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To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. To be the most helpful, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed (see Council of Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3).

In addition, Federal court decisions have established that reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewers' position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 US 519, 553 (1978), Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement.

Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: February 7, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

**[Docket No. 67-2000]**

### Foreign-Trade Zone 115—Beaumont, TX; Application for Expansion; Amendment of Application—Sun Pipe Line Facility

Notice is hereby given that the application by the Foreign-Trade Zone of Southeast Texas, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 115, requesting authority to expand its zone to include a petroleum terminal in Nederland (Jefferson County), Texas, (65 FR 77560, 12/12/00), has been amended to include nine petroleum product storage tanks within the tank farm area of the proposed expansion site. The nine tanks are currently part of Subzone 116B, Site 4 (Fina). This proposal would remove them from Subzone 116B and include them within Zone 115.

The application remains otherwise unchanged.

The comment period is reopened until February 21, 2001.

Dated: February 7, 2001.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

**[Docket 8-2001]**

### Foreign-Trade Zone 122—Corpus Christi, TX Application for Subzone Status International Resistive Company Plant (Resistors), Corpus Christi, Texas

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122,

requesting special-purpose subzone status for the electronic resistor manufacturing plant of International Resistive Company (IRC) (a subsidiary of TT Group PLC, of the United Kingdom), located in Corpus Christi, Texas. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on February 6, 2001.

The IRC plant (8 acres/129,000 sq. ft./320 employees) is located 4222 South Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas. The facility is used to produce electronic resistors (HTSUS# 8533.29.0000, 8533.40.8000) for export and the domestic market. The production process involves design, assembly, testing, and warehousing. Components purchased from abroad (representing 50 to 65% of overall value) include: silicone adhesive, resistor leads, and copper conductors (duty rate range: 1–10%).

FTZ procedures would exempt IRC from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production (1% of shipments). On its domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to finished resistors (duty free) for the foreign inputs noted above. No local inventory tax exemption is included as a proposed benefit. The application indicates that subzone status would help improve the plant'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 on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is April 16, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to April 30, 2001).

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

Office of the Port Director, U.S. Customs Service-Corpus Christi, Room 305, 400 Mann Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4008, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002.