

(except holidays), until February 26, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The VRP is a multidisciplinary group of professional staff of the VA. The VRP furnishes technical assistance in cases involving seriously disabled veterans and dependents. Under current provisions, the VRP reviews each case in which discontinuance of the rehabilitation program of a veteran with a service-connected disability evaluated at 50 percent or more disabling is being considered.

The VA is proposing to reassign the responsibility for conducting this special review to the VR&C Officer. Under this change, the VR&C Officer could continue to utilize the assistance of the VRP as necessary in the individual case. The change would provide greater flexibility in utilizing the VRP, improve program administration, and maintain the quality of service to seriously disabled veterans.

The regulations contained herein will better acquaint eligible veterans, vocational training and rehabilitation facilities, and the public at large with the way these provisions will be implemented.

These proposed amendments do not meet the criteria for major rules as contained in Executive Order 12291, Federal Regulation. The proposal will not have a \$100 million annual effect on the economy, will not cause a major increase in costs or prices, and will not have any other significant adverse effects on the economy.

The Administrator certifies that these proposed regulatory amendments will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601-612. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), these proposed rules are therefore exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of sections 603 and 604. The reason for this certification is that the proposed regulatory amendments concern only the internal agency procedures for reviewing the eligibility and participation of individual veterans under this program.

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List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 21

Civil rights, Claims, Education, Grant programs, Loan programs, Reporting requirements, Schools, Veterans, Vocational education, Vocational rehabilitation.

Approved: December 18, 1987.

Thomas K. Turnage,
Administrator.

38 CFR Part 21, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION, is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 21—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION

§ 21.62 [Amended]

1. Section 21.62 is amended by removing paragraph (b)(4).

§ 21.198 [Amended]

2. Section 21.198 is amended by adding paragraph (b)(7) as set forth below:

§ 21.198 "Discontinued" status.

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(b) * * *

(7) *Special review of proposed discontinuance action.* The Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling (VR&C) Officer shall review each case in which discontinuance is being considered for a veteran with a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or more disabling. The VR&C Officer may utilize existing resources to assist in the review, including referral to the Vocational Rehabilitation Panel (VRP).

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1504(a)(1))

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[FRL-3216-2]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Proposed Revision of Alaska State Implementation Plan; Correction

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Correction to proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is hereby correcting a notice contained in 52 FR 48837 dated December 28, 1987, concerning the proposed approval of the State of Alaska stack height rules. This notice, on page 48838, indicates the Office of Management and Budget reviewed this document as required by section 3.0 of

Executive Order 12291. Furthermore, a statement is made in reference to a proposed disapproval of administrative procedures. These statements were made in error since EPA is proposing to approve the State's rule in their entirety and the solicitation of public comment on proposed approvals is exempt from this Executive Order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: January 6, 1988.

Robie G. Russell,

Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 192

[Docket No. PS-97; Notice 1]

Confirmation or Revision of Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure; Alternative Method

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to permit the use of an alternative method for determining the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of a gas pipeline when its class location (population density) increases. The alternative would permit reduction of MAOP in direct proportion to a previous test pressure. The current rule unnecessarily requires retesting even though the previous test provides an adequate margin of safety above the MAOP.

DATE: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposal by March 15, 1988. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESS: Send comments in duplicate to the Dockets Unit, Room 8417, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Identify the docket and notice numbers stated in the heading of this notice. All comments and docketed material will be available for inspection