education (e.g., freshman, sophomore, or degree awarded for a recent graduate), and major.

² 108 Stat. 2663 and 110 Stat. 3009.

Appendix B of Part 216—ROTC Sample Letter of Inquiry

(Tailor Letter to Situation Presented)

Dr. Jane Smith
President
ABC College
Anywhere, USA 12345-9876

Dear Dr. Smith: I understand that ABC College has (refused a request from a Military Department to establish a Senior ROTC unit at your institution) (refused to continue existing ROTC programs at your institution) (prevented students from participation at a Senior ROTC program at another institution) by a policy or practice of the College. Current law¹ prohibits funds by grant or contract (including a grant of funds to be available for student aid) from appropriations of the Departments of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies to schools that have a policy or practice prohibiting or preventing the Secretary of Defense from maintaining, establishing, or efficiently operating a Senior ROTC unit. Those statutes also bar agency funds for schools that prohibit or prevent a student from enrolling in an ROTC unit at another institution of higher education. Implementing regulations are codified at 32 Code of Federal Regulations, part 216.

This letter provides you an opportunity to clarify your institution's policy regarding ROTC access on the campus of ABC College. In that regard, I request, within the next 30 days, a written statement of the institution with respect to (define the problem area(s)).

Based on this information, Department of Defense officials will make a determination as to your institution's eligibility to receive funds by grant or contract. The decision may affect eligibility for funding from appropriations of the Departments of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. Should it be determined that ABC College is in violation of the aforementioned statutes, such funding would be stopped, and the school would be ineligible to receive such funds in the future.

I regret that this action may have to be taken. Successful officer procurement requires that the Department of Defense maintain a strong ROTC program. I hope it will be possible to (define the correction to the aforementioned problem area(s)). I am available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Dated: October 19, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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¹ 10 U.S.C. 983 and 110 Stat. 3009.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[ARK-6-1-7364; FRL-6176-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule; administrative change.

SUMMARY: The EPA is revising the format of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 52, Subpart E for materials submitted by Arkansas that are incorporated by reference (IBR) into the State Implementation Plans (SIPs). The regulations affected by this format change have all been previously submitted by the respective State agency and approved by EPA. This format revision will primarily affect the "Identification of plan" sections of 40 CFR 52.170, as well as the format of the SIP materials that will be available for public inspection at the EPA Region 6 office, the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center located in Waterside Mall, Washington, DC., and the Office of the Federal Register. The sections of 40 CFR 52.170 pertaining to provisions promulgated by EPA or State-submitted materials not subject to IBR review and 40 CFR 52.171 through 52.183 remain unchanged. The EPA has determined that good cause exists for issuing this rule without public comment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This action is effective October 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The SIP materials which are incorporated by reference into 40 CFR part 52 are available for inspection at the following locations:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733; Office of Air and Radiation, Docket and Information Center (Air Docket), EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room M1500, Washington, DC 20460; and Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Scoggins, Air Planning Section (6PD-L) at the above Region 6 address or at (214) 665-7354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Each State is required by section 110(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act (ACT), to