DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

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Customs and Border Protection Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee


ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on November 30, 2005. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, November 30, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Customs International Briefing Conference Room (B 1.5–10), Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229 from 12:30 p.m.—4 p.m. Members of the public may submit written comments at any time before or after the meeting to the contact person for consideration by this Advisory Committee. Written comments received by the contact person prior to the meeting will be considered for discussion at the meeting. A transcript of the meeting will be made available online for public viewing about two weeks following the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roberto Williams, Office of Finance, Room 4.5A, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229; telephone: (202) 344–1101; e-mail: Roberto.M.Williams@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda of the November 30 meeting is expected to include:

1. Introduction of the Committee members;
2. Discussion of activities since last meeting;
3. Discussion of workload and financial issues;
4. Discussion of future traffic trends;
5. Discussion of specific concerns and questions of Committee members;
6. Discussion of relevant written statements submitted in advance by members of the public;
7. Discussion of Committee administrative issues and scheduling of next meeting.

Background on the CBP Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee

The CBP Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee (hereinafter the “Advisory Committee”) was created under the authority of Section 286(k) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended by the Department of Justice Appropriations Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99–59; enacted October 30, 1986] (8 U.S.C. 1356(k)). Formerly known as the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee, the original Advisory Committee was responsible only for immigration airport and seaport inspectional services and associated user fees. The Executive Associate Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee, the original Advisory Committee was responsible only for immigration airport and seaport inspectional services and associated user fees. The Executive Associate Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) chaired that advisory committee.

The Homeland Security Act of 2002 merged portions of the U.S. Customs Service and the INS to create Customs and Border Protection (CBP), as part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Section 1512(d) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 transferred the responsibilities of the Advisory Committee to CBP. Under CBP, the executive Directors of Budget, Office of Finance; and Travel Security and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, chair the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee held its first meeting under the direction of CBP in October 2003. A subsequent meeting was held in April 2004. It is noted that before the creation of DHS, there was an advisory committee called the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) Fees Advisory Committee, which met to discuss user fee issues related to customs inspectional services. All advisory responsibilities previously handled by the COBRA Fees Advisory Committee have been vested within this Advisory Committee.

In June 2005, the Advisory Committee’s charter was renewed and amended in consultation with the DHS Committee Management Officer. The charter reflects the broader responsibilities of CBP, providing that the Advisory Committee will give advice and recommendations on policy and program issues related to CBP inspectional services at airports and seaports, whether the inspectional services relate to agriculture, customs, or immigration functions.

Purpose of Committee

The purpose of this Advisory Committee is the performance of advisory responsibilities pursuant to section 286(k) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1356(k) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 1 et seq. This Advisory Committee will advise on issues related to the performance of Airport and Seaport agriculture, customs, and immigration inspection services. This advice should include, but need not be limited to, the time period in which such services should be performed, the proper number and deployment of inspection officers, the level of fees, and the appropriateness of any proposed fee. These responsibilities are related to the assessment of an immigration user fee pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1356(d), the assessment of a customs inspection user fee pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 56(c)(5), and the assessment of an agriculture inspection user fee pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 136a. The Advisory Committee focuses its attention on those areas of most concern and benefit to the travel industry, the traveling public, and the Federal Government.

Public Attendance

A limited number of members of the public may register to attend the public session on a first-come, first-served basis per the procedures that follow. Security requires that any member of the public who wishes to attend the public session provide his or her name and date of birth no later than 5 p.m. e.t., November 25, 2005, to Mr. Roberto Williams via e-mail at Roberto.M.Williams@dhs.gov or phone at (202) 344–1101. Persons with disabilities who require special assistance should indicate so in their admittance request and are encouraged to indicate their desires to attend and anticipated special needs as early as possible. Photo identification will be required for entry into the public
session, and everyone in attendance must be present and seated by 12:30 p.m.


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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Settlement Agreement Under the Oil Pollution Act (“OPA”)

Notice is hereby given that on November 4, 2005, a proposed Settlement Agreement in In re Equinox Oil Co., Inc., et al., Civil Action Nos. 99–12688 and 99–13071 was lodged with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

The United States and the State of Louisiana (“State”) each filed a Proof of Claim in this jointly administered bankruptcy action, seeking natural resource damages, and the United States also sought removal costs paid by the Coast Guard to clean up oil that was discharged into the waters of Lake Grande Ecaille in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana during a well blowout. The State and federal claims were authorized by the Oil Pollution Act (“OPA”). The well was owned by Alma Energy Corporation and operated by Equinox Oil Company, Inc. These companies filed for bankruptcy and subsequently were purchased by Elysium Energy, L.L.C. (“Elysium”), which assumed liability for these claims.

Under the Settlement Agreement, Elysium agreed to pay $1.2 million to resolve the United States’ and the State’s natural resource damage claims, including costs to implement restoration projects on property near the location of the oil spill, past assessment costs, and estimated future restoration costs. The Coast Guard’s removal costs were paid earlier.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Settlement Agreement. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to In re Equinox Oil Co., Inc., et al., D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–07003.

The Settlement Agreement may be examined during the public comment period on the following Department of Justice Web site: http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html. A copy of the Settlement Agreement may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514–0997, phone confirmation number (202) 514–1547. In requesting a copy of the Settlement Agreement from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of $6.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging Proposed Consent Decree

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 C.F.R. 50.7, notice is hereby given that on November 2, 2005, a proposed Consent Decree in United States, et al. v. City of Nashua, New Hampshire, Civil Action No. 1:05–cv–00376–PB, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

In this action the United States, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), filed a Complaint against the City of Nashua alleging violations of the Clean Water Act concerning the City’s current and former combined sewer outfall (“CSO”) facilities. Under the terms of the Consent Decree, the City undertakes the implementation of a CSO abatement plan with a completion date of August, 2012. The mitigation measures are extensive, requiring completion of the separation of combined sanitary and storm water systems over a large section of the City; the design and construction of wet-weather by-pass systems; the design and construction of new outfalls with screening and detention ponds in multiple locations; the design and construction of disinfection facilities; and substantial system-wide infrastructure improvements.

For a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, the Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to United States, et al. v. City of Nashua, New Hampshire, DOJ No. 90–5–1–08193.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of New Hampshire, 53 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire, and at the United States Environmental Protection Agency,