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Subpart A—General

§ 305.1 Scope.

(a)(1) This part governs all administrative proceedings for the total or partial denial of response claims asserted against the Hazardous Substance Superfund (the Fund) pursuant to sections 111(a)(2) and 122(b)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*

(2) Sections 111(a)(2) and 122(b)(1) of CERCLA authorize EPA, among other things, to use the Fund to reimburse certain persons who file claims for eligible response costs incurred in carrying out the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR part 300. In the event that the Claims Official declines to pay all or part of a claim, a claimant may request an administrative hearing pursuant to § 305.4(a) within 30 days after receiving notice of the Claims Official's decision. The procedures governing such a proceeding are set forth in this part.

(b) Procedural questions arising at any stage of the proceeding which are

not addressed in this part shall be resolved at the discretion of the Claims Official, the Review Officer, or the Presiding Officer, as appropriate.

§ 305.2 Use of number and gender.

As used in this part, words in the singular also include the plural and words in the masculine gender also include the feminine, as the case may require.

§ 305.3 Definitions.

(a) The following definitions apply to this part:

Administrative Law Judge means an Administrative Law Judge appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3105.

Agency or *EPA* means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

CERCLA or *the Act* means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*

Claim means a demand in writing for a sum certain, which is presented to the Fund in accordance with CERCLA sections 111 and 112.

Claimant means any person who presents a claim to the Fund for reimbursement under CERCLA section 112(b)(1).

Claims Official means the Assistant Administrator or the Regional Administrator or his delegatee who makes the initial decision awarding or denying a claim in whole or in part.

Confidential business information or *CBI* means business information for which a person has made a "business confidentiality claim" as defined in 40 CFR 2.201(h) and in accordance with all applicable provisions in 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, except insofar as the Administrator has denied the claim pursuant to the procedures in 40 CFR part 2, subpart B.

Final order means the decision of the Review Officer which has become final in accordance with § 305.4(a), or of the Presiding Officer, or in the case of a voluntary agreement (see § 305.25) of the parties, disposing of all legal and factual matters presented in the Request for a Hearing. A final order made by the Review Officer or the Presiding Officer shall contain findings of fact,