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[EPA Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generator Standards Applicable to Laboratories Owned by Eligible Academic Entities, EPA ICR No. 2317.05, OMB Control No. 2050-0204, 87 Federal Register 25636, May 2, 2022](#)

NOTICE: Subpart K within 40 CFR part 262 provides a flexible and protective set of regulations that address the specific nature of hazardous waste generation and accumulation in laboratories owned by colleges and universities, including teaching hospitals and non-profit research institutes that are either owned by or formally affiliated with a college or university. In addition, eligible academic entities have the discretion to determine the most appropriate and effective method of compliance with these requirements—by allowing them the choice of either managing their hazardous wastes in accordance with the alternative regulations as set forth in Subpart K, or remaining subject to the existing generator regulations.

COMMENTS DUE: July 1, 2022

[USPTO To Begin Issuing Electronic Trademark Registration Certificates, 87 Federal Register 25623, May 2, 2022](#)

NOTICE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will begin issuing electronic trademark registration certificates on June 7, 2022. Upon issuance, the electronic registration certificate will be the official registration certificate. After the USPTO begins issuing electronic registration certificates, trademark owners will have the option to order paper “presentation” copies for a fee. They will also continue to be able to order certified copies of their trademark registrations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2021

[Establishing Permanent Electronic Filing for Patent Term Extension Applications, 87 Federal Register 27043, May 6, 2022](#)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) proposes to amend the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases to require that patent term extension (PTE) applications, interim PTE applications, and any related submissions to the USPTO be submitted electronically via the USPTO patent electronic filing system (EFS-Web or Patent Center). The proposed rule changes would reduce the administrative burden on PTE applicants. They also would further advance the USPTO's information technology (IT) strategy to achieve complete beginning-to-end electronic processing of patent-related submissions, thereby improving administrative efficiency by facilitating electronic file management, optimizing workflow processes, and reducing processing errors.

COMMENTS DUE: July 5, 2022

[Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2023, 87 Federal Register 27208, May 6, 2022](#)

FINAL RULE: This final rule includes payment parameters and provisions related to the risk adjustment and risk adjustment data validation programs, as well as 2023 user fee rates for issuers offering qualified health plans (QHPs) through Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FFE) and State-based Exchanges on the Federal platform (SBE-FPs). This final rule also includes requirements related to guaranteed availability; the offering of QHP standardized plan options through Exchanges on the Federal platform; requirements for agents, brokers, and web-brokers; verification standards related to employer sponsored coverage; Exchange eligibility determinations during a benefit

	<p>year; special enrollment period verification; cost-sharing requirements; Essential Health Benefits (EHBs); Actuarial Value (AV); QHP issuer quality improvement strategies; accounting for quality improvement activity (QIA) expenses and provider incentives for medical loss ratio (MLR) reporting and rebate calculation purposes; and re-enrollment. This final rule also responds to comments on how the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) can advance health equity through QHP certification standards and otherwise in the individual and group health insurance markets, and how HHS might address plan choice overload in the Exchanges.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022</p>
<p>State Inspection Programs for Passenger-Carrier Vehicles, 87 Federal Register 27981, May 10, 2022</p>	<p>REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was enacted, directing FMCSA to solicit additional comment on the Agency's April 27, 2016 advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) concerning the potential establishment of requirements for States to implement annual inspection programs for commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) designed or used to transport passengers (passenger-carrying CMVs).</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: June 9, 2022</p>
<p>Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; HEERF Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting, 87 Federal Register 28819, May 11, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE: This information collection request includes the quarterly budget and expenditure reporting form that will be used by grantees under these sections, as well as comparable sections of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116-260) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2).</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: June 10, 2022</p>
<p>EPA Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in United States Environmental Protection Agency Programs, State and Local Assistance, Research and Demonstration Grants, National Environmental Education Act Grants, 87 Federal Register 30393, May 19, 2022</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: This regulatory action finalizes an interim final rule and revises certain provisions of other Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) financial assistance regulations to make non-substantive technical corrections to the text of the rules. Revisions to these rules are exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) because it is a matter relating to agency management concerning grants.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 2022</p>
<p>ED Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) (a)(2) Construction, Renovation, & Real Property Projects Prior Approval Request Form, 87 Federal Register 30921, May 20, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103) signed by the President on March 15, 2022, provides new flexibilities and requirements around using HEERF (a)(2) grant funds for construction, renovation, and real property projects as a result of Congress expanding the allowable uses of funds under the HEERF (a)(2) programs. This collection includes the required prior approval form that must be completed by eligible institutions seeking to use (a)(2) funds for this purpose.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: July 19, 2022</p>
<p>Employment Authorization for Afghan F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Situation in Afghanistan, 87 Federal Register 30971, May 20, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE: The Secretary is taking action to provide relief to these lawful F-1 nonimmigrant students so the students may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while their academic institution is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain their F-1 nonimmigrant student status. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)</p>

	<p>will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student who receives employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of the employment authorization, if the nonimmigrant student satisfies the minimum course load requirement described in this notice.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: May 20, 2022</p>
<p>IRS/EBSA/DOL Annual Information Return/Reports, 87 Federal Register 31133, May 23, 2022</p>	<p>FINAL FORM REVISIONS: This document contains final forms 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, 2022. The changes to the forms and instructions in this document primarily implement annual reporting changes for defined benefit plans included in that proposal. A limited number of instruction changes focus on reporting for multiple-employer pension plans (including pooled employer plans). The remaining changes are technical changes that are part of the annual rollover of the Form 5500 and Form 5500-SF forms and instructions.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2022</p>
<p>Establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, 87 Federal Register 32174, May 27, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has modified its structure. This notice announces the establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (or ARPA-H).</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: May 24, 2022</p>
<p>Federal Travel Regulation (FTR); Constructive Cost, 87 Federal Register 32106, May 27, 2022</p>	<p>PROPOSED RULE: GSA proposes to amend the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) to clarify the concept of “constructive cost” as it relates to temporary duty travel, and clarify a section regarding what mode of transportation agencies should compare privately owned vehicle costs to when preparing a cost construction. These clarifications are intended to produce better estimates for decision makers.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: July 26, 2022</p>
<h2>Virginia Register – May 2022</h2>	
<p>No items of relevance in May Register of Regulations.</p>	