

Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. The EPA submitted a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in today's **Federal Register**. This rule is not a "major rule" defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies must consider the paperwork burden imposed by any information request contained in a proposed rule or a final rule. This rule will not impose any information requirements upon the regulated community.

Executive Order 12875 Enhancing Intergovernmental Partnerships

Under E.O. 12875, the EPA may not issue regulation that is not required by statute and that creates a mandate upon a State, local or tribal government, unless the Federal government provides the funds necessary to pay the direct compliance costs incurred by those governments. If the mandate is unfunded, the EPA must provide to the OMB a description of the extent of EPA's prior consultation with representatives of affected State, local and tribal governments, the nature of their concerns, copies of any written communications from the governments, and a statement supporting the need to issue the regulation. In addition, E.O. 12875 requires the EPA to develop an effective process permitting elected officials and other representatives of State, local and tribal governments to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory proposals containing significant unfunded mandates.

This rule does not create a mandate on State, local or tribal governments. The rule does not impose any enforceable duties on these entities. Accordingly, the requirements of section 1(a) of E.O. 12875 do not apply to this rule.

Executive Order 13084 Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

Under E.O. 13084, the EPA may not issue a regulation that is not required by statute, that significantly or uniquely affects the communities of Indian tribal governments, and that imposes

substantial direct compliance costs on those communities, unless the Federal government provides the funds necessary to pay the direct compliance cost incurred by the tribal governments. If the mandate is unfunded, the EPA must provide to the OMB, in a separately identified section of the preamble to the rule, a description of the extent of the EPA's prior consultation with representatives of affected tribal governments, a summary of the nature of their concerns, and a statement supporting the need to issue the regulation. In addition, E.O. 13084 requires the EPA to develop an effective process permitting elected and other representatives of Indian tribal governments "to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities.

This rule is not subject to E.O. 13084 because it does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of Indian governments. The State of Louisiana is not authorized to implement the RCRA hazardous waste program in Indian country. This action has no effect on the hazardous waste program that the EPA implements in the Indian country within the State.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 271

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Confidential business information, Hazardous materials transportation, Hazardous waste, Indian lands, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Authority

This document is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006, and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, 6974(b).

Dated: June 15, 1999.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 439

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Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Category Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards, and New Source Performance Standards; Correcting Amendments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: EPA is correcting minor errors in the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the pharmaceutical manufacturing point source category which appeared in the **Federal Register** on September 21, 1998.

DATES: These corrections shall become effective September 2, 1999. In accordance with 40 CFR 23.2, this rule will be considered promulgated for purposes of judicial review at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 16, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In a final rule published on September 21, 1998 (63 FR 50388), EPA established final effluent limitations and standards for the pharmaceutical manufacturing point source category for the control of wastewater pollutants. The final rule omitted a clarifying abbreviation and contained four incorrect subsections. This notice inserts a clarifying abbreviation, deletes four incorrect subsections, changes the parenthetical letters identifying two subsections and deletes the parenthetical letters identifying two other subsections. The clarifying abbreviation "Mg/L" (milligrams per liter) is necessary to avoid confusion with the abbreviation "Mg" (megagrams) which is used in the preamble section devoted to the discussion of the MACT rule which was promulgated at the same time as the pharmaceuticals effluent guidelines rule. The subsection deletions are in the Pretreatment Standards for New Sources (PSNS) sections of the rule. These subsections contained a cite from the regulations concerning new source direct dischargers which is inconsistent

with the definition of new source contained in section 403.3(k) of the general pretreatment regulations. As a result of today's correction, the PSNS sections of the pharmaceuticals effluent guidelines will be consistent with the general pretreatment regulations. The PSNS sections will also be consistent with PSNS sections in other recently promulgated effluent guidelines rules. Today's correction also "renumbers" (by revising or deleting) the labels for the PSNS sections. For example, if paragraph (d) is deleted, paragraph (e) is renamed as (d).

II. Administrative Requirements

Under Executive Order 12886 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this is not a "significant regulatory action" and, is therefore not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, this action does not impose any enforceable duty, contain any unfunded mandate, or impose any significant or unique impact on small governments as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4). This rule also does not require prior consultation with State, local, and tribal government officials as specified by Executive Order 12875 (58 FR 58093, October 28, 1993) or Executive Order 13084 (63 FR 27655, May 10, 1998), or involve special consideration of environmental justice related issues as required by Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

Because this action is not subject to the notice-and-comment requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 533, or any other statute, it is not subject to the regulatory flexibility provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). This rule also is not subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) because it is not economically significant as defined under E.O. 12866. Further, EPA interprets E.O. 13045 as applying only to those regulatory actions that are based on health and safety risks, such that the analysis required under section 5-501 of the Order has the potential to influence the regulation. This rule is not subject to E.O. 13045 because it does not establish an environmental standard intended to mitigate health or safety risks. This rule is not subject to the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-113) because it does not involve any technical standards. This action contains no information collection requirements. Therefore, it is not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 1501, *et seq.* EPA's compliance

with these statutes and Executive Orders for the underlying rule is discussed in the **Federal Register** notice of September 21, 1998.

The revisions in this final rule are not substantive. These revisions add a clarifying abbreviation, delete four incorrect subsections of the rule, change parenthetical letters identifying two subsections and delete parenthetical letters identifying two other subsections. For this reason, EPA has determined that public participation in this action is unnecessary and constitutes good cause for issuing this rule without notice and comment. For the same reason, the Agency has determined that good cause exists to waive the requirement for a 30-day period before the amendments become effective. Therefore, the amendments are effective immediately.

The Congressional Review Act (CRA), 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. Section 808 allows the issuing agency to make a good cause finding that notice and public procedure is impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest. This determination must be supported by a brief statement. 5 U.S.C. Section 808(2). As stated previously, EPA has made such a good cause finding, including the reasons therefor, and established an effective date of September 2, 1999. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 439

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Water pollution control.

Dated: August 25, 1999.

J. Charles Fox,

Assistant Administrator for Water.

For reasons set out in the preamble, part 439, title 40, chapter I of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 439—PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING POINT SOURCE CATEGORY

1. The authority citation for part 439 continues to read:

Authority: Secs. 301, 304, 306, 307, 308, 402 and 501 of the Clean Water Act, as amended; 33 U.S.C. 1311, 1314, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1342, and 1361.

2. Section 439.1 is amended by adding paragraph (n) to read as follows:

§ 439.1 General definitions.

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(n) The abbreviation Mg/L means milligrams per liter or parts per million (ppm).

§ 439.17 [Amended]

3. Section 439.17 is amended by removing paragraph (d) and redesignating paragraph (e) as (d).

4. Section 439.27 is amended by removing paragraph (b) and removing the paragraph designation from paragraph (a) and revising the newly designated introductory text before the table to read as follows:

§ 439.27 Pretreatment standards for new sources (PSNS).

Except as provided in 40 CFR 403.7, any new source subject to this subpart must achieve the following pretreatment standards:

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§ 439.37 [Amended]

5. Section 439.37 is amended by removing paragraph (d) and redesignating paragraph (e) as (d).

§ 439.47 [Amended]

6. Section 439.47 is amended by removing the paragraph designation from paragraph (a) and by removing paragraph (b).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

49 CFR Parts 383 and 384

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-97-3103]

RIN 2125-AE28

Commercial Driver Disqualification Provision

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FHWA revises its regulations to require that commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers who are convicted of violating Federal, State, or local laws or regulations pertaining to railroad-highway grade crossings be disqualified from operating a CMV. Penalties also will be assessed against