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<u>Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the</u>
<u>Affordable Care Act, 88 Federal Register 7236, February</u>
2, 2023

PROPOSED RULEMAKING: These proposed rules would amend regulations regarding coverage of certain preventive services under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which requires non-grandfathered group health plans and nongrandfathered group or individual health insurance coverage to cover certain contraceptive services without cost sharing. Current regulations include exemptions and optional accommodations for entities and individuals with religious or moral objections to coverage of contraceptive services. These rules propose rescinding the moral exemption rule. These proposed rules also would establish a new individual contraceptive arrangement that individuals enrolled in plans or coverage sponsored, arranged, or provided by objecting entities may use to obtain contraceptive services at no cost directly from a provider or facility that furnishes contraceptive services. Contraceptive services would be available through the proposed individual contraceptive arrangement without any involvement on the part of an objecting entity. Under these proposed rules, a provider or facility that furnishes contraceptive services in accordance with the individual contraceptive arrangement for eligible individuals would be able to be reimbursed for its costs by entering into an arrangement with an issuer on a Federallyfacilitated Exchange or State Exchange on the Federal platform, which in turn may seek a user fee adjustment. **COMMENTS DUE**: April 3, 2023

Announcing Issuance of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 186-5, Digital Signature Standard, 88 Federal Register 7410, February 3, 2023

NOTICE: This notice announces the Secretary of Commerce's approval of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 186-5, Digital Signature Standard (DSS). FIPS 186-5 specifies three techniques for the generation and verification of digital signatures that can be used for the protection of data: the Rivest-Shamir-Adleman (RSA) Algorithm, the Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA), and the Edwards Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (EdDSA). The Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA), specified in prior versions of this standard, is retained only for the purposes of verifying existing signatures. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: February 3, 2023

FCC Spectrum Rules and Policies for the Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, 88 Federal Register 7910, February 7, 2023

PROPOSED RULE: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") seeks comment on rules to promote access by unmanned aircraft system (UAS) operators to licensed spectrum to support UAS operations. First, this document seeks comment on service rules for the 5030-5091 MHz band that will provide UAS operators with access to licensed spectrum with the reliability necessary to support safety-critical UAS command-and-control communications links. Second, due to the increasing interest in operating UAS using existing terrestrial flexible-use spectrum networks, this document seeks comment on whether the Commission's current rules are adequate to ensure co-existence

	of terrestrial mobile operations and UAS use or whether changes
	to these rules are necessary. Third, to further promote the safe
	integration of unmanned aircraft operations in controlled
	airspace and facilitate flight coordination, this document
	proposes a process for UAS operators to obtain a license in the
	aeronautical very high frequency (VHF) band to communicate
	with air traffic control and other aircraft. Together, these
	measures will help to promote the growth and safety of UAS
	operations.
	COMMENTS DUE: March 9, 2023
<u>Airworthiness Criteria: Special Class Airworthiness</u>	NOTICE : The FAA announces the availability of and requests
<u>Criteria for the Wing Aviation LLC Hummingbird</u>	comments on proposed airworthiness criteria for the Wing
<u>Unmanned Aircraft, 88 Federal Register 8333, February</u>	Aviation LLC Model Hummingbird unmanned aircraft (UA). This
<u>8, 2023</u>	document proposes the airworthiness criteria that the FAA finds
	to be appropriate and applicable for the UA design.
	COMMENTS DUE: March 10, 2023
OMB Guidance for Grants and Agreements, 88 Federal	PROPOSED RULE: The Office of Management and Budget
Register 8374, February 9, 2023	(OMB) is proposing to revise OMB Guidance for Grants and
	Agreements. The proposed revisions are limited in scope to
	support implementation of the Build America, Buy America Act
	provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; and to
	clarify existing requirements. These proposed revisions provide
	further guidance on implementing these statutory requirements,
	and improve Federal financial assistance management and
	transparency.
	COMMENTS DUE: March 13, 2023
FEMA Major Disaster Declarations and Related	NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for all
Determinations: Expiration of COVID-19-Related	COVID-19 major disaster declarations and the nationwide
Measures, 88 Federal Register 8884, February 10, 2023	emergency declaration will close effective May 11, 2023.
	Eligibility of work and costs reimbursable through Public
	Assistance funding will end on this date.
Request for Information on Implementation of the	EFFECTIVE DATE: May 11, 2023
·	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: The Department of Commerce,
Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program, 88 Federal Register 9427, February 14, 2023	through the Economic Development Administration (EDA), is seeking information to inform the planning and design of the
rederal negister 5427, February 14, 2025	Regional Technology and Innovation Hub (Tech Hubs) program.
	Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will inform
	planning for the implementation of the Tech Hubs program.
	COMMENTS DUE: March 16, 2023
Continuation of the National Emergency Concerning the	NOTICE: On March 13, 2020, by Proclamation 9994, the
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic, 88	President declared a national emergency concerning the
Federal Register 9385, February 14, 2023	coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Today, we are
	in a different phase of the response to that pandemic than we
	were in March of 2020, and my Administration is planning for an
	end to the national emergency, but an orderly transition is
	critical to the health and safety of the Nation. For this reason,
	the national emergency declared on March 13, 2020, and
	beginning March 1, 2020, must continue in effect beyond March
	1, 2023. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the
	National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing
	the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994
	concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. I anticipate terminating the
	concerning the course paragraph and the community that is

	national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic on May
	11, 2023.
<u>Draft Environmental Assessment for the Funding,</u>	NOTICE : NOAA's Uncrewed Systems Research Transition Office
Procurement, and Operation of NOAA Small Uncrewed	(UxSRTO) in OAR has prepared a Draft Environmental
Aircraft Systems, 88 Federal Register 9872, February 15,	Assessment (EA) for the Funding, Procurement, and Operation of
<u>2023</u>	NOAA Small Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS). We are making
	the draft EA available for public review and comment.
	COMMENTS DUE: March 17, 2023
ED Announcement of Listening Sessions, 88 Federal	ANNOUNCEMENT OF LISTEING SESSIONS: The U.S. Department
Register 10101, February 16, 2023	of Education's (Department's) Office of Postsecondary Education
	(OPE) announces virtual listening sessions to receive public
	comments, recommendations, and suggestions to improve
	guidance on the incentive compensation prohibition under title
	IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA),
	particularly with respect to bundled services. This notice sets
	forth the dates and times, agenda, and instructions for attending
	and providing live comments at the virtual listening sessions, as
	well as instructions for submitting written comments. The
	virtual listening sessions will be held on: March 8, 2023, from 1
	p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern time and March 9, 2023, from 1 p.m. to
	4 p.m., Eastern time.
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Copyright Office Ex Parte Communications, 88 Federal	NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: The U.S. Copyright Office
Register 10248, February 17, 2023	is issuing a notice of proposed rule making to establish
	procedures governing the use of ex parte communications in
	informal rule makings. The proposed rule defines ex parte
	communications, instructs the public on how to request an ex parte meeting with the Office, sets forth the responsibilities of
	parties after an ex parte meeting, and identifies impermissible
	ex parte communications.
	COMMENTS DUE: April 3, 2023
Request for Information Regarding First Amendment	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of
and Free Inquiry Related Grant Conditions, 88 Federal	Education (Department) is requesting information in the form of
Register 10881, February 22, 2023	written comments that may include information, research, and
	other input from the public on how regulations adding material
	conditions relating to First Amendment freedoms and free
	inquiry to Department grants have affected or are reasonably
	expected to affect decisions surrounding First Amendment and
	free speech-related litigation in Federal and State court and
	institutional policies on freedom of speech. The Office of
	Postsecondary Education solicits these comments to inform its
	review of the current regulations and its implementation of
	applicable grant programs.
	COMMENTS DUE: March 24, 2023
<u>Direct Grant Programs, State-Administered Formula</u>	NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: The U.S. Department of
Grant Programs, 88 Federal Register 10857, February 23,	Education (we or the Department) proposes to rescind
<u>2023</u>	regulations related to religious student organizations at certain
	public institutions of higher education (IHEs) that prescribe a
	novel role for the Department in enforcing grant conditions
	related to religious student organizations. These regulations
	apply to public IHEs that receive a direct grant from the
	Department or a subgrant from a State-administered formula
	grant program of the Department. The Department proposes to

rescind the regulations because they are not necessary to protect the First Amendment right to free speech and free exercise of religion; have created confusion among institutions; and prescribe an unduly burdensome role for the Department to investigate allegations regarding IHEs' treatment of religious student organizations. **COMMENTS DUE:** March 24, 2023 Electronic-Filing Requirements for Specified Returns and FINAL REGULATION: This document contains final regulations Other Documents, 88 Federal Register 11754, February amending the rules for filing electronically and affects persons required to file partnership returns, corporate income tax 23, 2023 returns, unrelated business income tax returns, withholding tax returns, certain information returns, registration statements, disclosure statements, notifications, actuarial reports, and certain excise tax returns. The final regulations reflect changes made by the Taxpayer First Act (TFA) and are consistent with the TFA's emphasis on increasing electronic filing. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: February 23, 2023 FINAL FORMS REVISION: This document contains final forms IRS Annual Information Return/Reports, 88 Federal Register 11984, February 24, 2023 and instructions revisions for the Form 5500 Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan and Form 5500-SF Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan effective for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2023. The forms and instructions revisions relate to statutory amendments to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Internal Revenue Code (Code) enacted as part of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE Act) for multiple-employer plans and groups of plans, as well as changes intended to improve reporting of certain plan financial information regarding audits and plan expenses and enhance the reporting of certain tax qualification and other compliance information by retirement plans. There are also some minor changes that further improve defined benefit plan reporting by building on changes made to the forms for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2022. The remaining changes are technical changes that are part of the annual rollover of the Form 5500 and Form 5500-SF forms and instructions. The revisions being finalized in this document affect employee pension and welfare benefit plans, plan sponsors, administrators, and service providers to plans subject to annual reporting requirements under ERISA and the Code. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: Effective for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2023 ERISA Annual Reporting and Disclosure, 88 Federal FINAL RULE: This document contains amendments to Register 11793, February 24, 2023 Department of Labor (DOL) regulations relating to annual reporting requirements under Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The amendments contained in this document conform the DOL reporting regulations to revisions to the Form 5500 Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan and Form 5500-SF Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan being published in this issue of the Federal Register in a separate Notice of Final Forms Revisions (NFFR) jointly by DOL, the

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	Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the Pension Benefit Guaranty
	Corporation (PBGC). Conforming changes also are being made to
	the requirements for the summary annual report. The regulatory
	amendments in this rule and revisions in the NFFR affect
	employee benefit plans, plan sponsors, administrators, and
	service providers to plans subject to annual reporting
	requirements under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code.
	EFFECTIVE DATE: April 25, 2023
Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of an	NOTICE : In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of
Approved Information Collection: Commercial Driver's	1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information
<u>License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, 88 Federal</u>	Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of
Register 10635, February 21, 2023	Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The
	FMCSA requests to renew an ICR titled, "Commercial Driver's
	License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse." The Agency's final
	rule, published December 5, 2016, titled "Commercial Driver's
	License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse" (Clearinghouse)
	established the regulatory requirements for the Clearinghouse.
	The compliance date of the final rule was January 6, 2020.
	FMCSA began collecting data as authorized users began
	registering in the Clearinghouse in September 2019. This ICR
	renewal is needed to support the continuation of the querying
	and reporting requirements to address the problem of
	commercial driver's license (CDL) and commercial learner's
	permit (CLP) holders who test positive for the use of controlled
	substances or the misuse of alcohol and then continue to
	perform safety sensitive functions, including driving a
	commercial motor vehicle (CMV), without completing the
	required return-to-duty (RTD) process.
	COMMENTS DUE: March 23, 2023
Use of Forfeitures in Qualified Retirement Plans, 88	PROPOSED RULEMAKING : This document sets forth proposed
Federal Register 12282, February 27, 2023	regulations that would provide rules relating to the use of
	forfeitures in qualified retirement plans, including a deadline for
	the use of forfeitures in defined contribution plans. These
	proposed regulations would affect participants in, beneficiaries
	of, administrators of, and sponsors of qualified retirement plans.
	COMMENTS DUE: May 30, 2023
Improving Public Safety Communications in the 4.9 GHz	FINAL RULE: In this document, the Federal Communications
Band, 88 Federal Register 12565, February 28, 2023	Commission (FCC) adopts rules establishing a comprehensive
	and coordinated nationwide approach to managing the 4.9 GHz
	(4940-4990 MHz) band while retaining its locally controlled,
	public safety nature. In doing so, the Commission solidifies the
	band's status as public safety spectrum, while also allowing
	secondary, non-public safety use as agreed to by public safety
	licensees through a new leasing model. This Report and Order
	adopts rules permitting a nationwide Band Manager, which will
	be selected based on its expertise and connections to the public
	safety community, to coordinate all operations in the band
	ensuring that any non-public safety use remains fully secondary
	to, and preemptible by, public safety operations. Furthermore,
	these new rules will optimize public safety use and enable the
	integration of the latest commercially available technologies,
	such as 5G. This Report and Order released on January 18, 2023,
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<u>USPTO Officially Transitions to Issuing Electronic Patent</u> <u>Grants in 2023, 88 Federal Register 12560, February 28,</u> 2023 was corrected by an erratum released on February 22, 2023. The changes made by the erratum are included in this document. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: March 30, 2023

FINAL RULE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is implementing electronic patent issuance to reduce pendency of patent applications, foster a green economy by reducing paper waste, and permit complete issued patents to be viewable and printable by both the applicants as well as the public immediately upon issuance in Patent Center, the USPTO's electronic patent application filing and management system. Patent grants will no longer be issued on paper, and as a result, they will no longer be mailed to the correspondence address of record as part of the patent issuance process. During a transition period, the USPTO will provide a paper copy of the electronic patent grant as a courtesy ceremonial copy, delivered to the patentee's correspondence address of record. After the transition period, a selection of patent grant copies, including the ceremonial copy, will be available for purchase at a nominal charge. The electronic patent grant will be the official statutory patent grant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 2023

Virginia Register – February 2023

9VAC25-890. General VPDES Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (amending 9VAC25-890-1, 9VAC25-890-10 through 9VAC25-890-40), Volume 39, Issue 13, Virginia Register of Regulations, February 13, 2023

PROPOSED REGULATION: The proposed amendments are necessary to reissue the existing general permit, which expires on October 31, 2023. The general permit governs local governments and state and federal agencies that discharge stormwater from municipally owned separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) located within the Census Urbanized Area as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Proposed amendments include (i) adding definitions for common MS4 terminology and modifying the high-priority facility definition; (ii) requiring electronic submission of annual reports after a three-month notice is provided by the Department of Environmental Quality in accordance with 9VAC25-31-1020; (iii) adding permit conditions specific to traditional and nontraditional MS4 permittees to address existing permit conditions that are inherently not applicable to nontraditional permittees or not practicable for nontraditional permittee implementation; (iii) requiring third phase Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load (TMDL) action plan submittal and completion of 100% of required nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment reductions no later than October 31, 2028; (v) requiring Chesapeake Bay TMDL implementation annual status reports be maintained as separate documents from annual reports and posted to a permittee's publicly accessible stormwater webpage; (vi) requiring permittees to provide MS4 maps in a geographic information system (GIS) shapefile format and establishing data standards for GIS shapefile submission; (vii) adding provisions allowing permittees to adopt a risk-based approach to dry weather screening identifying observation points based upon illicit discharge risks upstream of an outfall. Each observation point screened may be counted as one outfall screening activity

equivalent; however, at least 50% of the minimum annual screening events must include outfalls. These provisions are voluntary and permittees may choose to adopt this approach at their discretion; (viii) removing electronic best management practices (BMP) database requirements as these requirements are duplicative of BMP Warehouse reporting requirements; (ix) moving BMP Warehouse reporting conditions to a new permit section Part III and adding reporting requirements for ecosystem restoration projects; (x) reformatting and integrating good housekeeping requirements for written procedures, differentiating between the objectives each procedure shall meet and activities that require procedures, incorporating existing good housekeeping permit conditions into written procedure requirements, and improving linkage to contract language and training requirements; (xi) removing subjectivity from stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) applicability, clarifying SWPPP requirements, and integrating use of applicable written good housekeeping procedures; (xii) requiring good housekeeping written procedures for applying anti-icing and deicing agents to update road, street, sidewalk, and parking lot procedures, including implementation of best management practices for anti-icing and deicing agent application, transport, and storage; (xiii) requiring permittees to develop written procedures for renovation and significant exterior maintenance activities; (xiv) clarifying written good housekeeping procedures for temporary storage of landscaping materials, recognizing that long-term bulk storage meets the definition of a high-priority facility; (xv) requiring Department of Conservation and Recreation approval and renewal of nutrient management plans; (xvi) requiring chloride TMDL action plans where applicable; (xvii) requiring inspection and maintenance procedures for ecosystem restoration projects; and (xvii) removing sediment reduction requirements from the Chesapeake Bay TMDL special condition.

COMMENTS DUE: April 14, 2023

<u>9VAC20-120.</u> Regulated Medical Waste Management Regulations (repealing 9VAC20-120-10 through 9VAC20-120-1000).

9VAC20-121. Regulated Medical Waste Management Regulations (adding 9VAC20-121-10 through 9VAC20-121-420), Volume 39, Issue 13, Virginia Register of Regulations, February 13, 2023

FINAL REGULATION: This regulatory action repeals and replaces Regulated Medical Waste Management Regulations (9VAC20-120), which provides for the general handling, storage, transfer, treatment, disposal of, packaging, labeling, transporting, and exemptions from all of these provisions for regulated medical waste (RMW). Substantive revisions included in the new chapter (i) provide conditional exemptions to encourage safe collection and proper management of specific types of regulated medical waste, such as sharps; (ii) clarify RMW storage requirements for generators and permitted facilities; (iii) streamline the permit structure and clarify activities exempt from permitting; (iv) specify the siting, design, operation, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements of RMW transfer stations and treatment facilities; (v) require validation and periodic challenge testing for treatment technologies; (vi) clarify procedures for the management of Category A wastes; (vii) improve the alternate treatment technology petition

process; and (viii) improve regulatory structure, procedures, and use.

Clarifying changes have been made to the proposed regulation. Additionally, changes to the proposed regulation (i) extend to 18 months the timeframe for existing facilities to submit updated permit applications to come into compliance with the new regulation; (ii) clarify that permit applications for existing facilities will not need to include public participation unless the facility type is changing; (iii) allow generators the flexibility to manage certain fixed tissue blocks as either solid waste or regulated medical waste; (iv) specify that a log may be used by transfer stations and treatment facilities to track the length of time regulated medical waste is stored on site; (v) provide the owner or operator additional time to make arrangements for the management of wastes when the department determines that national treatment capacity is constrained or where preexisting plans are not in place and approves an alternative timeframe; (vi) modify training requirements for permitted facilities to limit training on treatment equipment and challenge testing to treatment facility operators; (vii) require autoclave operation at conditions that are demonstrated through site-specific validation testing to achieve reliable and effective treatment of the waste stream; (viii) require a minimum of two pre-vacuums, unless based on the results of validation testing, additional vacuum is needed to ensure adequate steam exposure for certain waste or packaging types; (ix) require a treated waste disposal plan and clarify use of a regulated medical waste management plan; (x) allow a facility to maintain written or digital records; and (xi) update the most current version of the federal policy for management of Category A waste, as found on the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administrations website.

13VAC5-51. Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (repealing 13VAC5-51-11 through 13VAC5-51-155).

<u>13VAC5-52. Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code</u> (adding 13VAC5-52-10 through 13VAC5-52-680)

<u>Volume 39, Issue 14, Virginia Register of Regulations,</u> <u>February 27, 2023</u> **PROPOSED RULEMAKING**: Different this code development cycle is the repeal and replacement of existing regulation, 13VAC5-51, with the new regulation, 13VAC5-52. The repeal and replace of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code does not affect substance and is required to accommodate the technical needs of the fire code within the Virginia Administrative Code. Book 3, available on the Department of Housing and Community Development website, and the following summary provide details of the substantive changes. Go to the Virginia Register entry for details on substantive proposed changes to the VA Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

COMMENTS DUE: May 9, 2023

13VAC5-63. Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (amending 13VAC5-63-10, 13VAC5-63-20, 13VAC5-63-30, 13VAC5-63-70, 13VAC5-63-80, 13VAC5-63-100, 13VAC5-63-130, 13VAC5-63-160, 13VAC5-63-170, 13VAC5-63-180, 13VAC5-63-200, 13VAC5-63-210, 13VAC5-63-220, 13VAC5-63-230, 13VAC5-63-240 through 13VAC5-63-280, 13VAC5-63-400 through 13VAC5-63-360, 13VAC5-63-400 through

PROPOSED RULEMAKING: The Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) is a regulation governing the construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of new and existing building and structures. The USBC uses nationally recognized model building codes and standards produced by the International Code Council (ICC) and other standard-writing groups as the basis for the technical provisions of the regulation. Every three years, new editions of the model codes become available. At that time, the

13VAC5-63-440, 13VAC5-63-450, 13VAC5-63-470, 13VAC5-63-485, 13VAC5-63-490, 13VAC5-63-510, 13VAC5-63-530 through 13VAC5-63-549; repealing 13VAC5-63-226), Volume 39, Issue 14, Virginia Register of Regulations, February 27, 2023

24VAC5-20. Regulations Governing the Licensing and Operation of Airports and Aircraft and Obstructions to Airspace in the Commonwealth of Virginia (amending 24VAC5-20-10; adding 24VAC5-20-410 through 24VAC5-20-450), Volume 39, Issue 14, Virginia Register of Regulations, February 27, 2023

Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD) initiates a regulatory action to incorporate the newest editions of the model codes into the regulation and accepts proposals for changes to the regulation from stakeholders and the public. Go to the Virginia Register entry for details on substantive proposed amendments to the VA Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). **COMMENTS DUE**: May 9, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY REGULATION: The Governor has approved the request of the Virginia Aviation Board to extend the expiration date of the emergency regulation for 24VAC5-20 for six months as provided for in § 2.2-4011 D of the Code of Virginia. Therefore, the emergency regulation is continued in effect through August 11, 2023. This extension is required for the Virginia Aviation Board to continue to authorize localities and other political subdivisions to adopt local regulations for the take-off and landing of unmanned aircraft on properties owned by the locality or other political subdivision. The proposed regulation is awaiting Governor's Office approval. The emergency regulation was published in 38:1 VA.R. 163-166 August 13, 2021.

EFFECTIVE DATE EXTENDED THROUGH: August 11, 2023