

**§ 2528.70** What happens if an individual withdraws or fails to complete the period of enrollment in an approved school-to-work program for which the Corporation has disbursed all or part of that individual's education award?

(a)(1) An approved school-to-work program that receives a disbursement of education award funds from the Corporation must provide a fair and equitable refund to the Corporation if an individual for whom the Corporation has disbursed education award funds withdraws or otherwise fails to complete a period of enrollment.

(2) For purposes of this part, a refund is deemed "fair and equitable" if it is an amount consistent with the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 484B of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091b).

(b) The Corporation will credit any refund received for an individual under paragraph (a) of this section to the individual's education award allocation in the National Service Trust.

1. Revise part 2529 to read as follows:

#### **PART 2529—PAYMENT OF ACCRUED INTEREST**

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2529.10 Under what circumstances will the Corporation pay interest that accrues on qualified student loans during an individual's term of service in an approved AmeriCorps position?

2529.20 What steps are necessary to obtain forbearance in the repayment of a qualified student loan during an individual's term of service in an approved AmeriCorps position?

2529.30 What steps are necessary for using funds in the National Service Trust to pay interest that has accrued on a qualified student loan during a term of service for which an individual has obtained forbearance?

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 12601–12604.

**§ 2529.10** Under what circumstances will the Corporation pay interest that accrues on qualified student loans during an individual's term of service in an approved AmeriCorps position?

(a) *Eligibility.* The Corporation will pay interest that accrues on an individual's qualified student loan, subject to the limitation on amount in paragraph (b) of this section, if—

(1) The individual successfully completes a term of service in an approved AmeriCorps position; and  
(2) The holder of the loan approves the individual's request for forbearance during the term of service.

(b) *Amount.* The percentage of accrued interest that the Corporation will pay is the lesser of—

(1) The product of—  
(i) The number of hours of service completed divided by the number of

days for which forbearance was granted; and

(ii) 365 divided by 17; and

(2) 100.

(c) *Supplemental to education award.*

A payment of accrued interest under this part is supplemental to an education award received by an individual under parts 2526 through 2528 of this chapter.

(d) *Limitation.* The Corporation is not responsible for the repayment of any accrued interest in excess of the amount determined in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.

(e) *Suspended service.* The Corporation will not pay any interest expenses that accrue on an individual's qualified student loan during a period of suspended service.

**§ 2529.20** What steps are necessary to obtain forbearance in the repayment of a qualified student loan during an individual's term of service in an approved AmeriCorps position?

(a) An individual seeking forbearance must submit a request to the holder of the loan.

(b) If, before approving a request for forbearance, the holder of the loan requires verification that the individual is serving in an approved AmeriCorps position, the Corporation will provide verification upon a request from the individual or the holder of the loan.

**§ 2529.30** What steps are necessary for using funds in the National Service Trust to pay interest that has accrued on a qualified student loan during a term of service for which an individual has obtained forbearance?

(a) The Corporation will make payments from the National Service Trust for interest that has accrued on a qualified student loan during a term of service which the individual has successfully completed and for which an individual has obtained forbearance, after the following:

(1) The program verifies that the individual has successfully completed the term of service and the dates upon which the term of service began and ended;

(2) The holder of the loan verifies the amount of interest that has accrued during the term of service.

(b) When the Corporation receives all necessary information from the program and the holder of the loan, the Corporation will pay the holder of the loan and notify the individual of the payment.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **50 CFR Part 20**

#### **Migratory Bird Hunting; Application for Approval of HEVI-METAL™ as a Nontoxic Shot Material for Waterfowl Hunting**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** We are providing public notification that Standard Resources Corporation, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, has applied for approval of HEVI-METAL™ shot as nontoxic for waterfowl hunting in the United States. The Service has initiated review of HEVI-METAL™ under the criteria set out in Tier 1 of the revised nontoxic shot approval procedures contained in 50 CFR 20.134.

**DATES:** A comprehensive review of the Tier 1 information is to be concluded no later than June 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The Standard Resources Corporation (Standard) application may be reviewed in Room 634 at the Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Migratory Bird Management, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon Andrew, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, (703) 358–1714, or James R. Kelley, Jr., Wildlife Biologist, Office of Migratory Bird Management, (703) 358–1964.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We continue to provide opportunity for submission for approval of alternative types of shot for waterfowling that, when spent, does not pose a significant toxic hazard to migratory birds and other wildlife when ingested. Currently, only bismuth-tin and steel shot are unconditionally approved for use in waterfowling. Tungsten-iron (published October 7, 1998; 63 FR 54016), tungsten-polymer (published October 7, 1998; 63 FR 54022), and tungsten-matrix (published October 19, 1998; 63 FR 55840) shot types received temporary conditional approval for the 1998–99 waterfowl hunting season. We are currently reviewing applications for approval for shot types other than those previously referenced in this notice. We anticipate that approval of additional suitable candidate shot materials as nontoxic is feasible in the near future.

On January 25, 1999, Standard submitted its application with the counsel that it contained all of the specified information for a complete Tier 1 submission. Tier 1 approval for

HEVI-METAL™ is being sought under the revised test protocol for nontoxic approval procedures for shot and shot coatings that we published in 50 CFR 20.134 (December 1, 1997; 62 FR 63608).

We have determined that Standard's application is complete, and have initiated a comprehensive review of the Tier 1 information. After this review, we will either: (1) publish a Notice of Review to inform the public that the Tier 1 test results are inconclusive; or (2) publish a proposed rule for approval of the candidate shot. We will indicate in a Notice of Review if we will require other tests before nontoxic approval of HEVI-METAL™ shot is again considered. If review of the Tier 1 application results in a preliminary determination that the candidate material does not pose a significant

hazard to migratory birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, we will proceed with a rulemaking that proposes to approve the candidate shot.

HEVI-METAL™ pellets have specific gravity of 11.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and are composed of 50 percent tungsten, 35 percent nickel, and 15 percent iron. Part A of the application contains a statement of proposed use, a chemical and physical description of the shot material, a statement of the expected variability of shot during production, an estimate of yearly production, and a 5-pound sample of the fabricated shot. Part B of the application contains a discussion of the acute toxicities of HEVI-METAL™ components to mammals and to birds, limited information on the fate of ingested shot on a small sample of captive-reared mallard ducks, and a summary of the known toxicities of

HEVI-METAL™ components for vertebrates. Part C of the application considers the effects of firing on the shot, the half-life of components of breakdown products, the estimated environmental concentration in soil and water, and other environmental impacts of components of the shot. References are provided to support the information and conclusions contained in the application; the list of references cited is available from us upon request.

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