

Examples of such information and evidence are found in § 284.30(a).

(i) We will review the assessment provided by the Territory, along with other available data on the Territory's TANF plan and eligibility criteria, other supportive services and assistance plans, and economic circumstances; make a determination whether the increase in the child poverty rate is due to the Territory's TANF program; and notify the Territory whether a corrective action plan is required as specified in § 284.40 and § 284.45.

§ 284.40 When is a corrective action plan due?

Each State and Territory must submit a corrective action plan to ACF within 90 days of the date we notify it that, as a result of TANF, its child poverty rate increased by 5 percent or more for the applicable two calendar year period.

§ 284.45 What is the content and duration of the corrective action plan?

(a) The corrective action plan must outline the manner in which the State or Territory will reduce the child poverty rate in the State and include a description of the actions to be taken by the State or the Territory under such a plan.

(b) A State or Territory shall implement the corrective action plan until the State or Territory determines that the child poverty rate in the State is less than the lowest child poverty rate on the basis of which the State was required to submit the corrective action plan.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

45 CFR Parts 286 and 287

RIN 0970-AB78

Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (Tribal TANF) and Native Employment Works (NEW) Program

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 22, 1998, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for the Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy

Families Program (Tribal TANF) and the Native Employment Works (NEW) Program with a comment period of 60 days, ending September 21, 1998. We are now extending the comment period for an additional 60 days for the purpose of allowing Tribes and other interested parties sufficient time for review and to formulate comments on the NPRM.

DATES: You must submit comments by COB November 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand-deliver comments to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of Tribal Services, 5th Floor, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447. You may also transmit written comments electronically via the Internet. To transmit comments electronically, or download an electronic version of the proposed rule, you should access the ACF Welfare Reform Home Page at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/news/welfare> and follow any instructions provided.

We will make all comments available for public inspection on the 5th Floor, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, DC 20447, from Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, except for holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bushman, Director, Division of Tribal Services, Office of Community Services, ACF, at 202-401-2418; Raymond Apodaca, Tribal TANF Team Leader at 202-401-5020; or Ja-Na Oliver, (NEW) Team Leader at 202-401-5713.

Deaf and hearing-impaired individuals may call the Federal Dual Party Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Eastern time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPRM was published July 22, 1998, in the *Federal Register* [63 FR 39366-39429] with a 60 day comment period. Based on information received from the Tribes and other interested parties, it has been determined that additional time is needed to review the NPRM.

Comment Procedures

We will not consider comments received beyond the 120 day comment period in developing the final rule. Because of the large volume of comments we anticipate, we will accept written comments only. In addition, your comments should:

- Be specific;
- Address issues raised by the proposed rule;

• Where appropriate, propose alternatives;

• Explain reasons for any objections or recommended changes; and

• Reference the specific section of the proposed rule that you are addressing.

We will not acknowledge the comments we receive. However, we will review and consider all comments that are germane and that are received during the comment period.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs: 93.558, TANF programs—Tribal Family Assistance Grants; 93.559—Loan Fund; 93.594—Native Employment Works Program; 93.959—Welfare Reform Research, Evaluations and National Studies)

Dated: September 17, 1998.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Part 197

[USCG-1998-3786]

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Commercial Diving Operations

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Advanced notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In response to public requests, the Coast Guard is extending the period for public comment on its Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM), Commercial Diving Operations, published in the *Federal Register* on June 26, 1998. The comment period will be extended for 45 days.

DATES: Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before November 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-1998-3786), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401

on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For information concerning the advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) provisions, contact LT Diane Kalina, Project Manager, Vessel and Facility Operating Standards Division, Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-1181. For questions on viewing, or submitting material to the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (USCG-1998-3786) and the specific section of the ANPRM to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change the proposed rule in view of the comments.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request must identify this docket [USCG-1998-3786] and should include the reasons why a public meeting would be helpful to this rulemaking. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentation will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

The existing commercial diving operations regulations are over 20 years old and do not include current safety and technology standards and industry practices. The Coast Guard needs current information on these subject areas to help us identify necessary regulatory revisions.

In response to several public requests, the Coast Guard is extending the period for public comment on its Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM), Commercial Diving Operations, published in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 1998 (63 FR 34840). The comments stated that more time was needed to collect data, and the diving industry is typically very busy during the summer months and divers need more time to develop comments to the ANPRM. Based on these requests and on the small number of comments received so far, the Coast Guard has decided to extend the comment period for an additional 45 days.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting, Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

46 CFR Part 249

[MARAD 98-4395]

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Approval of Underwriters for Marine Hull Insurance

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Advance Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is soliciting comments from interested persons concerning the need to amend the existing regulations governing the placement of marine hull insurance on subsidized and Title XI program vessels. The existing regulations were promulgated in 1988 and provided, among other things, the criteria and procedures for certain foreign underwriters to participate in the writing of hull insurance on MARAD program vessels.

DATES: Comments are requested by October 23, 1998.

COMMENTS: Signed written comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 7th Street SW, Room 7210, Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t. Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on

the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edmond J. Fitzgerald, Director, Office of Subsidy and Insurance, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202/366-2400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1988 explanation of the final rulemaking (53 FR 23119) provided in part that:

Members of the Institute of London Underwriters (ILU) would remain eligible subject to prescribed trust fund and limitation on risk requirements. On the basis of a comment by one American carrier, the final rule specifically reserves MARAD's right to review this eligibility at any time.

It has come to MARAD's attention that the ILU and another London based insurance organization, the London International Insurance and Reinsurance Market Association (LIRMA) have voted to merge their two organizations in the near future. The new organization will be called the International Underwriters Association (IUA) of London. MARAD's Director, Office of Marine Insurance had discussions with the incoming chairman of the IUA and the chairman indicated that the new organization will not have the same eligibility criteria as the ILU or any internal oversight activities. In view of this, MARAD is seeking comments concerning how to deal with existing ILU member companies after the merger. Will it be necessary to qualify ILU member companies on an individual "ad hoc" basis after the merger is implemented? MARAD has a number of questions it would like to receive comment on:

(1) Should companies who were in the ILU and approved to write insurance on MARAD program vessels maintain their eligibility for some period, say a year after merger, while they are reviewed on an individual basis?

(2) Should ILU member companies (post merger) be subject to the same requirements of "Other Foreign Underwriters" under section 249.5(c) Eligibility criteria?

(3) If an ILU member company has been previously approved under 249.5(c), in the French or Scandinavian market for example, should that eligibility be governing?

(4) Should ILU member companies appearing on the Quarterly Listing of Alien Insurers compiled by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners be eligible for MARAD underwriting provided they remain in good standing and remain on this list?

(5) If an ILU member company is the subsidiary or affiliate of a company that is approved under Section 249.5(c), should it have the benefit of that