

SUMMARY: The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) gives notice that the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Department of Labor (Labor) are initiating a review of the impact of the proposed U.S.–Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on United States employment, including labor markets. This notice seeks written public comment on potentially significant sectoral or regional employment impacts (both positive and negative) in the United States as well as other likely labor market impacts of the FTA.

DATES: USTR and Labor will accept any comments received during the course of the negotiations of the FTA. However, comments should be received by 5 p.m., November 8, 2002 to be assured of timely consideration in the preparation of the report.

ADDRESSES:

Submissions by electronic mail:

FR0044@ustr.gov (written comments).

Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395–6143.

The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. (See requirements for submissions below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395–3475. Substantive questions concerning the employment impact review should be addressed to Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–4883, or William Clatanoff, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Labor, telephone (202) 395–6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 29, 2000, USTR issued a public notice of intent to conduct negotiations, initiation of an environmental review under Executive Order 13141, “Environmental Review of Trade Agreements” (64 FR 63169, Nov. 16, 1999) and request for comments on a proposed U.S.–Singapore FTA (65 FR 71197, Nov. 29, 2000). Negotiations on the U.S.–Singapore Free Trade Agreement were launched in December 2000. The negotiations have made substantial progress and are expected to conclude in the coming months.

On August 8, 2002, USTR, on behalf of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), published and sought

comments on a draft environmental review of the proposed FTA (67 FR 53035, Aug. 14, 2002). The draft environmental review was conducted pursuant to Executive Order 13141 and its accompanying guidelines (65 FR 79442, Dec. 19, 2000). Persons seeking to submit comments concerning the review of the FTA’s employment impact are referred to the draft environmental review, which contains information on the potential trade and economic effects and a summary of each chapter of the proposed FTA. The draft report is available on the USTR Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov/environment/2002signapore.pdf>.

Section 2102(c)(5) of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Act of 2002, 19 U.S.C. 3802(c)(5), directs the President to “review the impact of future trade agreements on United States employment, including labor markets, modeled after Executive Order 13141 to the extent appropriate in establishing procedures and criteria, report to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate on such review, and make that report available to the public.” USTR and the Department of Labor will be conducting the employment review through the interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC).

The employment impact review initiated by this **Federal Register** notice will be based on the following elements, which are modeled, to the extent appropriate, after those in Executive Order 13141. The review will be: (1) Written; (2) made available to the public in draft form for public comment, to the extent practicable; and (3) made available to the public in final form.

Comments may be submitted on potentially significant sectoral or regional employment impacts (both positive and negative) in the United States as well as other likely U.S. labor market impacts of the FTA. Persons submitting comments should provide as much detail as possible in support of their submissions.

Submitting Comments: To ensure prompt and full consideration of responses, the TPSC strongly recommends that interested persons submit comments by electronic mail to the following e-mail address: *FR0044@ustr.gov*. Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: “Singapore Employment Review.” Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets is acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel. For any

document containing business confidential information submitted electronically, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters “BC-”, and the file name of the public version should begin with the character “P-”. The “P-” or “BC-” should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Written comments will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked “Business Confidential” at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and non-confidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room in Room 3 of the annex of the Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395–6186. The USTR Reading Room is generally open to the public from 10 p.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance.

General information concerning the Office of the United States Trade Representative may be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.ustr.gov>).

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG–2002–13487]

Environmental Assessment of Implementation of the Coast Guard Training Center Cape May’s Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) of Implementation of the Coast Guard Training Center Cape May's Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) Cape May, New Jersey. The Coast Guard concluded that the implementation of the INRMP would not have a significant, adverse impact on the environment and therefore has issued a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). We request your comments on the EA, INRMP and draft FONSI.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before November 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-2002-13487), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to Mr. Chris Hajduk, Chief—Environmental Protection and Safety Section, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, 1 Munro Avenue, Cape May, New Jersey, 08204 or by e-mail at

chajduk@tracencapemay.uscg.mil

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as the INRMP, EA, and draft FONSI, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The INRMP, EA, and draft FONSI also will be available for inspection or copying at the Cape May County Library, 30 West Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, telephone: 609-463-6350. You may also find this docket, including the EA, on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, the proposed project, or the associated INRMP, contact Mr. Chris Hajduk, Chief—Environmental Protection and Safety Section, U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, telephone 609-898-6889, or via e-mail at

chajduk@tracencapemay.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, and telephone 202-366-5149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to review and submit comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) of our Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) for the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey, and our draft Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI). If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number (USCG-2002-13478), indicate the specific document and section of that document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know that your submission reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Proposed Action

We have prepared an EA. The EA identifies and examines the reasonable alternatives and assesses their potential environmental impact. Our preferred alternative is to implement the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP).

We are requesting your comments on environmental concerns you may have related to the EA and the draft FONSI. This includes suggesting analyses and methodologies for use in the EA or possible sources of data or information not included in the EA. Your comments will be considered in preparing the complete EA.

Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

The EA examines potential effects of the proposed action of implementing the INRMP on 20 resource areas: environmental setting, climate, air quality, noise, topography, geology, soils, water resources, wetlands, floodplain and coastal zones, aquatic habitat, riparian habitat, terrestrial ecosystems, fauna, endangered, threatened, and rare species, land use, facilities, hazardous and toxic materials, socioeconomic resources, and environmental justice. The INRMP integrates all aspects of natural resource management at TRACEN Cape May, and identifies management approaches that

would benefit local ecosystems. The INRMP was developed using an interdisciplinary approach that solicited information from a variety of Federal, state, and local agencies and groups. An INRMP Focus Group was formed, which included key Installation personnel and individuals from various agencies and groups that have an interest in TRACEN Cape May and the management of its resources. Agencies involved in the process include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Management. Proper utilization of this Plan for the conservation of natural resources should not impair the ability of the Installation to perform its mission(s).

The EA concluded that the implementation of the INRMP would not have a significant, adverse impact on the environment—resulting in the issuance of a draft Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI). An Environmental Impact Statement is not required prior to implementation of the proposed action.

Dated: October 10, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

**Environmental Impact Statement:
Tarrant County, TX**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are rescinding the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for proposed improvements to State Highway 199 (S.H. 199) in Tarrant County, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick A. Bauer, P.E., District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 300 East 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701; Telephone: (512) 536-5950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation, is rescinding the NOI published in the **Federal Register** (4910-22) on February 19, 1998, to prepare an EIS for proposed S.H. 199 in Tarrant County, Texas. The NOI is being rescinded because proposed S.H. 121 described as the eastern termini in the NOI has not been