

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau is requesting a revision of the currently approved Company Organization Survey (COS) data collection for the 2003 survey year. We will include questions on research and development activities performed by the company. We are also requesting an extension of the current expiration date to November 2004 (the existing date is November 2003) in order to complete the data collection for the 2003 COS.

The Census Bureau conducts the annual COS in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-establishment enterprises. The BR provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. The BR also provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents.

COS inquiries to each of the 55,000 multi-establishment enterprises will include questions on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Additional COS inquiries will apply to approximately 1.2 million establishments operated by these 55,000 enterprises. These additional inquiries will list an inventory of establishments and request updates to the inventory, including additions, deletions, and changes to Federal Employer Identification number, name and address, and industrial classification. Further, the additional inquiries will collect the following basic operating data for each listed establishment: end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; state, local or tribal government.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. 182, 195, 224, and 225.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail ([susan\\_schechter@omb.eop.gov](mailto:susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov)).

Dated: August 13, 2003.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended by Pub. L. 94-409), the U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations (The Committee). The Committee will address issues regarding Census Bureau programs and activities related to their areas of expertise. Members will address policy, research, and technical issues related to the 2010 decennial census, including the American Community Survey and related programs. The Committee also will discuss the 2002 Economic Census and other economic initiatives, as well as issues pertaining to marketing services, language, and data products. Last-minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance notice of schedule adjustments.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on October 23-24, 2003. On October 23, the meeting will begin at approximately 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. On October 24, the meeting will begin at approximately 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 12:15 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3627, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233. Her telephone number is (301) 763-2070, TDD (301)-457-2540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations is composed of 36 members, appointed by the presidents of the American Economic Association, the American Statistical Association, and the Population Association of America, and the chairperson of the Board of the American Marketing Association. The Committee addresses issues regarding Census Bureau programs and activities related to their respective areas of expertise.

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comment and questions. Those persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing, at least three days before the meeting, to the Committee Liaison Officer named above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer.

Dated: August 13, 2003.

**Hermann Habermann,**

*Deputy Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Federal Consistency Appeal by Islander East Pipeline Company From an Objection by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

**ACTION:** Notice of recommencement of appeal proceedings; reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice: (1) Announces the resumption of processing of Islander East's administrative appeal (Consistency Appeal of Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C.) by the Department of Commerce; (2) reopens the period for the public to comment on

Islander East's administrative appeal; and (3) provides information about other procedural aspects of the appeal.

**DATES:** Processing of the Islander East appeal by the Department of Commerce resumed on August 8, 2003. The public comment period for the appeal will run through November 20, 2003. The deadline for federal agencies to submit comments on the appeal is October 27, 2003. Information concerning a public hearing on the appeal to be held in Connecticut will be available approximately 30 days prior to the hearing.

**ADDRESSES:** All e-mail comments on issues relevant to the Secretary of Commerce's (Secretary) decision in this appeal may be submitted to [IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov). Comments may also be sent by mail to the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Materials from the appeal record are available at the Internet site <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm> and at the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services. Also, public filings made by the parties to the appeal are to be available for review at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Branden Blum, Senior Counselor, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, via e-mail at [GCOS.inquiries@noaa.gov](mailto:GCOS.inquiries@noaa.gov), or at 301-713-2967, extension 186.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Recommencement of Appeal Proceedings**

In November 2002, the Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Islander East) filed a notice of appeal with the Department of Commerce (Department) pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, asking that the Secretary of Commerce override the State of Connecticut's (State) objection to Islander East's proposed natural gas pipeline. The pipeline would extend from near North Haven, Connecticut, across the Long Island Sound to a terminus in Suffolk County (Long Island), New York. Connecticut's objection is based on the project's potential effects on the natural resources or land and water uses of Connecticut's coastal zone.

Appeal proceedings before the Department have been stayed since March 17, 2003. The initial stay and an extension were granted at the request of both parties to allow for settlement

negotiations. A subsequent stay was granted in order to accommodate Islander East's request that the appeal be remanded to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (Connecticut) for reconsideration of its objection to the proposed natural gas pipeline project. On July 29, 2003, Connecticut reiterated its continuing objection to the proposed pipeline. Connecticut's determination requires the Department of Commerce to resume processing the Islander East appeal. 15 CFR 930.129(d). Consequently, the Department provided notice to the parties on August 8, 2003 that it was recommencing processing of Islander East's appeal. Information on scheduled filings by the parties is available at the Department's Coastal Zone Management Act Appeals Web site, <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

#### **II. Public Comments**

In connection with the resumption of appeal proceedings, the public comment period has been reopened through November 20, 2003. During this period, the public may submit comments to the Department of Commerce (see address section above) on issues to be considered in the appeal. A summary of the grounds for which Islander East requested an override of the State's objection appears in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 3513. Comments received between July 31, 2003, the close of the earlier public comment period, and before the publication of this notice, will be considered to be timely filed.

#### **III. Other Procedural Matters**

This portion of the **Federal Register** notice provides information concerning other aspects of the Islander East appeal that are affected by the resumption of proceedings. The federal agency comment period has been reopened and letters announcing this action were sent to agencies whose views had been previously solicited but not yet received, although timely comments will be accepted from all agencies. The Department will also schedule a public hearing on the appeal in the State of Connecticut. A hearing, to occur prior to the close of the public comment period, had been previously announced in the **Federal Register**. 68 FR 5620. A notice concerning the date, location and related information will be provided at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

Please visit the Department of Commerce CZMA Appeals Web site (<http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>) for further information concerning the CZMA administrative appeal process or

to review documents from the Islander East appeal record.

Questions about the resumption of the Islander East appeal may be sent to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, via e-mail ([GCOS.inquiries@noaa.gov](mailto:GCOS.inquiries@noaa.gov)) or made by telephone (301 713-2967, extension 186).

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**James R. Walpole,**  
General Counsel.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Notice of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to the Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis Cargo Inspection System Test Facility at the Ysleta Port of Entry Commercial Cargo Facility, El Paso, Texas**

**AGENCY:** Counterdrug Technology Development Program Office (CTDPO), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** The Counterdrug Technology Development Program Office (CTDPO) is considering the construction of a Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis (PFNA) Cargo Inspection System Test Facility at the Ysleta Port of Entry Commercial Cargo Facility, El Paso, Texas and has prepared an Environmental Assessment in support of this action. Based upon the Environmental Assessment, the Department of Defense has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate, and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is unnecessary.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Stephen Haimbach, Department of Defense, Counterdrug Technology Development Program Office, Naval Surface Warfare Center, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Dahlgren, Virginia 22448-5100; telephone (540) 653-2374 or e-mail [PFNAmail@dodcounterdrug.com](mailto:PFNAmail@dodcounterdrug.com).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In its counter-terrorism and counter-drug efforts, the Federal Government has invested considerable resources into developing technologies for detecting explosives, narcotics or other