

The Minerals Management Advisory Board OCS SC will meet in plenary session on Wednesday, November 5, and on Thursday, November 6, and will meet in subcommittee meetings also on Thursday, November 6, 1997, at the Washington Dulles Airport Hilton, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, Virginia 20170, telephone (703) 478-2900.

The OCS SC is an outside group of scientists which advises the Director, MMS, on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific merit of the MMS' OCS Environmental Studies Program (ESP) as related to information needed for informed OCS decisionmaking.

Below is a schedule of meetings that will occur.

The Committee will meet in plenary session on Wednesday, November 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Discussion will focus on:

- Deepwater Issues.
- Year of the Ocean Update.
- Overview of the MMS Strategic Studies Plan.

The SC will meet in subcommittees on Thursday, November 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to review regional and headquarter's strategic plans. Another plenary session is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and discussion will focus on Committee Business.

The meetings are open to the public. Approximately 30 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis at the plenary session.

A copy of the agenda may be requested from the MMS by writing Ms. Phyllis Clark at the address below. Other inquiries concerning the OCS SC meeting should be addressed to Dr. Ken Turgeon, Executive Secretary to the OCS Scientific Committee, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4040, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. He may be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1717, and by electronic mail at Ken/Turgeon@SMTP.MMS.GOV.

Dated: October 20, 1997.

**Carolita U. Kallaur,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Certification of the State of Florida Accessibility Code Under the Americans With Disabilities Act

**AGENCY:** Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary determination of equivalency and certification hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (Department) has determined that the Florida Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act, Florida Statutes §§ 553.501-553.514, as implemented by the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction (together, the "Florida law"), meets or exceeds the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The Department proposes to issue a final certification, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12188(b)(1)(A)(ii) and 28 C.F.R. § 36.601 *et seq.*, which would constitute rebuttable evidence, in any enforcement proceeding, that a building constructed or altered in accordance with the Florida law meets or exceeds the requirements of the ADA. The Department will hold informal hearings on the proposed certification in Washington, DC and Orlando, Florida. **DATES:** To be assured of consideration, comments must be in writing and must be received on or before December 22, 1997. The hearing in Washington, DC is scheduled for Monday, December 22, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The hearing in Orlando, Florida is scheduled for Friday, December 19, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the preliminary determination of equivalency and on the proposal to issue final certification of equivalency of the Florida law should be sent to: John L. Wodatch, Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 66738, Washington, DC 20035-6738

The hearings will be held at: Washington, DC: Disability Rights Section, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 4039, Washington, DC Orlando, Florida: City Commission Chambers, Orlando City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John L. Wodatch, Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 66738, Washington, DC 20035-6738.

Telephone number (800) 514-0301 (Voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TDD).

Copies of this notice are available in formats accessible to individuals with vision impairments and be obtained by calling (800) 514-0301 (Voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TDD). Copies of the Florida law and supporting materials may be inspected by appointment at 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 4039, Washington, DC by calling Tito Mercado at (202) 307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The ADA authorizes the Department of Justice, upon application by a State or local government, to certify that a State or local law that establishes accessibility requirements meets or exceeds the minimum requirements of title III of the ADA for new construction and alterations. 42 U.S.C. § 12188(b)(1)(A)(ii); 28 CFR § 36.601 *et seq.* Final certification constitutes rebuttable evidence, in any ADA enforcement action, that a building constructed or altered in accordance with the certified code complies with the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA.

By letter dated February 2, 1994, the Florida Department of Community Affairs requested that the Department of Justice (Department) certify that the Florida Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act, Florida Statutes §§ 553.501-553.514, as implemented by the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction (together, the "Florida law"), meets or exceed the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA.

The Department has analyzed the Florida law and has preliminarily determined that it meets or exceeds the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA. By letter dated September 30, 1997, the Department notified the Florida Department of Community Affairs of its preliminary determination of equivalency.

##### Effect of Certification

The certification determination will be limited to the version of the Florida law that has been submitted to the Department. The certification will not apply to amendments or interpretations that have not been submitted and reviewed by the Department.

Certification will not apply to buildings constructed by or for State or local government entities, which are subject to title II of the ADA. Nor does

certification apply to accessibility requirements that are addressed by the Florida law that are not addressed by the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Finally, certification does not apply to variances or waivers granted under the Florida law. Therefore, if a builder receives a variance, waiver, modification, or other exemption from the requirements of the Florida law for any element of construction or alterations, the certification determination will not constitute evidence of ADA compliance with respect to that element.

#### Procedure

The Department will hold informal hearings in Washington, DC and Orlando, Florida to provide an opportunity for interested persons, including individuals with disabilities, to express their views respect to the preliminary determination of equivalency of the Florida law. Interested parties who wish to testify at a hearing should contact Tito Mercado at (202) 307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

The hearing sites will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids should contact Tito Mercado at (202) 307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

Dated: October 16, 1997.

**Isabelle Katz Pinzler,**

*Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

##### Office of the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights; Certification of the State of Florida Accessibility Code Under the Americans With Disabilities Act

**AGENCY:** Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice will hold informal hearings on the proposed certification that the Florida Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act, Florida Statutes §§ 553.501-553.514, as implemented by the Florida Accessibility Code of Building Construction, meets or exceeds the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

in Washington, D.C. and Orlando, Florida.

**DATES:** The hearing in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for Monday, December 22, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The hearing in Orlando, Florida is scheduled for Friday, December 19, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearings will be held at: Washington, D.C.: Disability Rights Section, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 4039, Washington, D.C. Orlando, Florida: City Commission Chambers, Orlando City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

John L. Wodatch, Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 66738, Washington, D.C. 20035-6738. Telephone number (800) 514-0301 (Voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TDD).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, the Department of Justice (Department) is publishing a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing that it had preliminarily determined that the Florida Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act, Florida Statutes §§ 553.301-553.514, as implemented by the Florida Accessibility Code of Building Construction (together, the Florida law), meets or exceeds the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA. The Department also noted that it intended to issue final certification of the Florida law and requested written comments on the preliminary determination and the proposed final certification. Finally, the Department noted that it intended to hold informal hearings in Washington, D.C. and Orlando, Florida.

The purpose of the informal hearings is to provide an opportunity for interested persons, including individuals with disabilities, to express their views with respect to the preliminary determination of equivalency of the Florida law. Interested parties who wish to testify at a hearing should contact Tito Mercado at (202) 307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

The meeting sites will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids should contact Tito Mercado at (202)

307-0663 (Voice/TDD). This is not a toll-free number.

Dated: October 16, 1997.

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#### NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

##### Information Collection; Comment Request for Re-Clearance

**DATES:** October 23, 1997.

The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) intends to submit the following public information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and re-clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). These information collections are published to obtain comments from the public. Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days from the date listed at the top of this page in the **Federal Register**.

Copies of the information collection requests, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the NCUA Clearance Office, Betty May, (703-518-6414). Comments and/or suggestions regarding the information collection requests should be directed to Mrs. May at the National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428; Fax No. 703-518-6433; e-mail address: bettym@ncua.gov within 60 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

##### National Credit Union Administration

*OMB Number:* 3133-0024.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Title:* Mergers of Federally Insured Credit Unions.

*Description:* Part 708b of NCUA's regulations sets forth the procedures for credit union mergers.

*Respondents:* Federal and State Credit Unions.

*Estimated No. of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 200.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Response:* 15.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 3,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$44,640.