

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4903]

**International Joint Commission
Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909**

The International Joint Commission (IJC) will hold public hearings on the report of its International Missisquoi Bay Task Force.

In May of this year, the Canadian and United States federal governments asked the IJC to review plans by the State of Vermont to modernize the Alburg-Swanton Bridge, involving the partial removal of the existing causeway, and to provide advice on whether the plans comply with Article IV of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. Article IV states, in part, that "boundary waters and waters flowing across the boundary shall not be polluted on either side to the injury of health or property on the other."

In June, the IJC appointed an International Missisquoi Bay Task Force with members from the two federal governments, the state of Vermont and province of Quebec. IJC Commissioners and the Task Force held public consultation sessions in Saint-Georges-de-Clarenceville, Quebec and Swanton, Vermont in August. After reviewing the full range of available information, the Task Force reported to the IJC in October. Following the scheduled public hearings, the IJC will prepare its final report to the governments of the United States and Canada.

All interested organizations and citizens are invited to speak at the public hearings on the Task Force report to be held at the following times and locations:

Monday, December 6, 2004 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Centre des Loisirs—1 rue Tourangeau in Saint-Georges-de-Clarenceville, Quebec.

Tuesday, December 7, 2004 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Missisquoi Valley Union High School, 100 Thunderbird Drive, Swanton, Vermont.

As time will be limited, speakers are encouraged to highlight their comments at the public hearings and provide more detailed comments in writing. Written comments may also be sent to either address below for receipt by January 4, 2005:

Secretary, Canadian Section, 234 Laurier Avenue West, 22nd Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6K6, Fax: (613) 993-5583, Voice: (613) 995-2984, Email: Commission@ottawa.ijc.org
Secretary, United States Section, 1250 23rd Street NW., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Fax: (202) 467-0746, Voice: (202) 736-9024,

Email:

Commission@washington.ijc.org

The International Joint Commission is an international organization established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. It assists the governments in managing waters along the border for the benefit of both countries in a variety of ways including examining issues referred to it by the two Federal governments.

More information, including the full text of the International Missisquoi Bay Task Force Report, may be found on the Commission's Web site, at <http://www.ijc.org>.

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Department of State.*

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**Industry Advisory Panel: Meeting
Notice**

The Industry Advisory Panel of the Overseas Buildings Operations will meet on Thursday, December 9, 2004 from 9:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meeting will be held at the Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., (entrance on 23rd Street), Washington, DC. The majority of the meeting is devoted to an exchange of ideas between the Department's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations' senior management and the panel members, on design, operations and building maintenance. Members of the public are asked to kindly refrain from joining the discussion until Director Williams opens the discussion to the public.

Due to limited seating space for members of the public, we ask that you kindly e-mail your information. To participate in this meeting, simply register by e-mail at IAPR@STATE.GOV before December 3, 2004. Your email should include the following information; Date of birth, social security number, company name and title. This information is required to issue a temporary pass to enter the building.

For questions, please contact PinzinoLE3@state.gov or call tel: 703/875-6872;

Ms. Gina Pinzino; or
SpragueMA@state.gov tel: 703/875-7173 for Michael Sprague.

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Buildings Operations, Department of State.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE****Request for Public Comment With
Respect to the Annual National Trade
Estimate Report on Foreign Trade
Barriers**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 303 of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984, as amended, USTR is required to publish annually the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). With this notice, the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting interested parties to assist it in identifying significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods, services and overseas direct investment for inclusion in the NTE. Particularly important are impediments materially affecting the actual and potential financial performance of an industry sector. The TPSC invites written comments that provide views relevant to the issues to be examined in preparing the NTE. In order to ensure the most timely processing of submissions, the Department of Commerce will receive comments in response to this Notice.

DATES: Public comments are due not later than Tuesday, December 21, 2004. This deadline is firm. No submissions will be accepted after December 21.

ADDRESSES: *Paper submissions:* NTE Comments, U.S. Department of Commerce, USA Trade Center Room, 14th & Constitution Ave., NW., Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, DC 20230.

Submissions by electronic mail:
ntecomments@ita.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Procedural questions about transmitting comments or viewing public submissions should be directed to Mrs. Lisa Leyser on (202-482-3433), U.S. Department of Commerce. Questions regarding the report or its subject matter should be directed to Ms. Gloria Blue, Office of Policy Coordination, Office of the United States Trade Representative (202-395-3475).