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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Posting EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190 to Regulations.gov for Public Access

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This memorandum authorizes the posting of EPA-HQ- OA-2017-0190 to Regulations.gov for public access.

Executive Order 13777 (82 FR 12285, March 1, 2017), "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda" directs federal agencies to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force. One of the duties of the Task Force is to evaluate existing regulations and make recommendations to the agency head regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification. The EO requires EPA to submit a progress report to the Administrator by mid-May, 2017.

On March 24, 2017, EPA Administrator Pruitt issued an agency-wide memorandum on implementation of EO 13777, which announced members of the required Regulatory Reform Task Force and directed program offices to seek public input on existing regulations and report findings to the Task Force by May 15. All public comments will be accessible online in our docket on the [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190.

This document will be open for public comment until May 15, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190, to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment

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6. To what extent, if at all, should local real estate customs affect (i) the types and amounts of closing costs that VA allows and (ii) which party is responsible for paying such costs?

7. In a non-VA-guaranteed loan transaction, how are attorneys' fees usually paid when the attorney is not representing the veteran? Should VA allow a borrower to pay an attorney fee if the attorney does not have a fiduciary duty to the borrower?

8. Should VA allow lenders to charge veterans differently depending upon the type of transaction (e.g., purchase, cash-out refinance, streamlined refinance, etc.)? If so, what are the justifications for the different pricing?

9. What other lending programs, whether public or private, might VA consider as models in considering amendments to VA's charges and fees rule? What characteristics make these programs useful analogs to the VA-guaranteed loan program?

10. What other information should VA consider in determining the types of expenses a veteran should be expected to pay to close a VA-guaranteed loan?

11. What charges or fees should VA allow veterans to pay in order to close a construction or rehabilitation/renovation loan?

#### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on March 17, 2017, for publication.

Dated: March 17, 2017.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Chapters I, IV, V, VI, and VII

[EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190; FRL-9961-60-OP]

#### Evaluation of Existing Regulations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda," EPA is seeking input on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 15, 2017.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 24, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda," which established a federal policy "to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens" on the American people. Section 3(a) of the EO directs federal agencies to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force (Task Force). One of the duties of the Task Force is to evaluate existing regulations and "make recommendations to the agency head regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification." The EO further asks that each Task Force "attempt to identify regulations that:

(i) Eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation;

(ii) are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;

(iii) impose costs that exceed benefits;

(iv) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;

(v) are inconsistent with the requirements of section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriates Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note), or the guidance issued pursuant to that provision in particular those regulations that rely in whole or in part on data, information, or methods that are not publicly available or that are insufficiently transparent to meet the standard of reproducibility; or

(vi) derive from or implement Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified."

Section 3(e) of the E.O. calls on the Task Force to "seek input and other assistance, as permitted by law, from entities significantly affected by Federal regulations, including State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, consumers, non-governmental organizations, and trade associations" on regulations that meet some or all of the criteria above. Through this notice, EPA is soliciting such input from the public to inform its Task Force's evaluation of existing regulations. EPA requests that commenters be as specific as possible, include any supporting data or other information such as cost information, provide a **Federal Register** (FR) or Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) citation when referencing a specific regulation, and provide specific suggestions regarding repeal, replacement or modification. Although the agency will not respond to individual comments, the EPA values public feedback and will give careful consideration to all input that it receives. EPA will also be conducting outreach on this same topic. Information about opportunities for engagement with the agency will be available on <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regulatory-reform>.

Dated: April 10, 2017.

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