

results are currently due no later than June 1, 2000.

*Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Review*

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. See Decision Memorandum from Tom Futtner to Holly A. Kuga, dated April 28, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. Therefore the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than September 29, 2000. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results notice.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

**Holly A. Kuga,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, Group II.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**University of Vermont Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument**

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*Decision:* Denied. Applicant has failed to establish that domestic instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the intended purposes are not available.

*Reasons:* Section 301.5(e)(4) of the regulations requires the denial of applications that have been denied without prejudice to resubmission if they are not resubmitted within the specified time period. This is the case for the following docket.

Docket Number: 99-031. Applicant: University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405. Instrument: HVS Video Tracking System, Pool and Platform, Model 2020. Manufacturer: HVS Image Ltd., United Kingdom. Date of Denial Without

Prejudice to Resubmission: February 14, 2000.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**University of Delaware; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscope**

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 00-008. Applicant: University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010F. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: See notice at 65 FR 21397, April 21, 2000. Order Date: November 1, 1999.

*Comments:* None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as the instrument is intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered. Reasons: The foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of the instrument.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments**

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments

shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 00-011. Applicant: University of Michigan, 930 N. University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1055. Instrument: Electron Beam Evaporator, Model EGN4. Manufacturer: Oxford Applied Research, United Kingdom. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for studies of how various materials interact with thin metal films. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 21, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-013. Applicant: Allegheny-Singer Research Institute, 320 East North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212-4772. Instrument: Robot and Microplate Manipulator, Model Q-Bot. Manufacturer: Genetix Limited, United Kingdom. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to prepare addressable libraries of DNA clones (both genomic and cDNA) for comparative gene expression studies (the basis of the science of functional genomics) to understand the differences between normal physiologic processes. The instrument will also be used for educational objectives through teaching trainees in the most current means to comparatively evaluate differences in gene expression. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 21, 2000.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves**

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to evaluate.

**SUMMARY:** The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the Ohio Coastal

Zone Management Program and the North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR).

The Coastal Zone Management Program evaluation will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended and regulations at 15 CFR part 923.

The NERR evaluation will be conducted pursuant to section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended and regulations at 15 CFR part 921, subpart E and part 923, subpart L.

The CZMA requires a continuing review of the performance of states with respect to coastal program and research reserve program implementation. Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves require findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its coastal program document or the Reserve's final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

The evaluations will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. Public meetings are held as part of the site visits.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of public meetings during the site visits.

The Ohio Coastal Zone Management Program evaluation site visit will be from June 26–30, 2000. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 7:30 P.M., in the Visitor's Center at the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, 2514 Cleveland Road, Huron, Ohio.

The North Carolina National Estuarine Research site visit will be from May 22–26, 2000. Public meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2000, at 7:00 P.M., in the Currituck County Satellite Office, Corolla, North Carolina; Wednesday, May 24, 2000, at 7:00 P.M., in the Marine Laboratory Auditorium, Duke University, Beaufort, North Carolina; and Thursday, May 25, 2000, at 7:00 P.M., at the Bryan Auditorium in Morton Hall, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Copies of the State's most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notifications and supplemental request letters to the States, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be

accepted until 15 days after the public meeting. Please direct written comments to Margo E. Jackson, Deputy Director, Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margo E. Jackson, Deputy Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, (301) 713–3155, Extension 114.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419, Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

Dated: May 2, 2000.

**John Oliver,**

*Chief Financial Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, National Ocean Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Incidental Take of Marine Mammals; Bottlenose Dolphins and Spotted Dolphins

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of letters of authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that letters of authorization (LOAs) to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities were issued on February 4, 2000, to Taylor Energy Company of New Orleans, LA, and to Unocal Corporation of Lafayette, LA, on February 13, 2000, to Chevron U.S.A. of New Orleans, LA, on March 6, 2000 to Energy Resource Technology, Inc, on March 22, 2000, to Torch Operating Company, on April 21, 2000 to PennzEnergy, Newfield Exploration Company, and The Houston Exploration Company, all from Houston, TX, and to CNG Producing Company from New Orleans, Louisiana.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and letters are available for review in the following

offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and the Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713–2055, ext 128.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region, if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term “taking” means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill marine mammals.

Permission may be granted for periods up to 5 years if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities in the Gulf of Mexico were published on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53139), and remain in effect until November 13, 2000. However, because these regulations will expire on November 13, 2000, that is the expiration date for all LOAs issued under these regulations.

Dated: May 2, 2000.

**Art Jeffers,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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