

insurance and financing; bonding; warehousing; export trade promotion; trade show exhibitions and organization; organizational development; management and labor strategies; transfer of technology, transportation; and facilitating the formation of shippers' associations.

### Export Markets

The Export Markets include all parts of the world except the United States (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands).

### Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

USXT may:

1. Provide and/or arrange for the provision of Export Trade Facilitation Services;
2. Engage in promotion and marketing activities and collect and distribute information on trade opportunities in Mexico, Latin America, and all other Export Markets;
3. Enter into exclusive and/or non-exclusive agreements with distributors, foreign buyers, and/or sales representatives in Export Markets;
4. Enter into exclusive or non-exclusive sales agreements with suppliers, export intermediaries, or other persons for the sale of Products and Services;
5. Enter into exclusive or non-exclusive licensing agreements with suppliers, export intermediaries, or other persons for licensing Technology Rights in Export Markets;
6. Allocate the sales, export orders and/or divide Export Markets among suppliers, export intermediaries, or other persons for the sale and maintenance of Products and Services;
7. Allocate the licensing of Technology Rights among Suppliers, export intermediaries, or other persons;
8. Establish the price of Products and Services for sale in Export Markets;
9. Establish the fee for licensing of Technology Rights in Export Markets, as well as maintenance and financing commitments;
10. Negotiate, enter into, and/or manage licensing agreements and long-term purchase arrangements involving the export of Technology;
11. Provide extensive intergovernmental services to facilitate the grants and funding involvement of public and nongovernmental funding sources for private sector benefits in terms of export activity for goods and services.

Dated: September 22, 1999.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Alcoa Point Comfort/Lavaca Bay NPL Site, Point Comfort, Texas: Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on a Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment for Recreational Fishing Service Losses

**AGENCIES:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; United States Department of the Interior (DOI); Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD); Texas General Land Office (TGLO); Texas Natural Resources and Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for recreational fishing service losses associated with the Alcoa Point Comfort/Lavaca Bay NPL Site, and of a 30-day period for public comment on the draft plan beginning September 28, 1999.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 43 CFR 11.32 and 11.81-.82, notice is hereby given that a document entitled, "Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Point Comfort/Lavaca Bay NPL Site Recreational Fishing Service Losses" (Draft DARP/EA) is available for public review and comment. This document has been prepared by the state and federal natural resource trustee agencies listed above to address recreational fishing services affected by releases of hazardous substances from the Alcoa Point Comfort/Lavaca Bay NPL Site ('Lavaca Bay Site' or 'Site'). This Draft DARP/EA presents the Trustees' assessment of the recreational fishing service losses attributable to the Site, and their proposed plan to compensate for the recreational fishing service losses by restoring recreational fishing services. The Trustees will consider comments received during the public comment period before finalizing the DARP/EA for recreational fishing service losses.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted in writing on or before October 28, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the Draft DARP/EA should be sent to Richard Seiler of TNRCC, MC142, PO Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or Tony Penn of NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, Station 10218, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Written comments on the plan should be sent either to Richard Seiler of TNRCC or Tony Penn of NOAA at the addresses listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Alcoa Point Comfort/Lavaca Bay NPL Site is located in Point Comfort, Calhoun County, Texas and encompasses releases of hazardous substances from Alcoa's Point Comfort Operations facility. Between 1948 and the present, Alcoa has constructed and operated several types of manufacturing processes at this facility, including aluminum smelting, carbon paste and briquette manufacturing, gas processing, chlor-alkali processing, and alumina refining. Past operations at the facility have resulted in the release of hazardous substances into the environment, including through the discharge of mercury-containing wastewater into Lavaca Bay from 1966 to 1970 and releases of mercury into the bay through a groundwater pathway. In April 1988, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) issued a "closure order" prohibiting the taking of finfish and crabs for consumption from a specific area of Lavaca Bay near the facility due to elevated mercury concentrations found in these species.

The Alcoa Point Comfort/Lavaca Bay Site was added to the National Priorities List (NPL), pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601, effective on March 25, 1994 (59 FR 8794, February 23, 1994). The Site was listed primarily due to the presence of mercury in several species of fish and crab in Lavaca Bay, the fishing closure imposed by TDH, and the presence of mercury and other hazardous substances in bay sediments adjacent to the facility. Alcoa, the State of Texas and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) under CERCLA in March 1994 for the conduct of a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) for the Site.

NOAA, DOI, TPWD, TGLO and TNRCC (collectively, the Trustees) are designated natural resource trustees under section 107(f) of CERCLA, section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act (FWPCA), 33 U.S.C. 1321, and other applicable federal or state laws, including Subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances

Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR 300.600–300.615. The Trustees are authorized to act on behalf of the public under these authorities to protect and restore public resources and services injured or lost as a result of discharges or releases of hazardous substances.

Paralleling the RI/FS process for the Site, the Trustees have undertaken an assessment of the natural resource injuries and service losses attributable to hazardous substances from the Site. The assessment for this Site has been aided and supported by Alcoa's cooperation pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between Alcoa and the Trustees, which was effective January 14, 1997. The Draft DARP/EA released today was developed under the cooperative assessment framework outlined in the MOA and addresses the lost access to or use of fishery resources due to the closure. These losses begin in 1988 and will continue until removal of the closure order, which is expected to occur through remedial activities at the Site. The Draft DARP/EA identifies the assessment procedures used to define the recreational fishing service losses, including to scale restoration actions, and identifies the restoration actions preferred for use to restore recreational fishing services as a basis for compensating for assessed losses.

The Draft DARP/EA released today does not address any other natural resource injuries or services losses that may be attributable to the Site. Other resource injuries or losses are being considered by the Trustees in the assessment process but will be addressed in one or more subsequent Draft DARP/EA(s).

Interested members of the public may request a copy of the Draft DARP/EA for recreational fishing service losses from either Richard Seiler or Tony Penn at the addresses given above. Written comments should be submitted to these individual and will be considered by TPWD, TGLO, TNRCC, NOAA, and DOI, in finalizing the DARP/EA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact: Richard Seiler at (512) 239–2523, email: rseiler@tnrcc.state.tx.us or Tony Penn, at (301) 713–3038 x 197, email: tony.penn@noaa.gov.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

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*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Request for Comments on Revisions to Strategic Plan**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (“Corporation”) requests comments from the public on proposed changes to the Corporation’s Strategic Plan (“Plan”).

**DATES:** You must submit your written comments to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by December 31, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Corporation for National Service, Gary Kowalczyk, Director, Office of Planning and Program Integration, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dana Rodgers (202) 606–5000, ext. 211. T.D.D. (202) 565–2799.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requires the Corporation to update and revise its strategic plan for program activities by September 2000. The current Plan covers the years 1997–2002. It includes the Corporation’s statement of vision and mission, a description of five strategic goals with corresponding implementation steps. The Corporation designs its annual operating plans and budgets to implement the Strategic Plan.

You can get a copy of the current Plan by contacting the office listed in the Contact section of this notice. You can also find it at the Corporation’s web site, [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org).

**Current Action**

The Corporation seeks public comment as an initial step in revising its Strategic Plan. This Notice is the first in a series of consultations to get input from a variety of sources. We especially encourage comments from current and former participants in Corporation-funded national service programs. The Corporation is asking its own employees to comment. And the Corporation hopes to receive comments from a wide range of organizations and public bodies. These include organizations sponsoring national service programs, state commissions on national and community service, state education agencies, other state and local government entities, other volunteer

and service organizations, and the United States Congress.

Following the consultation process, the Corporation’s Chief Executive Officer will submit any revisions to the Corporation’s Board of Directors for final action. The Corporation must submit the approved revised plan to the Office of Management and Budget in September, 2000.

The Corporation is interested in any comments related to the Strategic Plan. Among the items that you might choose to comment on are:

- Whether the Corporation’s vision and mission statements remain appropriate.
- Whether the Corporation’s five strategic goals continue to provide an effective framework for national service programs.

• Specific issues related to the Corporation’s programs and their management, such as:

- Should the Plan set a specific, long-term target for the number of AmeriCorps members serving annually? If so, what should it be? What should be the mix of full-time, part-time and reduced part-time members?
- How can federal support for service-learning best be accomplished? What should be the respective roles of the Corporation and the U.S. Department of Education?
- What should the Corporation’s role be in support of the expansion of senior service opportunities?
- How can the Corporation develop additional alliances with major volunteer and service organizations?
- What is the optimal structure of the Corporation? What are the appropriate roles of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and other key officers, and state agencies?
- What are ways that technology can best be used for furthering service opportunities?

As you comment, please provide the rationale for any suggestions and identify whether you base your thoughts on participation in, or direct observation of, national service programs and activities conducted and supported by the Corporation.

Dated: September 20, 1999.

**Gary Kowalczyk,**

*Director, Office of Planning and Program Integration.*

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