DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[CBP Dec. 07–33]

Re-Accreditation of Dixie Services, Inc., as a Commercial Laboratory


ACTION: Notice of re-accreditation of Dixie Services, Inc., of Galena Park, Texas, as an accredited commercial laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12, Dixie Services, Inc., 1706 First Street, Galena Park, Texas 77547, has been re-accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analysis should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific tests this entity is accredited to perform may be directed to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to http://www.cbp.gov/support/labs_science_svs/operations_support/labs_science_svs/and_operations.xml.

DATES: The re-accreditation of Dixie Services, Inc., as an accredited laboratory became effective on October 4, 2006. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for October 2009.


Dated: June 18, 2007.
Ira S. Reese,
Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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[USCBP–2007–0060]

Notice of Availability of a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative at Land and Sea Ports of Entry


ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Availability announces that a draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) at land and sea ports of entry is available for public review and comment. The draft PEA documents a review of the potential environmental impacts from changes to technology and operations to meet the requirements for standardized, secure travel documents under WHTI.

DATES: The draft PEA will be available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days beginning on the date this document is published in the Federal Register. Copies of the draft PEA may be obtained by telephone request (202) 344–1589 or by accessing the following Internet addresses: http://www.cbp.gov/travel and http://www.regulations.gov. Comments regarding the draft PEA may be submitted as set forth in the ADDRESSES section of this document.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft PEA may be obtained from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) through the Internet at http://www.cbp.gov/travel and http://www.regulations.gov or by writing to: CBP, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.4C, Attn: WHTI Environmental Assessment, Washington, DC 20229.

You may submit comments on the draft PEA, by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail: Comments by mail are to be addressed to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.4C, Attn: WHTI Environmental Assessment, Washington, DC 20229.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and draft PEA docket number “USCBP–2007–0060.” All comments will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information sent with each comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Howard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.4C, Washington, DC 20229, 202–344–1589, e-mail address: Patrick.Howard@dhs.gov, or Pat Sobol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.4C, Washington, DC 20229, 202–344–1381, e-mail address: Pat.Sobol@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA), as amended, provides that upon full implementation, U.S. citizens and Bermudian, Canadian and Mexican citizens and nationals would be required to present a passport or such alternative documents as the Secretary of Homeland Security designates as satisfactorily establishing identity and citizenship upon entering the United States. In a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to be published in the Federal Register, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of State (DOS) describe the second phase of a joint plan, known as the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), to implement these new requirements. The NPRM proposes the specific documents that U.S., citizens and nonimmigrant aliens from Canada, Bermuda, and Mexico would be required to present when entering the United States at sea and land ports-of-entry from Western Hemisphere countries.

DHS and CBP have analyzed the potential impacts on the human environment of several alternate ways of implementing WHTI based on technological and operational considerations as part of the decision-making process regarding the implementation of WHTI at sea and land ports of entry. The impact analysis in the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), as explained in the report, focuses primarily on the effects of implementing WHTI at land ports of entry because the land environment is the most sensitive to the proposed document and technological changes associated with implementation of WHTI.¹

¹Changes to processing travelers at sea ports of entry would happen entirely within existing