

provided comments on Salvi's October 20, 2016 submission.<sup>13</sup>

### Scope of the Order

The product covered by this antidumping duty order is glycine, which is a free-flowing crystalline material, like salt or sugar. Glycine is produced at varying levels of purity and is used as a sweetener/taste enhancer, a buffering agent, reabsorbable amino acid, chemical intermediate, and a metal complexing agent. This proceeding includes glycine of all purity levels. Glycine is currently classified under subheading 2922.49.4020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).<sup>14</sup> Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under the order is dispositive.<sup>15</sup>

### Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department will conduct a changed circumstances review upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from an interested party of, an antidumping duty order which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.216(d), based on the information provided by Salvi, the Department finds that there is sufficient information to initiate a changed circumstances review. Therefore, we are initiating a changed circumstances review pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(d) to determine whether Salvi is no longer processing PRC-origin glycine, and instead is producing glycine from raw materials of non-PRC origin, and whether it should be able to

Review on the Administrative Record," dated October 20, 2016; and *Glycine From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2014–2015*, 81 FR 72567 (October 20, 2016) and corresponding "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Glycine from the People's Republic of China; 2014–2015."

<sup>13</sup> See Letter to the Department of Commerce from GEO Specialty Chemicals, Inc. regarding "Glycine from the People's Republic of China: GEO's Comments Regarding Salvi's October 20, 2016 Placement of Information from the 2014–2015 Administrative Review on the Record," dated October 27, 2016.

<sup>14</sup> In separate scope rulings, the Department determined that: (a) D(-) Phenylglycine Ethyl Dane Salt is outside the scope of the order and (b) PRC-glycine exported from India remains the same class or kind of merchandise as the PRC-origin glycine imported into India. See *Notice of Scope Rulings and Anticircumvention Inquiries*, 62 FR 62288 (November 21, 1997) and *Circumvention Notice*, respectively.

<sup>15</sup> See *Order*.

participate in the certification process described in the Final Scope Ruling. The Department intends to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of preliminary results of the antidumping duty changed circumstances review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(i), which will set forth the Department's preliminary factual and legal conclusions. The Department will issue its final results of review in accordance with the time limits set forth in 19 CFR 351.216(e).

This notice is in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 10, 2016.

**Christian Marsh,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Green Sturgeon ESA 4(d) Rule Take Exceptions and Exemptions.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0613.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 46.

*Average Hours per Response:* Written notification describing research, monitoring or habitat restoration activities, 40 hours; development of fisheries management and evaluation plans or state 4(d) research programs, 40 hours; reports, 5 hours; development of a tribal fishery management plan, 20 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 1,760.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Southern Distinct Population Segment of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*; hereafter, "Southern DPS") was listed as a threatened species in April 2006. Protective regulations under section 4(d) of the ESA were promulgated for the species on June 2, 2010 (75 FR 30714)

(the final ESA 4(d) Rule). To comply with the ESA and the protective regulations, entities must obtain take authorization prior to engaging in activities involving take of Southern DPS fish unless the activity is covered by an exception or exemption. Certain activities described in the "exceptions" provision of 50 CFR 223.210(b) are not subject to the take prohibitions if they adhere to specific criteria and reporting requirements. Under the "exemption" provision of 50 CFR 223.210(c), the take prohibitions do not apply to scientific research, scientific monitoring, and fisheries activities conducted under an approved 4(d) program or plan; similarly, take prohibitions do not apply to tribal resource management activities conducted under a Tribal Plan for which the requisite determinations described in 50 CFR 223.102(c)(3) have been made.

To ensure that activities qualify under exceptions to or exemptions from the take prohibitions, local, state, and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, academic researchers, and private organizations are asked to voluntarily submit detailed information regarding their activity on a schedule to be determined by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff. This information is used by NMFS to (1) track the number of Southern DPS fish taken as a result of each action; (2) understand and evaluate the cumulative effects of each action on the Southern DPS; and (3) determine whether additional protections are needed for the species, or whether additional exceptions may be warranted. NMFS designed the criteria to ensure that plans meeting the criteria would adequately limit impacts on threatened Southern DPS fish, such that additional protections in the form of a federal take prohibition would not be necessary and advisable.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion, annually and biennially.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Dated: November 14, 2016.

**Sarah Brabson,**

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF031

#### Revised National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) publishes this notice to request comments on its draft Companion Manual to NOAA Administrative Order NAO 216-6A (“Companion Manual”) containing policy and procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related authorities. Included in the Companion Manual are NOAA’s proposed revised categorical exclusions (CE) and related extraordinary circumstances. Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, NOAA is soliciting comments on its proposed procedures from members of the interested public. Additionally, in this notice, NOAA is providing a synopsis of the proposed changes to NOAA’s CEs to assist the public in reviewing those changes.

**DATES:** Comments on the revised NEPA procedures must be received by December 19, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on NOAA’s proposed NEPA procedures may be submitted through one of these methods: (1) *Electronic Submission of Comments:* Submit electronic comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-HQ-2016-0145](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-HQ-2016-0145), click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments; (2) *Mail:* Send to NOAA NEPA Coordinator, Attention Katherine Renshaw, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 15132, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

*Instructions:* NOAA may not consider comments if they are sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the comment period ends. All comments received are a part of the public record

and NOAA will generally post for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender is publicly accessible. NOAA will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). NOAA will make this notice and the draft Companion Manual available online for public inspection at <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please send questions by email to [noaa.nepa@noaa.gov](mailto:noaa.nepa@noaa.gov); or contact Rachel Lipsy at 301-427-8247.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) declares a national policy to promote efforts that will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment, stimulate the health and welfare of man, and enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the United States. NEPA also established the CEQ to, among other things, analyze and interpret environmental trends and information, to review and appraise programs and activities of the Federal government in light of NEPA’s purpose, and to develop policies to promote the improvement of environmental quality. As part of these responsibilities, the CEQ promulgated regulations to implement NEPA (*see* 40 CFR part 1500 *et seq.*). Those regulations direct Federal agencies to adopt procedures for implementing NEPA and to review and revise those policies and procedures as necessary to ensure full compliance with the purposes and provisions of NEPA.

NEPA and the CEQ implementing regulations provide for environmental review of a proposed government action in the form of an Environmental Assessment (EA), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or Categorical Exclusion (CE). A CE is “a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment,” and, based on the agency’s past experience, does not require further NEPA review in the form of either an EA or EIS. *See* 40 CFR 1508.4, CEQ, “Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act” (75 FR 75628; December 6, 2010). A CE does not exempt an action from NEPA review; rather, it is one form of environmental review under NEPA. *See*

75 FR 75631. A CE may be applied to a proposed action after the decision maker has carefully reviewed the description of the action and determined that it fits within the category of actions encompassed by the CE. *See* 40 CFR 1508.4. In making this determination, the decision maker must also consider whether extraordinary circumstances apply, which would lead to a normally categorically excluded action to have the potential for significant impacts. Thus, a CE does not eliminate environmental review of a proposed action but reduces paperwork and delay and allows an agency to efficiently focus its resources on proposed actions with the potential for significant environmental effects.

On April 22, 2016, NOAA issued NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A (NAO 216-6A), which updated NOAA’s policy for compliance with NEPA, the CEQ NEPA regulations, and other related authorities, including Executive Order (EO) 12114, *Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*; EO 11988, *Floodplain Management*; and EO 11990, *Protection of Wetlands*. The NAO authorized the development of a Companion Manual entitled *Policy and Procedures for Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Related Authorities* (“Companion Manual”). The draft Companion Manual includes NOAA’s proposed revised CEs as an appendix. NAO 216-6A superseded NOAA Administrative Order NAO 216-6 dated May 20, 1999 (1999 NAO), with the exception of those provisions implementing CEQ regulation 40 CFR 1507.3(b), including the NOAA’s CEs and related provision for extraordinary circumstances. Those provisions temporarily remain in effect until superseded by revised CEs and the authorized Companion Manual. Additionally, the National Marine Fisheries Service’s February 23, 2016 supplement to NAO 216-6, entitled “Revised and Updated NEPA Procedures for Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Actions,” remains in effect. The supplement sets forth the policies and procedures for NEPA compliance for such actions. For convenience, the supplement is reproduced as Appendix C to the Companion Manual. Decision makers for such actions may also consider and apply the guidance in the Companion Manual to the extent it is consistent with the policies and procedures in the supplement.

#### Process

NOAA last updated its NEPA Procedures in 1999. In order to ensure that its procedures, including CEs and