

from zone procedures would help improve the refinery's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 22, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 8, 1997).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 250 Montgomery Street, 14th Floor, San Francisco, California 94104

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: June 12, 1997.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 47-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 205—Ventura County, CA; (Port Hueneme Customs Port of Entry); Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Oxnard Harbor District, (also known as the Port of Hueneme), grantee of FTZ 205, requesting authority to expand its zone at sites in Port Hueneme and Oxnard, California, within the Port Hueneme Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the FTZ Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on June 4, 1997.

FTZ 205 was approved on October 28, 1994 (Board Order 714, 59 F.R. 55420, 11/7/94). The zone project currently consists of the following sites: *Site 1*

(738 acres, 2 parcels)—Port of Hueneme commercial terminal complex (61 acres), 333 Ponoma Street, Port Hueneme, and an adjacent area (677 acres) designated for commercial use within the 1,615-acre U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center; *Site 2* (47 acres)—2 parcels within the South Oxnard Industrial Park:—a parcel (BMW tract—21 acres), 5650 Arcturus Avenue, Oxnard, and a parcel (Wallenius Lines/North America tract—26 acres), located at 5601 Edison Drive, Oxnard; *Site 3* (22 acres)—Terminal Freezers facility, 908 E. 3rd Street, Oxnard; and, *Site 4* (10 acres)—5851 Arcturus Avenue, Oxnard.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand two existing sites (*Site 1* and *Site 2*) as follows: *Site 1*—add a contiguous parcel (33 acres) located at the former Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory, Port of Hueneme commercial terminal complex, Port Hueneme; and, *Site 2*—add a contiguous parcel (32 acres) located within the South Oxnard Industrial Park, adjacent to the Wallenius Lines' (Wallenius Holdings) tract, 5601 Edison Drive, Oxnard. The proposed changes would increase Sites 1 and 2 to 771 acres and 79 acres respectively. The area proposed to be included in Site 1 was recently deeded to the applicant by the U.S. Navy and is the only Oxnard Harbor District-owned land in the seaport terminal area that is not within the zone. The area proposed to be included in Site 2 is owned by Pacific Vehicle Processors, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Wallenius Holdings, Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wallenius Lines. No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 22, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 8, 1997).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Administrative Offices, Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District, 333

Ponoma Street, Port Hueneme, CA 93041

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: June 6, 1997.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 896]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status

U.S. Department of Energy Strategic Petroleum Reserve (Crude Oil Storage); Jefferson County, TX

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the Foreign Trade Zone of Southeast Texas, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 116, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the crude oil storage facility of the U.S. Department of Energy's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, Jefferson County, Texas, was filed by the Board on June 18, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 52-96, 61 FR 33094, 6-26-96); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the