

Appendix A to Part 62—Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Insurance Administration, Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement

Article V * * *

A. This Arrangement shall be effective for the period October 1, 2002 through May 1, 2004. * * *

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Dated: December 23, 2003.

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Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 32

[WC Docket No. 02-269; CC Docket No. 00-199; CC Docket No. 80-286; CC Docket No. 99-301; FCC 03-325]

Federal-State Joint Conference on Accounting Issues

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document further delays the implementation of four previously adopted accounting and reporting rule changes from January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004. The Commission extends the delay of implementation in order to allow time for receipt and consideration of comments in response to recommendations by the Federal-State Joint Conference on Accounting Issues (Joint Conference).

DATES: The effective date for amendments to 47 CFR 32.5200, 32.6562 and 32.6620 published at 67 FR 5670, February 6, 2002, and delayed at 68 FR 38641, June 30, 2003, is further delayed through June 30, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Order adopted on December 17, 2003, and released on December 23, 2003. The full text of the document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445

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Synopsis of Order

On November 12, 2002, the Commission released an order, 67 FR 77432, December 18, 2002, delaying until July 1, 2003 the implementation of four accounting and reporting requirement rule modifications previously adopted by the Commission as part of its biennial review of accounting requirements and Automated Reporting Management System (ARMIS) reporting requirements, Report and Order, 67 FR 5670, February 6, 2002. On June 24, 2003, the Commission released another order, 68 FR 38641, June 30, 2003, further delaying implementation until January 1, 2004. The Commission deferred the implementation of these four accounting and reporting requirement rule modifications in order to allow the Federal-State Joint Conference on Accounting Issues time to consider these and other accounting issues in formulating their recommendations to the Commission. These accounting and reporting rule changes are as follows: (1) Consolidation of Accounts 6621 through 6623 into Account 6620, with sub-accounts for wholesale and retail; (2) consolidation of Account 5230, Directory revenue, into Account 5200, Miscellaneous revenue; (3) consolidation of the depreciation and amortization expense accounts (Accounts 6561 through 6565) into Account 6562, Depreciation and amortization expenses; and (4) revised "Loop Sheath Kilometers" data collection in Table II of ARMIS Report 43-07.

On October 9, 2003, the Joint Conference submitted the result of a year-long study of the Commission's accounting rules and on-going proceedings related to the Commission's accounting requirements. The Joint Conference makes several recommendations that directly relate to the four accounting rule modifications that are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2004. Here, the Commission extends through June 30, 2004 the Commission's current delay of the effective date of four accounting rule modifications, to allow time for receipt and consideration of comments in response to the Joint Conference's recommendations.

Federal Communications Commission

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 382

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 121

Federal Transit Administration

49 CFR Part 655

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Part 219

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 199

[Docket OST-2002-13435]

RIN 2105-AD35

Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs: Drug and Alcohol Management Information System Reporting

AGENCIES: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, and Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Each of the Department of Transportation's drug and alcohol testing rules include requirements for select employers to submit drug and alcohol testing data to five Department of Transportation (DOT) agencies. In the past, these employers have been required to use agency-specific Management Information System (MIS) forms for this purpose, twenty-one different forms in all. The Department recently published a final rule revising these DOT agency MIS forms and transforming them into a single one-page form for use throughout all the DOT agencies. The requirement for use of the form is now in 49 CFR part 40. By this action, the DOT agencies endorse the use of this single form within their regulated industries,

provide their regulated employers with guidance for submission of the form, and amend their rules accordingly. The DOT agencies are: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA); Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); Federal Transit Administration (FTA); Federal Railroad Administration (FRA); and Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA).

DATES: Effective December 31, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background and Purpose

The Department published a final rule on July 25, 2003 (68 FR 43946) regarding a single one-page MIS form for use throughout all DOT. The Department had issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on September 30, 2002 (67 FR 61306), asking for comments and suggestions for changes to the MIS form and process. In response to the NPRM, we received numerous comments from individuals,

groups, and associations. The final rule responded to all those comments. The final rule also made significant modifications to the previous DOT agency MIS forms.

In the final rule, the Department stated that use of the new MIS form will be required for employer MIS submissions in 2004, which will document 2003 data. Therefore, employers must adopt provisions of the rule which will permit them to start, as appropriate, collection of the required data and which establish how companies are to determine the number of employees upon which 2003 random testing is based.

The Department also indicated that the new MIS form represents a reduction in the data elements for which an employer must account. The following is a listing for each DOT agency of most of the data elements that have been eliminated as reporting elements on the new MIS form:

FMCSA

1. Number of persons denied a position following a positive drug test.
2. Number of employees returned to duty following a refusal or positive drug test.
3. Supervisor initial drug training data.
4. Number of employees denied a position following an alcohol test of 0.04 or greater.
5. Number of employees returned to duty after engaging in alcohol misuse.
6. Number of employees having both a positive drug test and an alcohol test of 0.04 or greater when both tests were administered at the same time.
7. Actions taken for alcohol violations other than alcohol testing.
8. Supervisor initial alcohol training data.

FAA

1. Number of employees returned to duty after having failed or refused a drug test.
2. Actions taken for drug test refusals.
3. Number of persons denied employment for a positive drug test.
4. Actions taken for positive drug results.
5. Employee initial drug training data.
6. Supervisor initial drug training data.
7. Supervisor recurrent drug training data.
8. Number of persons denied a position for an alcohol test 0.04 or greater.
9. Number of employees returned to duty after engaging in alcohol misuse.
10. Actions taken for alcohol regulation violations.

11. Number of employees having both a positive drug test and an alcohol test of 0.04 or greater when both tests were administered at the same time.

12. Number of other violations of the alcohol regulation.

13. Actions taken for refusals to take an alcohol test.

14. Supervisor alcohol training data.

15. Periodic testing data.

FTA

1. Number of persons denied a position for alcohol results 0.04 or greater.
2. Number of accidents (noted as fatal and non-fatal) with alcohol results 0.04 or greater.
3. Number of fatalities from accidents resulting in alcohol results 0.04 or greater.
4. Number of employees returned to duty following an alcohol violation.
5. Number of employees having both a positive drug test and an alcohol test of 0.04 or greater when both tests were administered at the same time.
6. Actions taken for other alcohol rule violations.
7. Supervisor alcohol training data.
8. Number of persons denied a position for positive drug test results.
9. Number of accidents (noted as fatal and non-fatal) with positive drug test results.
10. Number of fatalities from accidents resulting in positive drug test results.
11. Number of persons returned to duty following a positive drug test or refusal result.
12. Employee drug education data.
13. Supervisor drug training data.
14. Funding source information.

FRA

1. Number of applicants/transfers denied employment/transfer for a positive drug test.
2. Number of employees returned to duty after having failed or refused a drug test.
3. Detailed breakouts of for-cause drug and alcohol testing.
4. Non-qualifying accident drug testing data.
5. Supervisor drug training data.
6. Number of applicants/transfers denied employment/transfer for alcohol results 0.04 or greater.
7. Number of employees returned to duty after engaging in alcohol misuse.
8. Supervisor alcohol training data.

RSPA

1. Number of employees returned to duty after engaging in alcohol misuse.
2. Actions taken for alcohol test results equal to or greater than 0.04.

3. Number of other alcohol rule violations and actions taken for them.
4. Actions taken for alcohol test refusals.
5. Supervisor initial alcohol training data.
6. Number of persons denied a position following a positive drug test.
7. Number of employees returned to duty following a positive or refusal drug test.
8. Actions taken for positive drug tests.
9. Actions taken for drug test refusals.
10. Supervisor initial drug training data.

Finally, the Department stated that the DOT agencies would continue, in their regulations, to provide direction to their regulated employers regarding when, where, and how to report MIS data. The DOT agency final rules published today are designed to amend their rules so that regulated industries will report MIS data in accordance with 49 CFR part 40. In addition, the DOT agency final rules are designed so that no conflicts exist between them and part 40 regarding how the MIS form is to be completed and how the instructions are to be followed.

General Discussion of Rule Changes

The DOT agencies are amending several sections of their drug and alcohol testing regulations to incorporate references to the new one-page MIS form and its instructions found in 49 CFR part 40. In addition, other revisions are being made in an effort to conform MIS-related regulatory text used by the DOT agencies. Specifically, the items reflecting use of conforming language are as follows:

1. Definitions of "positive rate for random drug testing" and "violation rate for random alcohol testing" will conform throughout the regulations and will replace "annualized rate," "positive rate," and "violation rate," as appropriate. Both definitions will reflect how the DOT agencies will determine whether the random rates of testing within their regulated industries will rise, lower, or stay the same from year to year. It is important to note that RSPA has no random alcohol testing requirement and will, therefore, not include a definition for the "violation rate for random alcohol testing."

2. 49 CFR part 40 also clarified and made uniform among DOT agencies how employers determine the total number of employees to which the annual random rate applies. The averaging method highlighted in part 40 has been adopted in DOT agency rule text. The rules direct employers to add the number of covered employees

eligible for random testing in each random testing selection period for the year and divide that total by the number of random testing periods. The rules also reference employers' use of service agents (e.g., Consortium/Third-Party Administrators) in their random testing programs.

3. Each DOT agency rule incorporates common language requiring use of the MIS form and the instructions found in 49 CFR part 40. The rules also permit employers to use the electronic version of the MIS form as designated by DOT agency administrators and furnished by DOT. Specific internet addresses are provided in DOT agency rules. As referenced in the preamble to 49 CFR part 40, the Department's ultimate goal of having full automation for MIS submissions has been accomplished. Through Volpe Center development and field-testing, the automated system will be fully operational across all DOT agencies at the end of 2003.

4. DOT agency rules also include conforming language regarding how employers, with covered employees performing duties under more than one DOT agency rule, are to enter testing data for those employees. In short, the employee needs to be counted only on the MIS report for the DOT agency under which he or she is random tested. It is important to note, that the FAA requires all employees performing FAA safety-sensitive duties to be tested (including random) under FAA regulations. Otherwise, this will be the DOT agency under which the employee performs more than 50% of his or her duties.

5. Finally, the conforming language addresses the preparation of the MIS form and who must attest to its accuracy. The regulations give employers the ability to have service agents (e.g., Consortium/Third-Party Administrators) prepare the report on their behalf. However, no matter who prepares the report, a company official (e.g., Designated Employer Representative as defined in 49 CFR part 40) must certify the accuracy and completeness of the form.

Other Significant Issues

Regarding 49 CFR part 40 and the MIS form, the OMB number assigned to the form is 2105-0529. This number was issued by OMB on October 28, 2003.

The Docket number assigned to the part 40 MIS final rule was OST-2003-15676. It should have been, OST-2002-13433. This will serve to correct that error.

DOT has been asked how specimen results are to be counted if the verified result is a refusal because the specimen

was found to be both adulterated and substituted. While these types of results rarely occur, they do nonetheless exist. Such a specimen result is to be counted as one test result. If this type of result is present in an employer's testing program, the data should be entered as "1" for the test result and as ".5" for the adulterated result and as ".5" for the substituted result.

In addition, it is possible for a positive test to also be identified as being a refusal because the specimen was either adulterated or substituted. If such a result is present in an employer's testing program, the data should be entered as "1" for the test result and as ".5" for the positive result and as ".5" for the adulterated result or the substituted result, as appropriate. The electronic MIS data entry system has been designed to accommodate these ".5" results, no matter how infrequently they occur.

Section 1, of the MIS form in 49 CFR part 40, references the "FMCSA." That should read, "FMCSA." MIS forms that appear on the DOT website reflect the appropriate change. Electronic formats designed for use by the FMCSA and their regulated industry also reflect the change.

Finally, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) will incorporate use of the new MIS form into their rules. Therefore, USCG-regulated employers will continue to report drug testing data on the new MIS form. The DOT supports the USCG in their desire to use and to incorporate use of DOT's MIS form into their regulation. Because the USCG is part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), their regulations must be published under the authority of DHS. Therefore, the USCG will publish a conforming amendment to 46 CFR part 16 incorporating use of the form.

Regulatory Analyses and Notices

These rules are not significant rules for purposes of Executive Order 12866 or the DOT's regulatory policies and procedures. Nor are the rules economically significant regulations. They represent a reworking of existing requirements, the economic burden of which are now incorporated into 49 CFR part 40; they impose no new mandates; and they will not create any new costs. In fact, use of the new MIS form has been shown to reduce requirements and costs. The DOT agencies will no longer account for the PRA cost associated with use of the form. These costs are now accounted for by the Office of the Secretary.

In addition, there is no need for the DOT agencies to publish an NPRM each regarding use of the new MIS form and

to make the conforming regulation changes necessitated by use of the new form. The Department issued an NPRM in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 2002 (Vol. 67, No. 189) proposing use of a new MIS form and asking for comments and suggestions for changes to the old DOT agency MIS forms and the process for completing and submitting them. The final rule designating use and appearance of and instructions for the new MIS form was published in the **Federal Register** on July 25, 2003 (Vol. 68, No. 143). These DOT agency final rules are essentially administrative fix-ups to align DOT agency rules with part 40 on important MIS issues. Therefore, these DOT agency amendments are being issued as final rules.

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), an agency may, for good cause, immediately promulgate a final rule if it finds that prior notice and opportunity for comment “are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest” [5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B)]. There exists good cause for the final rules to be effective immediately rather than 30 days from today’s publication date. It is imperative that companies are prepared to implement the new MIS system and know the DOT agency requirements for form submission. That preparation should not be delayed for an additional 30 days. For these and the reasons highlighted in the previous paragraph, the rules are effective today.

These final rules do not have sufficient Federalism impact to warrant a Federalism assessment under Executive Order 13132. With respect to the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the DOT agencies certify that these rules would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, so a Regulatory Flexibility analysis has not been prepared. Even though these rules might affect a large number of small entities, we do not expect the use of a single MIS form throughout all DOT-regulated industries to have a significant economic impact on anyone.

The Department’s final MIS rule contained information collection requirements that were submitted, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3507(d)), to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Therefore, the DOT agencies will remove PRA requirements for the MIS form from their next PRA submission packages. In addition, the Department will place its entire PRA package for the MIS form on the Internet

when that submission is approved by OMB.

As stated in the Department’s final MIS rule, according to OMB’s regulations implementing the PRA (5 CFR 1320.8(b)(2)(vi)), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person need not respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB number. As stated earlier, the OMB number issued to the form is 2105–0529.

A number of other Executive Orders can affect rulemakings. These include Executive Orders 13084 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments), 12988 (Civil Justice Reform), 12875 (Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership), 12630 (Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights), 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations), 13045 (Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks), and 12889 (Implementation of North American Free Trade Agreement). We have considered these Executive Orders in the context of these rules, and we believe that these rules do not directly affect matters that the Executive Orders cover.

We have prepared these rulemakings in accordance with the Presidential Directive on Plain Language.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Summary of Changes in Part 382

FMCSA has made the following changes to the regulatory text in part 382:

Section 382.107 Definitions

We have revised the definitions for “positive rate” for random drug testing and “violation rate” for random alcohol testing, consistent with the definitions for those terms in part 40.

Section 382.305 Random Testing

We have revised § 382.305(j), concerning how employers determine the number of covered employees eligible for random testing, to conform with the methodology prescribed in part 40.

Section 382.401 Retention of Records

We have revised § 382.401(c)(1)(viii) to replace “Consolidated annual calendar year summaries” with “Each annual calendar year summary.”

Section 382.403 Reporting of results in a management information system

Section 382.403 was amended to require use of the new Management Information System (MIS) form in part 40, in place of the old FMCSA forms. In subparagraph (b), the requirement that the form should be in “the form and manner prescribed by the FMCSA” was deleted. We now require employers to use either the paper form in part 40 or an electronic version of the form through the FMCSA web site. We deleted former subparagraphs (c) and (d) specifying the data elements that were required to be reported because the instructions for the MIS form in part 40 specify new data elements to be reported. The former subparagraph (e), which addresses employers subject to more than one DOT agency, has been redesignated as paragraph (c), and was amended to conform with part 40 agencies. The former subparagraph (f), which addresses employers who use service agents (e.g., a Consortia/third party administrator (C/TPA)), has been redesignated as paragraph (d) and was also amended.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 382

Alcohol abuse, Drug abuse, Drug testing, Highway safety, Motor carriers, Penalties, Safety, Transportation.

49 CFR Chapter III

Authority and Issuance

■ For reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration amends part 382 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 382—CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ALCOHOL USE AND TESTING

■ 1. The authority citation for 49 CFR part 382 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 31133, 31136, 31301 *et seq.*, 31502; and 49 CFR 1.73.

■ 2. Amend § 382.107 by removing the definitions of “positive rate” and “violation rate” and adding the following definitions in their place to read as follows:

§ 382.107 Definitions.

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Positive rate for random drug testing means the number of verified positive results for random drug tests conducted under this part plus the number of refusals of random drug tests required by this part, divided by the total number of random drug tests results (*i.e.*,

positives, negatives, and refusals) under this part.

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Violation rate for random alcohol testing means the number of 0.04 and above random alcohol confirmation test results conducted under this part plus the number of refusals of random alcohol tests required by this part, divided by the total number of random alcohol screening tests (including refusals) conducted under this part.

■ 3. Amend § 382.305 by revising paragraph (j) to read as follows:

§ 382.305 Random testing.

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(j)(1) To calculate the total number of covered drivers eligible for random testing throughout the year, as an employer, you must add the total number of covered drivers eligible for testing during each random testing period for the year and divide that total by the number of random testing periods. Covered employees, and only covered employees, are to be in an employer's random testing pool, and all covered drivers must be in the random pool. If you are an employer conducting random testing more often than once per month (e.g., daily, weekly, bi-weekly) you do not need to compute this total number of covered drivers rate more than on a once per month basis.

(2) As an employer, you may use a service agent (e.g., a C/TPA) to perform random selections for you, and your covered drivers may be part of a larger random testing pool of covered employees. However, you must ensure that the service agent you use is testing at the appropriate percentage established for your industry and that only covered employees are in the random testing pool.

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■ 4. Amend § 382.401 by revising paragraph (c)(1)(viii) to read as follows:

§ 382.401 Retention of records.

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(viii) A copy of each annual calendar year summary as required by § 382.403.

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■ 5. Amend § 382.403 by revising paragraph (b), removing paragraphs (c) and (d), redesignating paragraphs (e) and (f) as (c) and (d), respectively, and revising them, and adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 382.403 Reporting of results in a management information system.

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(b) If an employer is notified, during the month of January, of a request by the

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to report the employer's annual calendar year summary information, the employer shall prepare and submit the report to the FMCSA by March 15 of that year. The employer shall ensure that the annual summary report is accurate and received by March 15 at the location that the FMCSA specifies in its request. The employer must use the Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions as required by 49 CFR part 40 (at § 40.26 and appendix H to part 40). The employer may also use the electronic version of the MIS form provided by the DOT. The Administrator may designate means (e.g., electronic program transmitted via the Internet), other than hard-copy, for MIS form submission. For information on the electronic version of the form, see: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safetyprogs/drugs/engtesting.htm>.

(c) When the report is submitted to the FMCSA by mail or electronic transmission, the information requested shall be typed, except for the signature of the certifying official. Each employer shall ensure the accuracy and timeliness of each report submitted by the employer or a consortium.

(d) If you have a covered employee who performs multi-DOT agency functions (e.g., an employee drives a commercial motor vehicle and performs pipeline maintenance duties for the same employer), count the employee only on the MIS report for the DOT agency under which he or she is randomly tested. Normally, this will be the DOT agency under which the employee performs more than 50% of his or her duties. Employers may have to explain the testing data for these employees in the event of a DOT agency inspection or audit.

(e) A service agent (e.g., *Consortia/Third party administrator* as defined in 49 CFR 382.107) may prepare the MIS report on behalf of an employer. However, a company official (e.g., *Designated employer representative*) must certify the accuracy and completeness of the MIS report, no matter who prepares it.

Dated: November 25, 2003.

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Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Federal Aviation Administration

FAA's Section-by-Section Discussion
14 CFR Part 121, Appendix I

II. Definitions

The FAA has eliminated the definition for "annualized rate" because

the definition is no longer necessary in light of the DOT's final rule. However, the definition for annualized rate had contained instructions to estimate the number of employees that must be tested during the calendar year based on the number of safety-sensitive employees as of the beginning of the calendar year. The DOT's final rule changed this method of calculation. Now, to determine how many employees to randomly test during the calendar year, the employer must use the average number of safety-sensitive employees instead of the number of employees as of the beginning of the calendar year. Because this change occurred during the 2003 calendar year, we recognize that employers may have difficulty estimating the number of safety-sensitive employees to be tested in 2003. Therefore, for the calendar year 2003 only, employers may use the number of employees as of the beginning of the calendar year to determine the total number of safety-sensitive employees to be tested or the employers may use the averaging method described in this regulation and 49 CFR part 40. Beginning in 2004, the new methodology must be used by all employers.

In addition, we have revised the definition of "positive rate" and changed the defined term to "positive rate for random drug testing," for the reasons discussed in the DOT's General Discussion of Rule Changes.

V. Types of Drug Testing Required

C. Random Testing. We revised paragraph 6 under the random testing section to make it clear to employers how to calculate whether they have met the minimum annual percentage rate under 49 CFR part 40. For the reasons explained in the DOT's General Discussion of Rule Changes, we inserted paragraph 6(b) to address the use of service agents to conduct random testing for employers. We added paragraphs 6(b)(1)–(2) to explain what annual percentage rate applies to pools created by service agents.

VI. Administrative and Other Matters

F. DOT Management Information System Annual Reports. For consistency with 14 CFR part 121, appendix J, we have added this paragraph to make it clear that employers must keep copies of annual reports submitted to the FAA for a minimum of 5 years. This is not an additional record keeping requirement because the MIS reports were already required to be kept for 5 years under 14 CFR part 121, appendix J, section IV, A.2.(a)(1). Since the MIS reports for both drug and alcohol testing

have been combined, this addition is merely a reminder to employers of an existing obligation to retain the record.

X. Reporting of Antidrug Program Results

We changed the title of this section to "Annual Reports" because the DOT's revisions to the MIS forms no longer require separate reporting of antidrug program results. The combined MIS form is now submitted for both drug and alcohol testing results.

The basic requirements of when to submit annual reports and who must submit them remain unchanged in this section. However, most of section X has been eliminated because it prescribed the specifics of the contents of annual reports, all of which are now prescribed by 49 CFR 40.26 and appendix H to 49 CFR part 40. For the reasons explained in the DOT's General Discussion of Rule Changes, we have adopted the DOT's language for submitting MIS reports and the role of service agents in those submissions.

14 CFR Part 121, Appendix J

I. General

D. Definitions. We have revised the definition of "violation rate" and changed the defined term to "violation rate for random alcohol testing," for the reasons discussed in the DOT's General Discussion of Rule Changes. Although there was no definition for "annualized percentage rate" under this appendix, the reasoning provided in the preamble to appendix I applies to calculating the number of employees to be tested in calendar year 2003 for appendix J also.

II. Covered Employees

In revising the annual reporting requirements of section IV.B., we decided to move former paragraph IV.B.2 to become a new paragraph under section II, which describes covered employees. Former paragraph IV.B.2 reminded employers to identify employees who are performing safety-sensitive functions under the regulations of more than one DOT agency. This is important because alcohol testing must be tied to the performance of safety-sensitive work. When the employer requires the employee to submit to an alcohol test, the employer must know what kind of safety-sensitive work the employee is performing and which DOT agency's testing regulations apply. In moving this paragraph to section II, we made minor editorial changes to the language and renumbered paragraphs accordingly.

III. Tests Required

C. Random Testing. We revised paragraph 2 under the random testing section to change the phrase "alcohol MIS reports" to "MIS reports." We made this change because the DOT's revisions to 49 CFR part 40 eliminated separate forms for alcohol testing results. There is now a combined form for reporting both drug and alcohol testing results.

As we have done in appendix I, we revised paragraph 6 under this section to make it clear to employers how to calculate whether they have met the minimum annual percentage rate under the DOT's final rule. For the reasons explained in the DOT's General Discussion of Rule Changes, we inserted paragraph 6(b) to address the use of service agents to conduct random testing for employers. We added paragraphs 6(b)(1)-(2), as we have done in appendix I, to explain what annual percentage rate applies to pools created by service agents.

IV. Handling of Test Results, Record Retention and Confidentiality

B. Reporting of Results in a Management Information System. We changed the title of this section to "Annual Reports" for consistency with appendix I.

The basic requirements of when to submit annual reports and who must submit them remain unchanged in this section. However, most of section IV has been eliminated because it prescribed the specifics of the contents of annual reports, all of which are now prescribed by 49 CFR 40.26 and appendix H to 49 CFR part 40. For the reasons explained in the DOT's General Discussion of Rule Changes, we have adopted the DOT's language for submitting MIS reports and the role of service agents in those submissions.

International Compatibility

In keeping with U.S. obligations under the Convention on International Civil Aviation, it is FAA policy to comply with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices to the maximum extent practicable. The FAA has reviewed the corresponding ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and has identified no differences with these regulations.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 121

Air carriers, Aircraft, Airmen, Alcohol abuse, Aviation safety, Charter flights, Drug abuse, Drug testing, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Safety, Transportation.

14 CFR Chapter I

Authority and Issuance

■ For reasons set forth in the preamble, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 121—OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 121 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 40119, 41706, 44101, 44701-44702, 44705, 44709-44711, 44713, 44716-44717, 44722, 44901, 44903-44904, 44912, 45101-45105, 46105, 46301.

■ 2. Amend appendix I to part 121 as follows:

- A. In section II., remove the definition of Annualized rate; remove the definition of Positive rate and add a new definition in its place;
- B. In section V., revise paragraph C.6;
- C. In section VI., add paragraph F;
- D. In section X., revise section heading, revise paragraphs A introductory text and A.2, revise paragraph B, remove paragraphs C, D, E, F, add new paragraph C.

The revisions and additions read as follows:

Appendix I to Part 121—Drug Testing Program

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II. Definitions * * *

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Positive rate for random drug testing means the number of verified positive results for random drug tests conducted under this appendix plus the number of refusals of random drug tests required by this appendix, divided by the total number of random drug test results (*i.e.*, positives, negatives, and refusals) under this appendix.

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V. Types of Drug Testing Required * * *

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C. Random Testing.

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6. As an employer, you must select and test a percentage of employees at least equal to the minimum annual percentage rate each year.

(a) As an employer, to determine whether you have met the minimum annual percentage rate, you must divide the number of random testing results for safety-sensitive employees by the average number of safety-sensitive employees eligible for random testing.

(1) To calculate whether you have met the annual minimum percentage rate, count all random positives, random negatives, and random refusals as your "random testing results."

(2) To calculate the average number of safety-sensitive employees eligible for

random testing throughout the year, add the total number of safety-sensitive employees eligible for testing during each random testing period for the year and divide that total by the number of random testing periods. Only safety-sensitive employees are to be in an employer's random testing pool, and all safety-sensitive employees must be in the random pool. If you are an employer conducting random testing more often than once per month (e.g., you select daily, weekly, bi-weekly) you do not need to compute this total number of safety-sensitive employees more than on a once per month basis.

(b) As an employer, you may use a service agent to perform random selections for you, and your safety-sensitive employees may be part of a larger random testing pool of safety-sensitive employees. However, you must ensure that the service agent you use is testing at the appropriate percentage established for your industry and that only safety-sensitive employees are in the random testing pool. For example:

(1) If the service agent has your employees in a random testing pool for your company alone, you must ensure that the testing is conducted at least at the minimum annual percentage rate under this part.

(2) If the service agent has your employees in a random testing pool combined with other FAA-regulated companies, you must ensure that the testing is conducted at least at the minimum annual percentage rate under this part.

(3) If the service agent has your employees in a random testing pool combined with other DOT-regulated companies, you must ensure that the testing is conducted at least at the highest rate required for any DOT-regulated company in the pool.

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VI. Administrative and Other Matters * * *

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F. DOT Management Information System Annual Reports. Copies of any annual reports submitted to the FAA under this appendix must be maintained by the employer for a minimum of 5 years.

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X. Annual Reports.

A. Annual reports of testing results must be submitted to the FAA by March 15 of the succeeding calendar year for the prior calendar year (January 1 through December 31) in accordance with the provisions below.

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2. Each entity conducting an antidrug program under this part, other than a part 121 certificate holder, that has 50 or more employees performing a safety-sensitive function on January 1 of any calendar year shall submit an annual report to the FAA for that calendar year.

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B. As an employer, you must use the Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions as required by 49 CFR part 40 (at 49 CFR 40.26 and appendix H to 49 CFR part 40). You may also use the electronic version of the MIS form provided by DOT. The Administrator may designate means

(e.g., electronic program transmitted via the Internet) other than hard-copy, for MIS form submission. For information on where to submit MIS forms and for the electronic version of the form, see: <http://www.faa.gov/avr/aam/adap>.

C. A service agent may prepare the MIS report on behalf of an employer. However, a company official (e.g., Designated Employer Representative as defined in 49 CFR part 40) must certify the accuracy and completeness of the MIS report, no matter who prepares it.

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■ 3. Amend appendix J to part 121 as follows:

■ A. In section I.D, remove the definition of Violation rate and add a definition in its place;

■ B. Revise section II;

■ C. In section III.C, revise paragraphs C.2 and C.6;

■ D. Revise section IV.B.

The revisions and additions read as follows:

Appendix J to Part 121—Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program

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I. General * * *

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D. Definitions

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Violation rate for random alcohol testing means the number of 0.04 and above random alcohol confirmation test results conducted under this appendix plus the number of refusals of random alcohol tests required by this appendix, divided by the total number of random alcohol screening tests (including refusals) conducted under this appendix.

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II. Covered Employees

A. Each employee who performs a function listed in this section directly or by contract for an employer as defined in this appendix must be subject to alcohol testing under an FAA-approved alcohol misuse prevention program implemented in accordance with this appendix. The covered safety-sensitive functions are:

1. Flight crewmember duties.
2. Flight attendant duties.
3. Flight instruction duties.
4. Aircraft dispatcher duties.
5. Aircraft maintenance or preventive maintenance duties.
6. Ground security coordinator duties.
7. Aviation screening duties.
8. Air traffic control duties.

B. Each employer must identify any employee who is subject to the alcohol testing regulations of more than one DOT agency. Prior to conducting any alcohol test on a covered employee subject to the alcohol testing regulations of more than one DOT agency, the employer must determine which DOT agency authorizes or requires the test.

III. Tests Required * * *

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C. Random Testing

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2. The Administrator's decision to increase or decrease the minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing is based on the violation rate for the entire industry. All information used for this determination is drawn from MIS reports required by this appendix. In order to ensure reliability of the data, the Administrator considers the quality and completeness of the reported data, may obtain additional information or reports from employers, and may make appropriate modifications in calculating the industry violation rate. Each year, the Administrator will publish in the **Federal Register** the minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing of covered employees. The new minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing will be applicable starting January 1 of the calendar year following publication.

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6. As an employer, you must select and test a percentage of employees at least equal to the minimum annual percentage rate each year.

(a) As an employer, to determine whether you have met the minimum annual percentage rate, you must divide the number of random alcohol screening test results for safety-sensitive employees by the average number of safety-sensitive employees eligible for random testing.

(1) To calculate whether you have met the annual minimum percentage rate, count all random screening test results below 0.02 breath alcohol concentration, random screening test results of 0.02 or greater breath alcohol concentration, and random refusals as your "random alcohol screening test results."

(2) To calculate the average number of safety-sensitive employees eligible for random testing throughout the year, add the total number of safety-sensitive employees eligible for testing during each random testing period for the year and divide that total by the number of random testing periods. Only safety-sensitive employees are to be in an employer's random testing pool, and all safety-sensitive employees must be in the random pool. If you are an employer conducting random testing more often than once per month (e.g., you select daily, weekly, bi-weekly) you do not need to compute this total number of safety-sensitive employees more than on a once per month basis.

(b) As an employer, you may use a service agent to perform random selections for you, and your safety-sensitive employees may be part of a larger random testing pool of safety-sensitive employees. However, you must ensure that the service agent you use is testing at the appropriate percentage established for your industry and that only safety-sensitive employees are in the random testing pool. For example:

(1) If the service agent has your employees in a random testing pool for your company alone, you must ensure that the testing is conducted at least at the minimum annual percentage rate under this part.

(2) If the service agent has your employees in a random testing pool combined with other FAA-regulated companies, you must ensure that the testing is conducted at least

at the minimum annual percentage rate under this part.

(3) If the service agent has your employees in a random testing pool combined with other DOT-regulated companies, you must ensure that the testing is conducted at least at the highest rate required for any DOT-regulated company in the pool.

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*IV. Handling of Test Results, Record Retention, and Confidentiality * * **

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B. Reporting of Results in a Management Information System

1. Annual reports of alcohol misuse prevention program results must be submitted to the FAA by March 15 of the succeeding calendar year for the prior calendar year (January 1 through December 31) in accordance with the provisions below.

(a) Each part 121 certificate holder shall submit an annual report each year.

(b) Each entity conducting an alcohol misuse prevention program under this part, other than a part 121 certificate holder, that has 50 or more employees performing a safety-sensitive function on January 1 of any calendar year shall submit an annual report to the FAA for that calendar year.

(c) The Administrator reserves the right to require that aviation employers not otherwise required to submit annual reports prepare and submit such reports to the FAA. Employers that will be required to submit annual reports under this provision will be notified in writing by the FAA.

2. As an employer, you must use the Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions as required by 49 CFR part 40 (at 49 CFR 40.26 and appendix H to 49 CFR part 40). You may also use the electronic version of the MIS form provided by the DOT. The Administrator may designate means (e.g., electronic program transmitted via the Internet) other than hard-copy, for MIS form submission. For information on where to submit MIS forms and for the electronic version of the form, see: <http://www.faa.gov/avr/aam/adap>.

3. A service agent may prepare the MIS report on behalf of an employer. However, a company official (e.g., Designated Employer Representative as defined in 49 CFR part 40) must certify the accuracy and completeness of the MIS report, no matter who prepares it.

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Dated: November 25, 2003.

Marion C. Blakey,
Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

**Federal Transit Administration
List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 655**

Alcohol abuse, Drug testing, Grant programs—transportation, Mass transportation, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Safety, Transportation.

49 CFR Chapter VI

Authority and Issuance

■ For reasons set forth in the preamble, the Federal Transit Administration amends part 655 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 655—PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL MISUSE AND PROHIBITED DRUG USE IN TRANSIT OPERATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for 49 CFR part 655 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5331; 49 CFR 1.51.

■ 2. In § 655.4, remove the definitions of “positive rate” and “violation rate” and add the following definitions in their place to read as follows:

§ 655.4 Definitions.

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Positive rate for random drug testing means the number of verified positive results for random drug tests conducted under this part plus the number of refusals of random drug tests required by this part, divided by the total number of random drug tests results (i.e., positive, negative, and refusals) under this part.

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Violation rate for random alcohol testing means the number of 0.04 and above random alcohol confirmation test results conducted under this part plus the number of refusals of random alcohol tests required by this part, divided by the total number of alcohol random screening tests (including refusals) conducted under this part.

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■ 3. Revise § 655.72(d) through (g) to read as follows:

§ 655.72 Reporting of results in a Management Information System.

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(d) As an employer, you must use the Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions as required by 49 CFR part 40, § 40.25 and appendix H. You may also use the electronic version of the MIS form provided by the DOT. The Administrator may designate means (e.g., electronic program transmitted via the Internet), other than hard-copy, for MIS form submission. For information on where to submit MIS forms and for the electronic version of the form, see: <http://transit-safety.volpe.dot.gov\DAMIS>.

(e) To calculate the total number of covered employees eligible for random testing throughout the year, as an employer, you must add the total number of covered employees eligible for testing during each random testing

period for the year and divide that total by the number of random testing periods. Covered employees, and only covered employees, are to be in an employer’s random testing pool, and all covered employees must be in the random pool. If you are an employer conducting random testing more often than once per month (e.g., you select daily, weekly, bi-weekly), you do not need to compute this total number of covered employees rate more than on a once per month basis. As an employer, you may use a service agent (e.g., C/TPA) to perform random selections for you; and your covered employees may be part of a larger random testing pool of covered employees. However, you must ensure that the service agent you use is testing at the appropriate percentage established for your industry and that only covered employees are in the random testing pool.

(f) If you have a covered employee who performs multi-DOT agency functions (e.g., an employee drives a paratransit vehicle and performs pipeline maintenance duties for you), count the employee only on the MIS report for the DOT agency under which he or she is random tested. Normally, this will be the DOT agency under which the employee performs more than 50% of his or her duties. Employers may have to explain the testing data for these employees in the event of a DOT agency inspection or audit.

(g) A service agent (e.g., Consortia/Third Party Administrator as defined in 49 CFR part 40) may prepare the MIS report on behalf of an employer. However, a company official (e.g., Designated Employer Representative as defined in 49 CFR part 40) must certify the accuracy and completeness of the MIS report, no matter who prepares it.

Appendices A Through D [Removed]

■ 4. Remove Appendices A through D to part 655.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

Jennifer L. Dorn,
Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

Federal Railroad Administration

Section-by-Section Analysis

Section 219.5 Definitions

Positive rate for random drug testing. A standardized DOT definition replaces the previous FRA definition of “positive rate.”

Violation rate for random testing. A standardized DOT definition replaces the previous FRA definition of “violation rate.”

Section 219.601 Railroad Random Drug Testing Programs

Paragraph (b)(2)(ii) Form of Programs

FRA amends this paragraph to conform with the Department's new directions on how to calculate the number of covered employees eligible for random testing. An employer or service agent acting on the employer's behalf (e.g., a consortium or third party administrator) must recalculate this number for each random testing period to take into account seasonal or other fluctuations in the number of employees it has throughout the year. An employer had previously been allowed to calculate this number only once per year based on the number of employees it had at the beginning of the year.

Section 219.602 Administrator's Determination of Railroad Drug Testing Rate

Paragraphs (c) and (d)

FRA is revising these paragraphs to replace the references to § 219.803, which contained agency-specific railroad reporting requirements, with references to new § 219.800, which incorporates by reference the standardized and simplified DOT reporting requirements found in § 40.25 and in appendix H to part 40. Section 219.803 is removed and reserved.

Section 219.607 Railroad Random Alcohol Testing Programs

Subparagraph (b)(1) Form of Programs

As with § 219.601 discussed above, FRA revises this subparagraph to conform with the Department's new directions on how to calculate the number of covered employees eligible for random testing.

Subparagraph (b)(1)(i)

As with § 219.601 discussed above, FRA adds this new subparagraph to address the increasing use of service agents to perform random drug testing selections.

Section 219.608 Administrator's Determination of Railroad Alcohol Testing Rate

Paragraphs (c) and (d)

FRA is revising these paragraphs to replace the references to § 219.801, which contained agency-specific railroad reporting requirements, with references to new § 219.800, which incorporates by reference the standardized and simplified DOT reporting requirements found in § 40.25 and in appendix H to part 40. Section 219.801 is removed and reserved.

Section 219.800 Annual Reports

Paragraph (a)

As explained above, FRA is streamlining its MIS system by combining the annual reporting requirements formerly contained in §§ 219.801 and 219.803 into one section. This paragraph, which defines who must file an annual report, adopts the language formerly found in paragraph (a) of each of those sections.

Paragraphs (b)–(e)

Paragraph (b) incorporates part 40's forms and instructions by reference. Paragraphs (c)–(e) add standardized instructions on electronic reporting, reporting of multi-modal employee results, and reporting by service agents.

Section 219.801 Reporting Alcohol Misuse Program Results in a Management Information System

As explained above, this section is removed and reserved. The FRA-specific reporting requirements formerly contained in this section are removed and replaced by those contained in new § 219.800.

Section 219.803 Reporting Alcohol Misuse Program Results in a Management Information System

As explained above, this section is removed and reserved. The FRA-specific reporting requirements formerly contained in this section are removed and replaced by those contained in new § 219.800.

Federal Railroad Administration

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 219

Alcohol abuse, Drug abuse, Drug testing, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Safety, Transportation.

49 CFR Chapter II

Authority and Issuance

■ For reasons set forth in the preamble, the Federal Railroad Administration amends part 219 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 219—CONTROL OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

■ 1. The authority citation for 49 CFR part 219 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20140, 21301, 21304, 21311, 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.49(m).

■ 2. In § 219.5, the definitions of “positive rate” and “violation rate” are removed and the following definitions are added in their place to read as follows:

§ 219.5 Definitions.

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Positive rate for random drug testing means the number of verified positive results for random drug tests conducted under this part plus the number of refusals of random drug tests required by this part, divided by the total number of random drug tests results (i.e., positives, negatives, and refusals) under this part.

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Violation rate for random alcohol testing means the number of 0.04 and above random alcohol confirmation test results conducted under this part plus the number of refusals of random alcohol tests required by this part, divided by the total number of random alcohol screening tests (including refusals) conducted under this part.

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■ 3. Section 219.601 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(2)(ii) and adding paragraph (b)(2)(iii) to read as follows:

§ 219.601 Railroad random drug testing programs.

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(b) * * *

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(ii) To calculate the total number of covered employees eligible for random testing throughout the year, as a railroad, you must add the total number of covered employees eligible for testing during each random testing period for the year and divide that total by the number of random testing periods. Covered employees, and only covered employees, are to be in a railroad's random testing pool, and all covered employees must be in the random pool. If you are a railroad conducting random testing more often than once per month (e.g., you select daily, weekly, bi-weekly), you do not need to compute this total number of covered employees rate more than on a once per month basis.

(iii) As a railroad, you may use a service agent (e.g., C/TPA) to perform random selections for you, and your covered employees may be part of a larger random testing pool of covered employees. However, you must ensure that the service agent you use is testing at the appropriate percentage established for your industry and that only covered employees are in the random testing pool.

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■ 4. Section 219.602 is amended by revising paragraphs (c) and (d) to read as follows:

§ 219.602 Administrator's determination of random drug testing rate.

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(c) When the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing is 50 percent, the Administrator may lower this rate to 25 percent of all covered employees if the Administrator determines that the data received under the reporting requirements of § 219.800 for two consecutive calendar years indicate that the reported positive rate is less than 1.0 percent.

(d) When the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing is 25 percent, and the data received under the reporting requirements of § 219.800 for any calendar year indicate that the reported positive rate is equal to or greater than 1.0 percent, the Administrator will increase the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing to 50 percent of all covered employees.

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■ 5. Section 219.607 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

§ 219.607 Railroad random alcohol testing programs.

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(b) * * *

(1) As a railroad, to calculate the total number of covered employees eligible for random testing throughout the year, you must add the total number of covered employees eligible for testing during each random testing period for the year and divide that total by the number of random testing periods. Covered employees, and only covered employees, are to be in a railroad's random testing pool, and all covered employees must be in the random pool. If you are a railroad conducting random testing more often than once per month (e.g., you select daily, weekly, bi-weekly), you do not need to compute this total number of covered employees rate more than on a once per month basis.

(i) As a railroad, you may use a service agent (e.g., C/TPA) to perform random selections for you, and your covered employees may be part of a larger random testing pool of covered employees. However, you must ensure that the service agent you use is testing at the appropriate percentage established for your industry and that only covered employees are in the random testing pool.

(ii) [Reserved]

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■ 6. Section 219.608 is amended by revising paragraphs (c) and (d) to read as follows:

§ 219.608 FRA Administrator's determination of random alcohol testing rate.

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(c)(1) When the minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing is 25 percent or more, the Administrator may lower this rate to 10 percent of all covered employees if the Administrator determines that the data received under the reporting requirements of § 219.800 for two consecutive calendar years indicate that the violation rate is less than 0.5 percent.

(2) When the minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing is 50 percent, the Administrator may lower this rate to 25 percent of all covered employees if the Administrator determines that the data received under the reporting requirements of § 219.800 for two consecutive calendar years indicate that the violation rate is less than 1.0 percent but equal to or greater than 0.5 percent.

(d)(1) When the minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing is 10 percent, and the data received under the reporting requirements of § 219.800 for that calendar year indicate that the violation rate is equal to or greater than 0.5 percent, but less than 1.0 percent, the Administrator will increase the minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing to 25 percent of all covered employees.

(2) When the minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing is 25 percent or less, and the data received under the reporting requirements of § 219.800 for any calendar year indicate that the violation rate is equal to or greater than 1.0 percent, the Administrator will increase the minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing to 50 percent of all covered employees.

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■ 7. Section 219.800 is added to subpart I to read as follows:

§ 219.800 Annual reports.

(a) Each railroad that has 400,000 or more total manhours shall submit to FRA by March 15 of each year a report covering the previous calendar year (January 1–December 31), summarizing the results of its alcohol and drug misuse prevention program. As used in this paragraph, the term "employees of the railroad" includes individuals who perform service for the railroad, including not only individuals who receive direct monetary compensation from the railroad for performing a service for the railroad, but also such individuals as employees of a contractor

to the railroad who perform a service for the railroad.

(b) As a railroad, you must use the Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions as required by 49 CFR part 40 (at § 40.25 and appendix H to part 40). You may also use the electronic version of the MIS form provided by the DOT. The Administrator may designate means (e.g., electronic program transmitted via the Internet), other than hard-copy, for MIS form submission to FRA. For information on where to submit MIS forms and for the electronic version of the form, see: <http://www.fra.dot.gov/Content3.asp?P=504>.

(c) Each railroad shall ensure the accuracy and timeliness of each report submitted.

(d) As a railroad, if you have a covered employee who performs multi-DOT agency functions (e.g., an employee drives a commercial motor vehicle and performs switchman duties for you), count the employee only on the MIS report for the DOT agency under which he or she is random tested. Normally, this will be the DOT agency under which the employee performs more than 50% of his or her duties. Railroads may have to explain the testing data for these employees in the event of a DOT agency inspection or audit.

(e) A service agent (e.g., a consortium/third party administrator) may prepare the MIS report on behalf of a railroad. However, a railroad official (e.g., a designated employee representative) must certify the accuracy and completeness of the MIS report, no matter who prepares it.

§§ 219.801 and 219.803 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 8. Sections 219.801 and 219.803 are removed and reserved.

Dated: November 20, 2003.

Allan Rutter,

Federal Railroad Administration.

Research and Special Programs Administration

Section-by-Section Discussion of Rule Changes for RSPA

RSPA has amended several sections of 49 CFR part 199 to conform to 49 CFR part 40 Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs: Drug and Alcohol Management Information System Reporting final rule. The specific changes to the regulatory text in part 199 are described below.

Section 199.3 Definitions

The definition for “positive rate” for random drug testing is being modified in § 199.3 in order to be consistent with the standardized DOT definition.

Section 199.117 Recordkeeping

Subparagraph (a)(2) of § 199.117 has been revised to include a requirement to maintain MIS drug testing data for 5 years to parallel the requirement for maintaining MIS alcohol testing data at § 199.227(b)(1). Subparagraphs (a)(2)(i)(ii)(iii) and (4) of § 199.117 have been removed because the retention of the data previously required by these paragraphs will be captured in the MIS data retention requirement. Subparagraph (5) of § 199.117 has been redesignated as subparagraph (4).

Section 199.119 Reporting of Anti-Drug Testing Results

Paragraph (a) of § 199.119 has been revised to require use of the new Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions required by part 40. Paragraph (b) of § 199.119 has been revised to include electronic submission of drug testing MIS reports and correct the room number for submitting paper versions of these reports. Paragraph (c) of § 199.119 has been revised to be consistent with part 40 on how operators are to determine the number of covered employees eligible for random drug testing. Paragraph (d) of § 199.119 has been revised to specify an operator’s responsibility when using a service agent to perform random selections. Paragraph (e) of § 199.119 has been revised to provide instructions on how to report random drug testing MIS data for employees covered by more than one DOT agency, consistent with part 40. Paragraph (f) of § 199.119 has been revised to specify who may prepare drug testing MIS reports.

Section 199.229—Reporting of Alcohol Testing Results

Paragraph (a) of § 199.229 has been revised to require use of the new Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions required by part 40. Paragraph (b) of § 199.229 has been revised to provide instructions on how to report alcohol testing MIS data for employees covered by more than one DOT agency, consistent with part 40. Paragraph (c) of § 199.229 has been revised to include electronic submission of alcohol testing MIS reports and correct the room number for submitting paper versions of these reports. Former paragraph (d) and subparagraphs (d)(1)(2)(3)(i)(ii)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)(10) of § 199.229 have been removed because RSPA now requires use of the part 40

MIS form and the instructions for this form specify the data elements to be reported. Former paragraph (e) and subparagraphs (e)(1)(2)(3)(4)(5) of § 199.229 have been removed because the instructions for the MIS form in part 40 specify the data elements to be reported. Former paragraph (f) of § 199.229 permitting consortium to prepare MIS reports has been redesignated as paragraph (d) and revised to include service agents and third party administrators as defined in part 40.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 199

Alcohol testing, Drug testing, Operators, Pipeline safety, Recordkeeping and reporting.

49 CFR Chapter I

Authority and Issuance

■ For reasons discussed in the preamble, the Research and Special Programs Administration amends part 199 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 199—DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

■ 1. The citation of authority for 49 CFR part 199 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5103, 60102, 60104, 60108, 60117, and 60118; 49 CFR 1.53.

■ 2. Amend § 199.3 by removing the definition for “positive rate” and adding the following definition in its place to read as follows:

§ 199.3 Definitions.

* * * * *

Positive rate for random drug testing means the number of verified positive results for random drug tests conducted under this part plus the number of refusals of random drug tests required by this part, divided by the total number of random drug tests results (*i.e.*, positives, negatives, and refusals) under this part.

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■ 3. Amend § 199.117 by revising paragraph (a)(2), removing paragraph (a)(4) and redesignating paragraph (a)(5) as paragraph (a)(4) and revising it to read as follows:

§ 199.117 Recordkeeping.

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(2) Records of employee drug test that indicate a verified positive result, records that demonstrate compliance with the recommendations of a substance abuse professional, and MIS annual report data shall be maintained for a minimum of five years.

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(4) Records confirming that supervisors and employees have been trained as required by this part must be kept for at least 3 years.

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■ 4. Revise § 199.119 to read as follows:

§ 199.119 Reporting of anti-drug testing results.

(a) Each large operator (having more than 50 covered employees) shall submit an annual MIS report to RSPA of its anti-drug testing using the Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions as required by 49 CFR part 40 (at § 40.25 and appendix H to Part 40), not later than March 15 of each year for the prior calendar year (January 1 through December 31). The Administrator shall require by written notice that small operators (50 or fewer covered employees) not otherwise required to submit annual MIS reports to prepare and submit such reports to RSPA.

(b) Each report, required under this section, shall be submitted to the Office of Pipeline Safety Compliance (OPS), Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, room 2103, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The operator may submit a paper report or data electronically using the version of the MIS form provided by DOT. This electronic version of the form can be accessed via the Internet at the following Office of Pipeline Safety web address: <http://ops.dot.gov/drug.htm>.

(c) To calculate the total number of covered employees eligible for random testing throughout the year, as an operator, you must add the total number of covered employees eligible for testing during each random testing period for the year and divide that total by the number of random testing periods. Covered employees, and only covered employees, are to be in an employer’s random testing pool, and all covered employees must be in the random pool. If you are an employer conducting random testing more often than once per month (*e.g.*, you select daily, weekly, bi-weekly), you do not need to compute this total number of covered employees rate more than on a once per month basis.

(d) As an employer, you may use a service agent (*e.g.*, C/TPA) to perform random selections for you; and your covered employees may be part of a larger random testing pool of covered employees. However, you must ensure that the service agent you use is testing at the appropriate percentage established for your industry and that only covered employees are in the random testing pool.

(e) Each operator that has a covered employee who performs multi-DOT agency functions (*e.g.*, an employee performs pipeline maintenance duties and drives a commercial motor vehicle), count the employee only on the MIS report for the DOT agency under which he or she is randomly tested. Normally, this will be the DOT agency under which the employee performs more than 50% of his or her duties. Operators may have to explain the testing data for these employees in the event of a DOT agency inspection or audit.

(f) A service agent (*e.g.*, Consortia/Third Party Administrator as defined in 49 CFR part 40) may prepare the MIS report on behalf of an operator. However, each report shall be certified by the operator's anti-drug manager or designated representative for accuracy and completeness.

■ 5. Revise § 199.229 to read as follows:

§ 199.229 Reporting of alcohol testing results.

(a) Each large operator (having more than 50 covered employees) shall submit an annual MIS report to RSPA of its alcohol testing results using the Management Information System (MIS) form and instructions as required by 49 CFR part 40 (at § 40.25 and appendix H to part 40), not later than March 15 of each year for the previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31). The Administrator may require by written notice that small operators (50 or fewer covered employees) not otherwise required to submit annual MIS reports to prepare and submit such reports to RSPA.

(b) Each operator that has a covered employee who performs multi-DOT agency functions (*e.g.*, an employee performs pipeline maintenance duties and drives a commercial motor vehicle), count the employee only on the MIS report for the DOT agency under which he or she is tested. Normally, this will be the DOT agency under which the employee performs more than 50% of his or her duties. Operators may have to explain the testing data for these employees in the event of a DOT agency inspection or audit.

(c) Each report, required under this section, shall be submitted to the Office of Pipeline Safety Compliance (OPS), Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, room 2103, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The operator may report data electronically using the version of the MIS form provided by DOT. This form can be accessed via the Internet at the following Office of Pipeline Safety web address: <http://ops.dot.gov/drug.htm>.

(d) A service agent (*e.g.*, Consortia/Third Party Administrator as defined in part 40) may prepare the MIS report on behalf of an operator. However, each report shall be certified by the operator's anti-drug manager or designated representative for accuracy and completeness.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Bluefin Tuna Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Quota transfers; fishery reopening.

SUMMARY: NMFS adjusts the coastwide General category quota for the Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) fishery by transferring 15.0 metric tons (mt) from the Longline North subcategory quota, 12 mt from the Longline South subcategory quota and 3 mt from the Trap category to the coastwide General category for a revised quota of approximately 564.4 mt. NMFS reopens the coastwide BFT General category for the time period of 12:30 a.m. January 2 through 11:30 p.m. January 3, 2004 inclusive. These actions are being taken to allow for maximum utilization of the U.S. BFT landings quota while maintaining a fair distribution of fishing opportunities, preventing overharvest of the adjusted quotas for the affected fishing categories, helping to achieve optimum yield in the General category fishery, and allowing the collection of a broad range of data for stock monitoring purposes, consistent with the objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (HMS FMP).

DATES: The quota transfers are effective December 24, 2003, through May 31, 2004. The coastwide General category reopening is effective 12:30 a.m. January 2 through 11:30 p.m. January 3, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations implemented under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) governing the harvest of BFT by persons and vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction are found at 50 CFR part 635. Section 635.27 subdivides the U.S. BFT quota recommended by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) among the various domestic fishing categories, and together with General category effort controls are specified annually as required under 50 CFR 635.23(a) and 635.27(a). The final initial 2003 BFT quota and General category effort controls were published on October 2, 2003 (68 FR 56783). A final rule to adjust certain size limits and commercial BFT seasons, including extending the General category through January 31 each year was published December 24, 2003 (68 FR 74504).

Quota Transfers

Under the implementing regulations at 50 CFR 635.27(a)(8), NMFS has the authority to transfer quotas among categories, or, as appropriate, subcategories, of the fishery, after considering the following factors: (1) The usefulness of information obtained from catches in the particular category for biological sampling and monitoring of the status of the stock; (2) the catches of the particular category quota to date and the likelihood of closure of that segment of the fishery if no allocation is made; (3) the projected ability of the vessels fishing under the particular category quota to harvest the additional amount of BFT before the end of the fishing year; (4) the estimated amounts by which quotas established for other gear segments of the fishery might be exceeded; (5) the effects of the transfer on BFT rebuilding and overfishing; and (6) the effects of the transfer on accomplishing the objectives of the HMS FMP.

If it is determined, based on the factors listed here and the probability of exceeding the total quota, that vessels fishing under any category or subcategory quota are not likely to take that quota, NMFS may transfer inseason any portion of the remaining quota of that fishing category to any other fishing category or to the Reserve quota.

General Category End Date

During the development of the HMS FMP, the emergence of a General