

rule entitled "Mileage Allowances" in MFTRP No. 10, Item 350, with the proposed text herein. The purpose of the change is to ensure appropriate reimbursement to DOD for the use of its freight cars by commercial rail carriers.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTOP-TS, Room 608, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact Mr. George Gounley at (201) 823-6283 or Mr. Jerome Colton at (703) 681-1417.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed effective date for the change will be March 1, 1999 and will affect the reimbursement paid by commercial rail carriers for the use of DOD's freight cars (except tank cars). The purpose of the change is to ensure that DOD's maintenance costs for its freight cars are adequately reimbursed by their users.

The current regulation reads: Mileage Allowances: The mileage allowances set forth in Railroad Publication Services, Agent Tariff ICC RPS 6007-series (PHJ Series) will be the minimum allowances accepted by the Government from the railroads for use of Government owned rail cars, except that mileage allowances

for other than tank cars published in Tariff ICC CR 9337 will apply for account Consolidated Rail Corporation.

The proposed regulation will replace the current regulation in its entirety with the following:

Item 350—Mileage Allowances

1. This item applies to all freight cars bearing the reporting marks of the Department of Defense or of any of its services, including but not limited to DODX, USAX, USA, USNX, USN, DAFX, USAF, hereinafter "DOD freight cars."

2. Whenever DOD freight cars are used by a carrier for a revenue movement, such movement shall be considered a loaded movement (except empty tank cars subject to excess empty tank car mileage computations in accordance with the provisions of Agent's Freight Tariff, RPS 6007, Item 187) and a mileage allowance shall be payable by the carrier to DOD.

3. The mileage allowances specified in this item are based on actual mileage. If specified in advance of the movement, the carrier may choose to pay the mileage allowances based on short-line rail mileage. In such cases, the minimum amount payable to DOD shall be the relevant allowance shown in the table in paragraph 6 plus 30 percent.

4. The allowances specified in this item apply only to movements for which the freight transportation rate specifies the use of DOD freight cars. In all other cases, such as when the freight transportation rate:

a. Specifies use of railroad-supplied cars, or

b. Specifies use of either railroad-supplied cars or DOD freight cars, or

c. Fails to specify the ownership of the car to be used; and DOD freight cars are actually used for the movement, the minimum allowances payable shall be the time and mileage payments that would have applied had non-deprescribed cars of the same type bearing railroad reporting marks been used.

5. The mileage allowances specified in this item are to be calculated on the basis of US dollars per mile, regardless of where the mileage accumulated. Allowances not paid in US dollars will be paid based on the exchange rate in effect at the close of the service month. For example, the minimum allowance for a movement of DODX freight car 36000 traveling 200 miles in Canada shall be 200 US dollars, or 300 Canadian dollars assuming an exchange rate of US \$1.00=\$1.50 Canadian dollars.

6. The minimum mileage allowances for DOD freight cars shall be as follows:

For DOD freight cars	Minimum mileage allowance (US dollars per actual mile) For short-line miles, add 30%
DODX 900-905 (Cabooses)	\$0.50
DODX 29500-29508 (Refrigerator Cars)	\$1.00
DODX 36000-36006 (Two-platform container flat car)	\$1.00
DODX 40000-40573 (Six-axle flat car)	\$0.376
Tanks Cars (as defined in Agent's Freight Tariff, RPS 6007, Item 187)	As listed in Agent's Freight Tariff, RPS 6007, Item 187
All other DOD freight cars	\$0.065 per axle, Examples: _____ (4-axle \$0.26) (6-axle \$0.39) (8-axle \$0.52) (12-axle \$0.78)

7. Detailed car hire reports, as defined in the Railway Equipment Register, Rule 3.B.1, in the format specified by the Code of Car Hire Rules, Appendices G and I, shall be sent to: Military Traffic Management Command, Deployment Support Command, ATTN: MTDC-RF, Fort Eustis, VA 23604-5000.

8. Mileage allowances shall be paid by check payable to "DFAS-OM/ACT" and sent to: DFAS-OM/ACT, ATTN: DBOF-T, PO Box 7050, Bellevue, NE 68005-1950.

(If a carrier's preferred practice is to mail the check and the car hire report in the same envelope, the MTMC

address in paragraph 7 should be used for the combined mailing.)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Water Allocation for the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin, Alabama and Georgia (Extension of Comment Period)

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Alabama, is announcing today the extension of the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

on the Water Allocation for the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin, Alabama and Georgia.

DATES: The public comment period for the Draft EIS has been extended through February 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: To receive a copy of the Draft EIS, or to submit comments, contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Inland Environment Section, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001 or call 1-800-421-7637. Copies are available in hard copy or CD-ROM format. A copy of the full document may also be viewed at 61 libraries in the major cities and universities within the States of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, or the Main Report can be viewed on the Mobile District Web Page (<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/sam/pd/actacfeis>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael J. Eubanks, ACT Basin EIS Project Manager, (334) 694-3861, facsimile number (334) 694-3815, e-mail address michael.j.eubanks@sam.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A previous Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 191, pages 53022-53023, Friday, October 2, 1998, for public comment. The original comment period was to close on December 18, 1998. The comment period has been extended through February 26, 1999. Extension of the public comment period has been based on requests from several agencies, organizations, and individuals, as well as the likely extension of the water allocation formula development deadline by the ACT Compact Commission.

Dated: December 3, 1998.

Curtis M. Flakes,

Chief, Planning and Environmental Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Water Allocation for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin, Alabama, Florida and Georgia (Extension of Comment Period)

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, DoD.

ACTION: Noticed.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Alabama, is

announcing today the extension of the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Water Allocation for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

DATES: The public comment period for the Draft EIS has been extended through February 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: To receive a copy of the Draft EIS, or to submit comments, contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Inland Environment Section, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001 or call 1-800-421-7637. Copies are available in hard copy or CD-ROM format. A copy of the full document may also be viewed at 61 libraries in the major cities and universities within the States of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, or the Main Report can be viewed on the Mobile District Web Page (<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/sam/pd/actacfeis>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanne Brandt, ACF Basin EIS Project Manager, (334) 690-3260, facsimile number (334) 694-3815, e-mail address joanne.u.brandt@sam.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A previous Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 191, pages 53023-53024, Friday, October 2, 1998, for public comment. The original comment period was to close on December 18, 1998. The comment period has been extended through February 26, 1999. Extension of the public comment period has been based on requests from several agencies, organizations, and individuals, as well as the likely extension of the water allocation formula development deadline by the ACF Compact Commission.

Dated: December 3, 1998.

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Chief, Planning and Environmental Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Werfel_d@al.eop.gov.

The Department of Education wants very much to make the final application packages for these programs available to the public as soon as possible. Therefore, it would appreciate receiving directly from the public a copy of any comments addressed to the Office of Management and Budget. Any copy of these written comments should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651 and Louis J. Venuto, Higher Education Programs, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1280 Maryland Ave. S.W., Cy-80, Portals Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-5329. A copy of comments also may be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov and Louis_Venuto@ed.gov, or faxed to Patrick J. Sherrill at 202-708-9346 and Louis J. Venuto at 202-708-9046. In addition, the Department of Education and the Office of Management and Budget will carefully review all written comments received within 30 days of publication of this notice. However, as a courtesy to those working to prepare the final application packages for these programs, the Department respectfully requests receipt of written comment as early as possible, preferably on or before December 28, 1998.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to: Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address, Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov or faxed to (202) 708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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