

designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/oversight/parovreg.htm>.

Applications, comments, and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (*7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.*).

Dated: December 2, 2004.

**Donna Reifschneider,**

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on its intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection, "Guidelines for Preparation of Research Proposal." These guidelines provide instructions for submitting grant proposals requesting funds from GIPSA for research to develop procedures and equipment that may be used to measure grain quality.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 7, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: Send comments via electronic mail to [comments.gipsa@usda.gov](mailto:comments.gipsa@usda.gov).
- Mail: Send hardcopy written comments to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- Fax: Send comments by facsimile transmission to: (202) 690-2755.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver comments to: Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue,

SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

**Instructions:** All comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**Background Documents:** Information collection package and other documents relating to this action will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours.

**Read Comments:** All comments will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven N. Tanner, Director, Technical Services Division, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS Technical Center, 10383 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153-1394; telephone (816) 891-0401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Section 4a of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA; 7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*), GIPSA is responsible for establishing grain standards which accurately describe the quality of grain being traded and for applying these standards uniformly in a nationwide inspection system. Section 16e of the USGSA authorizes the agency to conduct a continuing research program for the purpose of developing methods to improve accuracy and uniformity in grading grain. To carry out this authority, GIPSA maintains an external research program under which research scientists are invited to submit research grant proposals that include the objectives of the proposed work; application of the proposed work to the grain inspection system; the procedures, equipment, personnel, etc., that will be used to reach the project objectives; the cost of the project; a schedule for completion; qualifications of the investigator and the grantee organization; and a listing of all other sources of financial support for the project. GIPSA utilizes the Guidelines for Preparation of Research Proposals to assist grant applicants with preparation of grant proposals.

**Title:** Guidelines for Preparation of Research Proposal.

**OMB Number:** 0580-0014.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** February 28, 2005.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration is interested in supporting research to develop procedures and equipment that may be used to measure grain quality. The Guidelines for Preparation of Research Proposal provides instructions

for submitting grant proposals requesting funds from GIPSA for this purpose.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Organizations who employ scientists and engineers who do research and development on procedures and equipment that may be used to provide measurement of grain quality.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 40 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cathy McDuffie, the Information Management Specialist, at (301) 734-5190.

**Comments:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Donna Reifschneider,**

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of a Change to the Public Meeting of the Florida Advisory Committee Which was Published in Federal Register on November 29, 2004 (Doc #) 26264

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Florida Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 1:30 p.m. on December

10, 2004, at the U.S. Small Business Administration, 100 South Biscayne Blvd. 7th fl. Rm. 100, Miami, FL 33131. The purpose of the meeting is to determine what Civil Rights issues will be reviewed as a project.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ivy Davis, Chief of the Regional Programs Coordination Unit, (202) 376-7700 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, December 2, 2004.

**Ivy L. Davis,**

*Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 55-2004]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 81—Portsmouth, NH, Application for Subzone Status, Millipore Corporation (Polyvinylidene Fluoride Filtering Devices), Jaffrey, NH

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Pease Development Authority (formerly the New Hampshire State Port Authority), grantee of FTZ 81, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the polyvinylidene fluoride filtering device manufacturing plant of Millipore Corporation (Millipore), located in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. 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 November 30, 2004.

The Millipore facility (52 acres/176,000 sq.ft.) is located at 11 Prescott Road in Jaffrey (Cheshire County), New Hampshire. The facility (430 employees) is used to produce polyvinylidene fluoride membrane filtering devices (classified under HTSUS 8421.21, 8421.22, 8421.29, 8421.39.80, 8421.99) under the Durapore® brand for export and the domestic market. The finished filtering devices include centrifugals, capsule filters, pressure/vacuum cartridge filters, tangential flow devices,

cassettes, and stacked, cut-disc membrane filters used in the pharmaceutical, electronics, and food/beverage industries. The manufacturing process at the facility involves injection molding, lamination, pleating, trimming, assembly, finishing, testing, and warehousing. The plant has capacity to produce between 500,000 to 900,000 Durapore® filtration devices annually. The foreign-sourced material input to be used in the manufacture of the Durapore® products is polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membrane (classified under HTSUS 3921.19.00, 6.5%), which represents between 70 to 98 percent of finished product material value.

FTZ procedures would exempt Millipore from Customs duty payments on the foreign-origin PVDF used in export production. On its domestic shipment and exports to NAFTA markets, the company would be able to elect the duty rate that applies to finished Durapore® filters (duty free) for the foreign PVDF membrane shipped from the plant as part of the filtration products. Duties would be deferred or reduced on foreign production equipment admitted to the proposed subzone until which time it becomes operational. 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 following addresses:

1. *Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services:* Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—4100W, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; or,

2. *Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service:* Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is February 7, 2005. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to February 22, 2005).

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at address No. 1 listed above and at the Commerce

Department's Export Assistance Center, 17 New Hampshire Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Dated: November 30, 2004.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[FTZ Dockets 54(1)-54(5)-2004]

#### Requests for Extension of Authority (Crude Oil Refineries/Petrochemical Complexes)

Requests have been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the following grantees, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations, for a time extension of their authority to elect non-privileged foreign status (NPF) on crude oil used in the production of certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products at the crude oil refineries/petrochemical complexes of the companies listed below. The requests were formally filed on November 30, 2004.

The FTZ Board has authorized 81 refineries/petrochemical complexes to conduct crude oil/petrochemical product refining activity under FTZ procedures. Fifty-eight of these subzones were approved with an indefinite extension of NPF status on August 24, 2000 (Board Order 1116, 65 FR 52696, 8/30/2000). Such authority involves full access to FTZ procedures for export activity and, with regard to products sold in the U.S., the option to choose NPF status (NPF option) for certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products. The extension case involved a comprehensive assessment of zone use by the 58 refineries considering their economic and regulatory circumstances. Since then, twelve new refinery subzones have been approved with indefinite NPF authority.

The five refinery/petrochemical subzones listed below were not included in the August 2000 action because their cases were pending during that review and they received approval subject to the following restrictions:

1. Foreign status (19 CFR 146.41, 146.42) products consumed as fuel for the refinery shall be subject to the applicable duty rate.

2. Privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that non-privileged foreign (NPF) status (19 CFR 146.42) may be elected