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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Sea Turtles

Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*), and Olive ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*).

Fish

All listed ESUs of Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*), Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*), and Steelhead Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

Permits and Modifications Issued

NMFS received an application from Dr. Cheryl Woodley, of NOS - Marine Forensics Laboratory to modify research permit 1113 on August 23, 2000. The applicant currently possesses a permit authorizing the possession of tissue samples from ESA-listed non-marine mammal and non-reptilian species under NMFS jurisdiction associated with genetic research studies and support of law enforcement actions. Law enforcement personnel have an ongoing need for scientific assistance in cases concerning endangered, protected, and managed marine species. The

Marine Forensics Center provides technical/scientific assistance to a variety of law enforcement agencies including NMFS Enforcement, U.S. Customs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and state wildlife enforcement agencies. Forensics analyses generally involve a biochemical or genetic test when a comparison is made between evidence and voucher samples. Voucher samples which are used in a forensics analysis are collected and maintained under strict criteria that includes documentation (species identification form) from the expert who has authenticated the samples; a chain of custody which originates with the sample collection; and storage under secure conditions. The research will provide species identifications and is expected to extend to addressing other critical genetics information needs that will allow monitoring of recovery, characterization of genetic stocks and various aspects of genetic health for the species.

The applicant is not to conduct any field collection exercises to obtain the samples. All of the samples must be obtained from other previously authorized activities (permitted scientific research activities, or specimens confiscated by law enforcement authorities) and documented as described above.

Although the activities proposed by the applicant will not result in the take of a listed species, NOS - Forensics center has requested a permit to allow them to maintain tissues of species that were taken in violation of the ESA that may be given to them by law enforcement authorities.

Modification 11 requests that marine reptile species under NMFS jurisdiction be added to the authorized species covered under this permit. NMFS has also added newly listed ESUs of Pacific Salmon to the permit per permit special condition 2.e. Modification 11 to Permit 1113 was issued on November 9, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit expires December 31, 2003.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Margaret Lorenz,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Federative Republic of Brazil

November 21, 2000.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the commissioner of customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 29, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing and carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 57865, published on October 27, 1999.

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Chairman, Committee for the implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 21, 2000.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 21, 1999, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Brazil and exported during the twelve-month period which began on

January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on November 29, 2000., you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevels with the aggregate:	
300/301	11,065,911 kilograms.
338/339/638/639	2,314,339 dozen.
350	246,015 dozen.
363	35,405,752 numbers.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Richard B. Steinkamp,
Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Proposed Amendment to the Delaware River Basin Commission's Water Code and Comprehensive Plan To Establish Water Usage Reporting Requirements

AGENCY: Delaware River Basin Commission.

SUMMARY: The Delaware River Basin Commission ("Commission") will hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to its Water Code and Comprehensive Plan to establish water usage reporting requirements for source water withdrawals and water service. The Commission established source metering, recording, and reporting requirements in 1986 for withdrawals of surface or ground water in excess of an average of 100,000 gallons per day over a 30-day period, but it did not specify the types of information to be reported. The Commission established service metering and recording requirements in 1987 for purveyors meeting the same volume threshold, but it did not require them to report service by use category. Thus, key pieces of information are missing and reported data are inconsistent among the states, impeding the Commission's ability to perform critical water use analyses. The Commission now proposes to amend its regulations to institute reporting requirements that ensure it has the

source and service information needed to evaluate how and where water is being used in the basin. Much of the data proposed to be collected already are being collected by the states. The proposed amendment addresses the existing data gaps and will greatly facilitate the Commission's water use evaluations.

The existing regulations (DRBC Water Code Sections 2.50.1 and 2.50.2), the proposed amendment (proposed Water Code Section 2.50.3), and supplemental information are posted on the Delaware River Basin Commission web site at <http://www.drbc.net>.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 during the Commission's regular business meeting. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until all those present who wish to testify are afforded an opportunity to do so. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing are asked to register in advance with the Commission Secretary.

The deadline for submission of written comments will be December 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Sykes Student Union, Rosedale Avenue, West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania. Directions to that location will be posted on the Commission's web site, <http://www.drbc.net>, in December 2000. Written comments should be submitted to Pamela M. Bush, Delaware River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact Esther Siskind at 609-883-9500 ext. 202 with questions about the proposed amendment, and Pamela M. Bush at ext. 203 with questions about the rulemaking process.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Pamela M. Bush,

Commission Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

(Docket No. EA-191-A)

Application to Export Electric Energy; Sempra Energy Trading Corp.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Sempra Energy Trading Corp. (SET) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before December 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On November 10, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-191 authorizing SET to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities owned and operated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Co., Inc., Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. That two-year authorization expired on November 10, 2000.

On October 30, 2000, SET filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the authorization be granted for a five-year term and that the international transmission lines owned by Long Sault, Inc. be added to the list of authorized export points.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the SET request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-191-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael A. Goldstein, Esq., Senior