

provides that, for purposes of determining whether refunding bonds of an entity are obligations of a political subdivision under section 103, the definition of political subdivision in § 1.103–1(c) does not apply to an entity with respect to refunding bonds that are issued on or after the general applicability date under § 1.103–1(d)(1) to refund bonds with respect to which § 1.103–1(c) otherwise does not apply, provided the weighted average maturity of the refunding bonds is no longer than the remaining weighted average maturity of the refunded bonds. Section 1.103–1(d)(4) provides that, for existing entities that are created or organized before March 24, 2016, the definition of political subdivision in § 1.103–1(c) does not apply for any purpose of sections 103 and 141 to 150 during the three-year period beginning on the general applicability date under § 1.103–1(d)(1).

After publication of the notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 8870, February 23, 2016), the Treasury Department and the IRS received comments requesting that the transition rule in § 1.103–1(d)(2) be applied not only for purposes of determining whether bonds are the obligations of a political subdivision under section 103 but also for other purposes of sections 103 and 141 through 150. Commenters explained that, without a transition rule for the private activity bond rules under section 141, certain bonds issued before the notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing was published in the **Federal Register** may become private activity bonds under section 141 at the expiration of the three-year period provided in § 1.103–1(d)(4). Certain bonds offered after the notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing was published in the **Federal Register** but before the general applicability date under § 1.103–1(d)(1) present similar issues.

In response to these comments and to ensure that the notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing is fully prospective in effect, this document amends the transition rules for the definition of political subdivision in §§ 1.103–1(d)(2) and (3) to apply not only for purposes of determining whether bonds are the obligations of a political subdivision under section 103 but also for all other purposes of sections 103 and 141 through 150, including the private activity bond rules. This document also amends the transition rule for refunding bonds in § 1.103–1(d)(3) to provide relief consistent with that provided in

§ 1.103–1(d)(2), as amended. The effect of the amendment to § 1.103–1(d)(2) is that the proposed definition of political subdivision will not apply for any purpose under sections 103 and 141 through 150 to any bond issued prior to the general applicability date under § 1.103–1(d)(1). The effect of the amendment to § 1.103–1(d)(3) is that the proposed definition of political subdivision will not apply for any purpose under sections 103 and 141 through 150 to bonds issued to refund bonds covered by the transition rule in § 1.103–1(d)(2), provided that the weighted average maturity is not extended.

Correction to Publication

Accordingly, the notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing published in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 8870) on February 23, 2016, is corrected as follows:

§ 1.103–1 [Corrected]

- 1. On page 8873, third column, the third through twelfth lines of paragraph (d)(2) are corrected to read “*bonds*. For all purposes of sections 103 and 141 through 150, the definition of political subdivision in paragraph (c) of this section does not apply with respect to bonds that are issued before the general applicability date under paragraph (d)(1) of this section.”
- 2. On page 8873, third column, the third through eighteenth lines of paragraph (d)(3) are corrected to read “*bonds*. For all purposes of sections 103 and 141 through 150, the definition of political subdivision in paragraph (c) of this section does not apply with respect to refunding bonds that are issued on or after the general applicability date under paragraph (d)(1) of this section to refund bonds with respect to which paragraph (c) of this section otherwise does not apply, provided that the weighted average maturity of the refunding bonds is no longer than the remaining weighted average maturity of the refunded bonds.”

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

29 CFR Part 13

RIN 1235–AA13

Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors

AGENCY: Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document extends the period for filing written comments until April 12, 2016 on the proposed rulemaking: Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 2016. The Department of Labor (Department) is taking this action in order to provide interested parties additional time to submit comments.

DATES: The agency must receive comments on or before April 12, 2016. The period for public comments, which was set to close on March 28, 2016, will be extended to April 12, 2016. Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on April 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 1235–AA13, by either one of the following methods:

Electronic comments: Through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Written comments: Through mail addressed to Robert Waterman, Compliance Specialist, Division of Regulations, Legislation and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–3510, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Instructions: Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name (Wage and Hour Division) and Regulatory Information Number identified above for this rulemaking (1235–AA13). All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Consequently, prior to including any individual's personal information such as Social Security Number, home address, telephone number, and email addresses in a comment, the Department urges commenters to carefully consider that their submissions are a matter of public record and will be publicly

accessible on the Internet. It is the commenter's responsibility to safeguard his or her information. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or to submit them by mail early. For additional information on submitting comments and the rulemaking process, see the "Public Participation" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Waterman, Compliance Specialist, Division of Regulations, Legislation and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3510, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the NPRM may be obtained in alternative formats (large print, braille, audio tape, or disc) upon request by calling (202) 693-0023. TTY/TDD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

Questions of interpretation or enforcement of regulations issued by this agency or referenced in this document may be directed to Amy DeBisschop, Director, Government Contracts Branch at (202) 693-0064.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Access and Filing Comments

Public Participation: The NPRM is available through the **Federal Register** and the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. You may also access the NPRM through the Department's Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/federalregister>. To comment electronically on federal rulemakings, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which will allow you to find, review, and submit comments on federal documents that are published in the **Federal Register** and open for comment. Please identify all comments submitted in electronic form by the RIN Docket Number (1235-AA13). Because of delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, in order to ensure timely receipt prior to the close of the comment period, commenters should transmit their comments electronically through the

Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or submit them by mail early. Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method.

II. Request for Comment

The Department is proposing regulations to implement Executive Order 13706, which requires certain parties that contract with the Federal Government to provide their employees with up to 7 days of paid sick leave annually, including paid leave allowing for family care.

On September 7, 2015, President Obama announced Executive Order 13706, which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 10, 2015 (80 FR 54697). Section 3 of the Executive Order instructs the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations by September 30, 2016. The Department published the NPRM in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 2016 (81 FR 9591), complete with background information, economic impact analysis and proposed regulatory text. The NPRM also requested that interested parties from the public submit comments on the NPRM on or before March 28, 2016.

The Department has received requests to extend the period for filing public comments from government contracting organizations and the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy. Because of the interest that has been expressed in this matter, the Department has decided to provide an extension of the period for submitting public comment until April 12, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 167

[USCG-2011-0351]

Port Access Route Study: The Atlantic Coast From Maine to Florida

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the final report issued by the Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study (ACPARS) workgroup. The Coast Guard welcomes comments on the report.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before April 13, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2011-0351 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice of study contact Patrick Wycko, ACPARS Project Manager, telephone 757-398-6355, email patrick.d.wycko@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose. The Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study workgroup (WG) was chartered on May 11, 2011 and was given three objectives to complete within the limits of available resources: (1) Determine whether the Coast Guard should initiate actions to modify or create safety fairways, Traffic Separation Schemes or other routing measures; (2) Provide data, tools and/or methodology to assist in future determinations of waterways suitability for proposed projects; and (3) Develop, in the near term, Automatic Identification System (AIS) products and provide other support as necessary to assist Districts with all emerging coastal and offshore energy projects. The Coast Guard published the WG's Interim Report in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 55781; Sep. 11, 2012), with the status of efforts up to that date. The Interim Report concluded that modeling and analysis tools, as described in the Phase 3 section of the report, were critical to determine if routing measures are appropriate and to evaluate the changes in navigational safety risk resulting from different siting and routing scenarios. The charter for the WG was extended pending completion of the modeling and analysis. The modeling and analysis efforts concluded in the fall of 2014, but did not produce a model capable of accurately predicting changes in vessel routes and determining the resultant change in the risk to navigation safety. During this period, the WG continued gathering data and conducting stakeholder outreach. The availability and usability of processed AIS data has greatly improved, as has the ability to analyze the AIS data. The Coast Guard contracted the services of a Geographic Information System analyst to support efforts to better characterize vessel traffic and further explore creating initial proposals for routing measures