

MPCo. SMEPA determined that partial ownership in the Project would help minimize the unavoidable rate increase. Based on these evaluations, SMEPA determined that a 17.5% undivided ownership interest in the Project would be the best overall option and has formally requested financial assistance from RUS to finance this action. SMEPA's partial ownership would include the IGCC facility, the CO₂ pipeline, the reclaimed water supply line, the surface lignite mine, and electrical transmission facilities.

RUS Action

RUS conducts the rural electrification loan program, which provides financing through direct loans and loan guarantees for the construction and operation of generation facilities and electric transmission and distribution lines and systems to improve electric service for rural Americans. RUS bases its decisions on financial, engineering, and environmental considerations. RUS assessed whether SMEPA would have sufficient control and responsibility to alter the development of the Project in order to determine if the project is subject to NEPA, in accordance with 7 CFR 1794.20. Through discussions with SMEPA, and review of loan and contractual documentation, RUS established that the project will be completed regardless of RUS-funded SMEPA participation. RUS further established that the Joint Ownership and Operating Agreement (JOOA), to be executed with MPCo, will provide SMEPA with only a limited ability to influence the Project.² However, due to the Project's significant public interest and potential federal expenditure, RUS decided to consider the Project a federal action subject to NEPA and an undertaking as defined by Section 106 of the NHPA.

RUS reviewed transmission system impact studies and additional engineering studies provided by SMEPA, and the Final EIS (FEIS) and the associated MAP prepared by the DOE in cooperation with the USACE. RUS determined that SMEPA's participation would not require any additional infrastructure, and therefore would not cause any environmental impacts beyond what was identified and discussed in the FEIS. RUS reviewed and determined that the FEIS and MAP

adequately assessed the potential impacts of the Project, and intends to adopt the EIS in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.3 and 7 CFR 1794.72. RUS/SMEPA participation will not cause any additional impacts on historic properties. RUS has therefore determined that the Project qualifies as an undertaking with no potential to effect historic properties in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1).

This notice documents the Agency's intent to adopt the DOE/USACE FEIS, and fulfills the agency's responsibilities for public involvement, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.2(d)(2).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone 7—Mayaguez, PR; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Baxter Healthcare of Puerto Rico; (Pharmaceutical and Nutritional Intravenous Bags and Administration Sets); Aibonito and Jayuya, PR

The Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company, grantee of FTZ 7, submitted a notification of proposed production activity on behalf of Baxter Healthcare of Puerto Rico (Baxter), at two sites within FTZ 7, located in Aibonito and Jayuya, Puerto Rico. The facilities are used for the manufacture of pharmaceutical and nutritional intravenous (I.V.) bags, I.V. administration sets and their components.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Baxter from customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Baxter would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to the filled I.V. products and administration sets (duty-free) for the foreign status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

Components and materials sourced from abroad include: Foil pouches, ABS resin, L-tryptophan, glutamic acid, N-Acetyl-L-Tyrosine and L-Lysine-Acetate (duty rate range: 3%–6.5%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive

Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 30, 2012.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Diane Finver at Diane.Finver@trade.gov or (202) 482-1367.

Elizabeth Whiteman,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-44-2012]

Foreign-Trade Zone 61—San Juan, PR; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Pfizer Pharmaceuticals LLC (Subzone 61A); (Ibuprofen Pharmaceutical Products); Guayama, PR

The Puerto Rico Trade and Export Company, grantee of FTZ 61, submitted a notification of proposed production activity on behalf of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals LLC (Pfizer) (Subzone 61A) for its manufacturing facility located in Guayama, Puerto Rico. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on June 13, 2012.

Subzone 61A was originally approved by the Board in 1992 at the former Searle plant located at Munoz Marin Avenue and Road 189 in Caguas, Puerto Rico, for the production and distribution of various pharmaceutical products under zone procedures (Board Order 617, 12/11/1992, 57 FR 61046, 12/23/1992). On June 8, 2012, a minor boundary modification under 15 CFR 400.38 of the Board's regulations was approved to relocate the subzone from Pfizer's Caguas plant to its facility located at PR 2, Km 141.3 in Guayama, Puerto Rico (S-69-2012).

Pfizer is now requesting to produce ibuprofen pharmaceutical products in bulk mixture or dosage form under FTZ procedures at the Guayama site. Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Pfizer from customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production.

² Through the JOOA, SMEPA would only be granted audit rights and authority for on-site representation during Project construction and operation. Should a Project Management Committee (PMC) be formed, SMEPA's representation would be proportional to their percentage of ownership, and therefore limited to 17.5% influence over construction and management decisions.

On its domestic sales, Pfizer would be able to choose the duty rate during customs entry procedures that applies to the ibuprofen pharmaceutical products (duty-free) for foreign-status ibuprofen active ingredient (duty rate, 6.5%). Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 30, 2012.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Mandatory Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Survey

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Anik Clemens, (727) 551-5611 or Anik.Clemens@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare and amend fishery management plans for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the shrimp fishery in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico under the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The regulations for the Gulf Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Form may be found at 50 CFR 622.5(a)(1)(iii)(C).

Owners or operators of vessels applying for or renewing a commercial vessel moratorium permit for Gulf shrimp must complete an annual Gulf Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Form. The form will be provided by NMFS at the time of permit application and renewal. Compliance with this reporting requirement is required for permit issuance and renewal.

Through this form, NMFS is collecting census-level information on fishing vessel and gear characteristics in the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) shrimp fishery to conduct analyses that will improve fishery management decision-making in this fishery; ensure that national goals, objectives, and requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), and Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 are met; and quantify achievement of the performance measures in the NMFS' Operating Plans. This information is vital in assessing the economic, social, and environmental effects of fishery management decisions and regulations on individual shrimp fishing enterprises, fishing communities, and the nation as a whole.

The burden estimates for this information collection have changed due to adjustments. Currently, there are approximately 1,563 permitted vessels in the Gulf shrimp fishery—fewer vessels than in the previous renewal.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents are mailed hard copies of the form. The forms must be

completed and mailed back to NMFS before their permits expire.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0542.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,563.

Estimated Time per Response: Reports, 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 521.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information;

(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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 14, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Availability of a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Office of Coast Survey Hydrographic Survey Projects

AGENCY: Office of Coast Survey (OCS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.