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## POSTAL SERVICE

### 39 CFR Parts 243, 265, and 266

#### Conforming Amendments Concerning the Production or Disclosure of Material or Information

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is amending its regulations to make technical and conforming edits following changes to the Postal Service's regulations concerning the Freedom of Information Act.

**DATES:** These regulations are effective March 8, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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natalie.a.bonanno@usps.gov, 202-268-2944.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Postal Service amended its regulations concerning compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) effective December 27, 2016 (81 FR 86270). The Postal Service responded to comments and made one additional change to these regulations on January 10, 2017 (82 FR 2896). The Postal Service is now amending its regulations to update cross references that are affected by these amendments, correct the cited fee for duplication, and correct a cross reference in subsection 265.14(e)(1) concerning lists of names and addresses.

#### List of Subjects

##### 39 CFR Part 243

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##### 39 CFR Part 265

Administrative practice and procedure, Courts, Freedom of information, Government employees.

##### 39 CFR Part 266

Privacy.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Postal Service amends 39 CFR chapter I as follows:

#### PART 243—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 243 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 39 U.S.C. 501.

■ 2. In § 243.2, revise paragraph (g) to read as follows:

##### § 243.2 Quarters.

(g) *Service of process on postal premises.* Postmasters or other installation heads shall permit service on postal premises of civil and criminal process affecting employees in personal matters, when such service of process will not interfere with postal operations. Process servers should be directed to the postmaster's or installation head's office, where the employee will be called in and service made. Section 265.11 of this chapter contains rules regarding compliance with subpoena *duces tecum*, court orders, and summonses where official business or official records are involved.

#### PART 265—[AMENDED]

■ 3. The authority citation for part 265 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552; 5 U.S.C. App. 3; 39 U.S.C. 401, 403, 410, 1001, 2601; Pub. L. 114-185.

■ 4. In § 265.9, remove the words “paragraph (k)” from paragraph (c) introductory text and add in their place the words “paragraph (j)”; and revise paragraph (c)(2) to read as follows:

##### § 265.9 Fees.

(c) \* \* \*

(2) *Duplication.* Duplication fees shall be charged to all requesters, subject to the restrictions of paragraph (d) of this section. A component shall honor a requester's preference for receiving a record in a particular form or format where it is readily reproducible by the component in the form or format requested. Where photocopies are supplied, the component shall provide one copy per request at a cost of fifteen cents per page. For copies of records

produced on tapes, disks, or other media, components shall charge the direct costs of producing the copy, including operator time. Where paper documents must be scanned in order to comply with a requester's preference to receive the records in an electronic format, the requester shall pay the direct costs associated with scanning those materials. For other forms of duplication, components shall charge the direct costs.

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■ 5. In § 265.14, revise paragraph (e)(1) to read as follows:

##### § 265.14 Rules concerning specific categories of records.

\* \* \* \* \*

(e) \* \* \*

(1) The Postal Service and its officers and employees shall not make available to the public by any means or for any purpose any mailing list or other list of names and addresses (past or present) of postal patrons or other persons in response to a request under this part except that, upon a request in accordance with the procedures of § 265.3, the Postal Service will, to the extent required by law, provide a listing of postal employees working at a particular postal facility.

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#### PART 266—[AMENDED]

■ 6. The authority citation for part 266 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 39 U.S.C. 401; 5 U.S.C. 552a.

■ 7. In § 266.4, revise paragraph (b)(3) to read as follows:

##### § 266.4 Collection and disclosure of information about individuals.

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) \* \* \*

(3) *Names and Addresses of Postal Customers.* The disclosure of lists of names or addresses of Postal customers or other persons to the public is prohibited (39 U.S.C. 412). Names or addresses of Postal Service customers will be disclosed only in those cases permitted by 39 CFR 265.14(d) relating to the Release of Information.

\* \* \* \* \*

Ruth B. Stevenson,

Attorney, Federal Compliance.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 64**

[WC Docket No. 12–375, FCC 15–136]

**Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services; Correction****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule; announcement of OMB approval; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects the date for filing responses to the one-time mandatory data collection published in the *Federal Register* of March 1, 2017, regarding the Office of Management and Budget's approval of data collections associated with the Commission's *Inmate Calling Services Order (Order)*, FCC 15–136. This document corrects the due date for responses to the one-time mandatory data collection to March 1, 2019.

**DATES:** This correction is effective March 8, 2017.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gil Strobel, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418–7084 or email: [gil.strobel@fcc.gov](mailto:gil.strobel@fcc.gov).**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In FR Doc. 2017–03900, published on March 1, 2017 (82 FR 12182), make the following correction:

On page 12183, in the third column, in last sentence of the first full paragraph, correct the date “March 1, 2017” to “March 1, 2019.”

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**  
Secretary.

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that Channel 287C1 can be allotted at Red Lake, Minnesota, as proposed, consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Commission's rules with a site restriction 42.4 km (25.34 miles) northwest of the community. The reference coordinates are 47–59–00 NL and 95–33–33 WL.

**DATES:** Effective April 8, 2017.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Adrienne Y. Denysyk, Media Bureau,  
(202) 418–2700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MB Docket No. 16–371, adopted February 22, 2017, and released February 22, 2017. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center at Portals II, CY–A257, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554. The full text is also available online at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. This document does not contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. The Commission will send a copy of the *Report and Order* in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73**

Radio, Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Nazifa Sawez,**

Assistant Chief, Audio Division, Media  
Bureau.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

**PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336 and 339.

**§ 73.202 [Amended]**

■ 2. In § 73.202, in paragraph (b), the table is amended under Minnesota by adding Red Lake, Channel 287C1, in alphabetical order to read as follows:

**§ 73.202 Table of Allotments.**

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(b) *Table of FM Allotments.***Minnesota**

*	*	*	*	*
Red Lake	.....			287C1
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 660**

[Docket No. 160126053–6398–02]

RIN 0648–XF230

**Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions;  
Fisheries Off West Coast States;  
Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2016  
Tribal Fishery Allocations for Pacific  
Whiting; Reapportionment Between  
Tribal and Non-Tribal Sectors**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Reapportionment of tribal Pacific whiting allocation.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the reapportionment of 34,000 metric tons (mt) of Pacific whiting from the tribal allocation to the non-tribal commercial fishery sectors via automatic action on September 15, 2016, in order to allow full utilization of the Pacific whiting resource.

**DATES:** The reapportionment of Pacific whiting was applicable from 12 noon local time, September 15, 2016, until December 31, 2016. Comments will be accepted through March 23, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2016–0009 by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov/](http://www.regulations.gov/)#!/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2016-0009, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Barry A. Thom., Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115–0070, Attn: Miako Ushio.

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 17–186; MB Docket No. 16–371; RM–11777]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Red Lake, Minnesota****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** At the request of Red Lake Nation, the Audio Division amends the FM Table of Allotments by allotting FM Channel 287C1 at Red Lake, Minnesota, as a Tribal Allotment and a first local Tribal-owned service to the community. A staff engineering analysis indicates



**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Miako Ushio (West Coast Region, NMFS), phone: 206-526-4644 or email: [miako.ushio@noaa.gov](mailto:miako.ushio@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Access**

This document is accessible via the Internet at the Office of the Federal Register's Web site at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action>. Background information and documents are available at the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Web site at <http://www.pcouncil.org/>.

**Background**

*Pacific Whiting*

Pacific whiting (*Merluccius productus*) is a very productive species with highly variable recruitment (the biomass of fish that mature and enter the fishery each year) and a relatively short life span when compared to other groundfish species. Pacific whiting has the largest (by volume) annual allowable harvest levels of the more than 90 groundfish species managed under the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), which governs the groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California. The coastwide Pacific whiting stock is managed jointly by the United States (U.S.) and Canada, and mature Pacific whiting are commonly available to vessels operating

in U.S. waters from April through December. Background on the stock assessment for and the establishment of the 2016 Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Pacific whiting is provided in the final rule for the 2016 Pacific whiting harvest specifications, published May 16, 2016 (81 FR 30203). Pacific whiting is allocated to the Pacific Coast treaty tribes (tribal fishery), and to three non-tribal commercial sectors: The catcher/processor cooperative (C/P Coop), the mothership cooperative (MS Coop), and the Shorebased Individual Fishery Quota (IFQ) Program.

This document announces the reapportionment of 34,000 mt of Pacific whiting from the tribal allocation to the non-tribal commercial sectors, which was applicable on September 15, 2016. Regulations at § 660.131(h) contain provisions that allow the Regional Administrator to reapportion Pacific whiting from the tribal allocation, specified at § 660.50, that will not be harvested by the end of the fishing year to other sectors.

*Pacific Whiting Reapportionment*

For 2016, the Pacific Coast treaty tribes were allocated 64,322 mt of Pacific whiting. The best available information at the time, indicated that there had been no harvest by the tribes to date, and at least 34,000 mt of the tribal allocation would not be harvested by December 31, 2016. To allow for full utilization of the resource, NMFS reapportioned 34,000 mt to the Shorebased IFQ Program, C/P Coop and MS Coop in proportion to each sector's original allocation on that date. Reapportioning this amount was expected to allow for greater attainment of the TAC while not limiting tribal harvest opportunities for the remainder of the year. On September 15, 2016, emails sent directly to fishing businesses and individuals, and postings on the West Coast Region's internet site were used to provide actual notice to the affected fishers. Reapportionment was effective the same day as the notice. NMFS waited to

publish this **Federal Register** notice until the 2016 fishing year had ended, and there was no longer the possibility of a second reapportionment.

Amounts of Pacific whiting available for 2016 before and after the reapportionment were:

Sector	Initial 2016 allocation (mt)	Final 2016 allocation (mt)
Tribal .....	64,322	30,322
C/P Coop .....	102,589	114,149
MS Coop .....	72,415	80,575
Shorebased IFQ Program .....	126,727	141,007

**Classification**

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), found that good cause exists for reapportionment of whiting without affording prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) because such notification would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. NMFS had insufficient time to provide prior notice and the opportunity for public comment between the time the information about the progress of the fishery needed to make this determination became available and the time at which fishery modifications had to be implemented in order to allow fishers access to the available fish during the remainder of the fishing season. For the same reasons, the AA also found good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness for these actions, required under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

These actions are authorized by §§ 660.55(i), 660.60(d) and 660.131(h) and are exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 7001 *et seq.*

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Emily H. Menashes,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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# Proposed Rules

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 372

[EPA-HQ-TRI-2016-0390; FRL-9959-41]

RIN 2070-AK16

### Addition of Natural Gas Processing Facilities to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI); Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA issued a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** of Friday, January 6, 2017, concerning the Agency's addition of natural gas processing facilities to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). This document extends the comment period for 60 days, from March 7, 2017 to May 6, 2017. This action is in response to stakeholders' requests to extend the comment period.

**DATES:** The comment period on the proposed rule published January 6, 2016 (82 FR 1651, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-TRI-2016-0390, is extended to May 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Follow the detailed instructions provided under **ADDRESSES** in the **Federal Register** document of January 6, 2017 (82 FR 1651) (FRL-9953-68).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*For technical information contact:* Kara Koehn, Toxics Release Inventory Program Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 202-566-0310; email address: [koehn.kara@epa.gov](mailto:koehn.kara@epa.gov).

*For general information contact:* The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Hotline; telephone numbers: toll free at (800) 424-9346 (select menu option 3) or (703) 412-9810 in the Washington, DC Area and International; or toll free, TDD (800) 553-7672; or go to <https://www.epa.gov/home/epa-hotlines#HotlinesServiceLines4SpecificTopics>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document extends the public comment period established in the **Federal Register** document of January 6, 2017. In that document, the Agency proposes to add natural gas processing facilities to TRI. EPA is hereby extending the comment period, which was set to end on March 7, 2017, to May 6, 2017.

To submit comments, or access the docket, please follow the detailed instructions provided under **ADDRESSES** in the **Federal Register** document of January 6, 2017. If you have questions, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 372

Environmental protection, Community right-to-know, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Toxic chemicals.

Dated: February 23, 2017.

**Wendy C. Hamnett,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 64

[WC Docket No. 16-106; Report No. 3067]

### Petitions for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding; Correction

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Petition for reconsideration; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects the date for filing of Replies to an opposition published in the **Federal Register** of February 17, 2017, (82 FR 10999) regarding Petitions for Reconsideration of Action. This document corrects the Replies to an opposition deadline to March 16, 2017.

**DATES:** Oppositions to the Petitions must be filed on or before March 6, 2017. Replies to an opposition must be filed on or before March 16, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sherwin Siy, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-2783 or email: [Sherwin.Siy@fcc.gov](mailto:Sherwin.Siy@fcc.gov).

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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# Notices

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-SC-16-0123; SC17-983-1 N]

#### Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection for Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico (Marketing Order No. 983)

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intent to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico, pursuant to Federal Marketing Order No. 983.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Internet: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of individuals or entities submitting the comments will

be made public on the internet at the address provided above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Fiona Pexton, Marketing Specialist, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone: (202) 720-8139; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Email: [fiona.pexton@ams.usda.gov](mailto:fiona.pexton@ams.usda.gov).

Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Richard Lower, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC, 20250-0237; Telephone (202) 720-2491; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Email: [Richard.Lower@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Richard.Lower@ams.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico, Marketing Order No. 983.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0215.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* May 31, 2017.

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

*Abstract:* Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), fresh fruits, vegetables, and specialty crop industries can enter into marketing order programs which provide an opportunity for producers, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee the marketing order's operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from each commodity industry.

The Specialty Crops Program is part of the larger AMS, and is responsible for overseeing Federal marketing order operations. The Specialty Crops Program was formerly named the Fruit and Vegetable Program. Among other modifications described below to the pistachio marketing order forms is the change of certain form numbers from "FV" to "SC."

This notice pertains to the Federal marketing order regulating the handling of pistachios grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico (7 CFR part 983), hereinafter referred to as the "marketing order." The marketing order

authorizes grade and size requirements, as well as a requirement for aflatoxin testing on domestic shipments only.

The Administrative Committee for Pistachios (Committee) locally administers the marketing order. The marketing order requires handlers to submit certain information to the Committee to effectively implement the requirements of the marketing order, fulfill the intent of the AMAA, and assist the industry in carrying out marketing decisions. Only authorized employees of the Committee, and authorized representatives of the USDA have access to information provided on the forms.

Requesting public comments on the forms described below is part of the process to obtain approval through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The forms needing OMB approval are contained in OMB No. 0581-0215 and include Committee nominations and ballots for producers (SC-245 and SC-246) and handlers (SC-245A and SC-244); background statements for Committee nominees (SC-243); marketing agreement (SC-242); and referendum (SC-240A) and continuance ballots (SC-240). There are also forms to report assessment receipts (ACP-1), minimal testing for aflatoxins (ACP-5), inter-handler transfer (ACP-6), inventory shipments (ACP-7), producer delivery (ACP-8), exemptions for handlers (ACP-4), and failed lot notifications (ACP-2) and failed lot dispositions (ACP-3).

In this renewal, AMS has identified modifications to the forms to meet the pistachio industry's evolving needs. Forms noted with "FV" have been revised to "SC" due to the change in the agency's name. AMS submitted a justification of change to OMB to convert the Imported Pistachios—Failed Lot Notification Report (SC-249) into an electronic form as a result of the International Trade Data System initiative. The Import Pistachios—Rework and Failed Lot Disposition Report (SC-251) has become obsolete, since the information collected on this form can now be obtained from other sources. This form is being removed and is not included in the OMB No. 0581-0215 renewal package.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average 0.26 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Pistachio producers, handlers, and testing laboratories.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 821.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 2.30.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 488.68 hours.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of the information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 other 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.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Bruce Summers,**

*Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

#### Notice of Intent To Request Approval To Establish a New Information Collection and Record Keeping Requirement

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, that implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA)

intention to request approval to establish a new information collection and record keeping requirement for the National 4-H Conference (N4HC).

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by May 8, 2017, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: [rmartin@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:rmartin@nifa.usda.gov); Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2216.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Martin, Records Officer; Email: [rmartin@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:rmartin@nifa.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* National 4-H Conference applications and forms.

*OMB Number:* 0524-new.

*Type of Request:* Intent to request approval to establish a new information collection and record keeping requirement for three years.

*Abstract:* In 1927, USDA began sponsoring the "National 4-H Club Camp". The camp was held on the grounds of the National Mall in front of the USDA in Washington, DC and served to develop the next generation of leaders. Delegates attended training workshops, became acquainted with government and had the opportunity to meet with state leaders.

In 1958, the event name was changed to National 4-H Conference and, in 1959, the meeting moved from the National Mall to the newly founded National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD, where it is still held today.

Currently, the annual National 4-H Conference brings youth delegates together to accomplish three goals:

(1) Learn—Provide youth a broad-based learning experience in which they will acquire practical knowledge and skills to reinforce the attitudes and motivation that will give them a heightened sense of responsibility and capacity to connect as active members of their communities, nation and world.

(2) Practice—Engage youth in hands-on educational activities in which they explore, practice and master existing and newly developed skills/knowledge in civic engagement, civic education and personal development.

(3) Apply—Facilitate direct opportunities for youth to apply what

was learned in real world experiences in which they develop leadership skills using their voices, work, ideas and/or behavior to make a difference in their community, country and world.

The National 4-H Conference organizers propose an information collection and record keeping requirement for adult and youth conference leadership team applicants, program evaluation of conference participants, and health forms for youth delegates. The records to be maintained and the information collected will allow for better oversight and assessment of the program. Each new requirement is described in detail below.

#### (1) Youth Leadership Team Application

##### *Need and Use of the Records:*

Approximately six former National 4-H Conference delegates who are still in high school and 18 years of age or under at the time of the National 4-H Conference are selected to be Youth Leadership Team members prior to and during National 4-H Conference. These Youth Leadership Team members plan and facilitate major components of the conference. The members must be skilled and prepared. An application for this volunteer position is required to assure the selection of qualified applicants. Up to two Youth Leadership Team adult advisors will also be chosen.

*Components of the Record:* The Youth Leadership Team application form includes: First and last name, grade in school, age, city and state, email, cell phone, home phone, 4-H Land Grant University associated with, years in 4-H, year attended National 4-H Conference, and other national 4-H teams served on. The form will have relevant questions to explain applicant qualifications and skills for the position.

*Method of Collection:* The application forms will be collected via email attachment.

*Frequency of Response:* This is a voluntary application process.

*Affected Public:* High schools students who are former National 4-H Conference delegates and interested Cooperative Extension State 4-H Office personnel.

*Type of Respondents:* High schools students who are former National 4-H Conference delegates and interested Cooperative Extension State 4-H Office personnel.

*Estimate of Burden:*

Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours requested
50 .....	1	2	100

**(2) Roundtable Facilitator Application***Need and Use of the Records:*

Approximately sixteen college students are selected to be roundtable facilitators prior to and during National 4-H Conference. These facilitators are responsible for leading a group of youth delegates through the development and presentation of a thirty minute briefing to a federal agency. Facilitators must be skilled and prepared. An application for this volunteer position is required to assure the selection of qualified applicants. There are four levels of roundtable facilitators: (1) Lead facilitator, (2) returning facilitators, (3)

new facilitators, and (4) facilitator advisor.

*Components of the Record:*

Applications for all four levels of facilitators will include: First and last name, college or university, gender, age, languages spoken, race, home phone, cell phone, email, mailing address, and home state or territory. Each level of facilitator applications will have relevant application questions to explain applicant qualifications and skills for the position.

*Method of Collection:* The application forms will be collected via email attachment.

*Frequency of Response:* The lead and returning facilitator positions are open

to any college student age 19–25 whom has served as a National 4-H Conference facilitator in the past. New facilitator positions are open to any college student age 19–25. The facilitator advisor position is open to any Cooperative Extension State 4-H Office personnel. This is a volunteer application process for all levels.

*Affected Public:* Interested college students and State 4-H Office personnel.

*Type of Respondents:* College students and State 4-H Office personnel.

*Estimate of Burden:*

Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours requested
50 .....	1	2	100

**(3) National 4-H Conference Program Evaluations**

*Need and Use of the Records:* In order for continuous improvement of program implementation and keeping the conference relevant with current youth and issues, the conference planners will conduct program evaluations with the involved parties. There will be separate evaluation forms for the four audiences: (1) Youth Leadership Team Members, (2) Roundtable Facilitators, (3)

Conference Delegates, and (4) Conference Chaperones.

*Components of the Record:* The evaluation forms will include quantitative questions ranking the success of each component of the conference. There will also be open ended questions to address future ideas and program areas to improve upon.

*Method of Collection:* Each member of each audience will receive a link via email to an online survey.

*Frequency of Response:* Each person will respond to one survey request.

There will be up to 19 facilitator respondents, 8 youth leadership team respondents, 270 delegate respondents, and 70 chaperone respondents.

*Affected Public:* Participants in the National 4-H Conference.

*Type of Respondents:* Youth Delegates, Adult Chaperones, Youth Leadership Team Members (High School students) and Roundtable Facilitators (college students).

*Estimate of Burden:*

Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours requested
367 .....	1	.25	91.75

**(4) National 4-H Conference Youth Delegate Health Form**

*Need and Use of the Records:* Youth delegates attend National 4-H Conference in Chevy Chase, MD. The youth delegates are accompanied by adult chaperones from their state. Medical histories are to be completed by the parent of each youth delegate to assist with medical emergencies of their children.

*Components of the Record:* The health form consists of sections on (1) current health conditions, allergies, special needs, tetanus and influenza vaccination, emergency contact information, and parental/guardian consent to medical treatment.

*Method of Collection:* The forms are completed by the parent and delivered in person to the conference by the delegates' chaperone.

*Frequency of Response:* Each delegate (approximately 270) and the roundtable facilitators (approximately 17) and youth leadership team members (approximately 6) fill out and submit a form.

*Affected Public:* Conference delegates, facilitators, and youth leadership team members.

*Type of Respondents:* Parents of High school students, college students.

*Estimate of Burden:*

Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours requested
1 .....	293	.25	73.25

**(5) Conference Registration Form***Need and Use of the Records:*

Approximately 250 4-H youth and 75 adult chaperones attend National 4-H Conference on an annual basis. They need to complete a registration form to attend.

*Components of the Record:* The form consists of name, date of birth, address, phone number, email address, race and

ethnicity, gender, emergency contact, Land Grant University affiliation, roundtable preferences, special accommodations, food requests.

*Method of Collection:* The delegates and chaperones will complete the registration form electronically and return it via email.

*Frequency of Response:*

Approximately 250 youth and 75 adult

chaperones will complete the registration form.

*Affected Public:* 4-H youth and adult chaperones who have applied and been selected to attend National 4-H Conference.

*Type of Respondents:* 4-H members and adult chaperones.

*Estimate of Burden:*

Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours requested
325 .....	1	.25	81.25

*Total Estimate of Burden:* The estimated annual reporting burden for

all National 4-H Conference collection is as follows:

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours requested
Youth Leadership Team Applicants .....	50	1	2	100
Facilitator Applicants .....	50	1	2	100
Program Participant Evaluations .....	367	1	.25	91.75
Delegate Health Forms .....	293	1	.25	73.25
Conference Registration Forms .....	325	1	.25	81.25
Grand Total .....	1085	.....	.....	446.25

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed record keeping requirement and collection of information are 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; (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 other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request to OMB for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

*Obtaining a Copy of the Information Collection:* A copy of the information collection and related instructions may

be obtained free of charge by contacting Robert Martin as directed above.

Done at Washington, DC, this 2 day of March 2017.

**Ann Bartuska,**

*Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

**[A-570-896]**

**Magnesium Metal From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015-2016**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** On January 6, 2017, the Department of Commerce

("Department") published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on magnesium metal from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") covering the period April 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016. This review covers two PRC companies, Tianjin Magnesium International, Co., Ltd. ("TMI") and Tianjin Magnesium Metal Co., Ltd. ("TMM"). The Department gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the *Preliminary Results*, but we received no comments. Hence, the final results are unchanged from the *Preliminary Results*, and we continue to find that TMI and TMM did not have reviewable entries during the period of review ("POR").

**DATES:** Effective March 8, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Terpstra or Brendan Quinn, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3965 or (202) 482-5848, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On January 6, 2017, the Department published the *Preliminary Results*.<sup>1</sup> We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*, but no comments were received.

The Department conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”).

##### Scope of the Order

The product covered by this antidumping duty order is magnesium metal from the PRC, which includes primary and secondary alloy magnesium metal, regardless of chemistry, raw material source, form, shape, or size. Magnesium is a metal or alloy containing by weight primarily the element magnesium. Primary magnesium is produced by decomposing raw materials into magnesium metal. Secondary magnesium is produced by recycling magnesium-based scrap into magnesium metal. The magnesium covered by this order includes blends of primary and secondary magnesium.

The subject merchandise includes the following alloy magnesium metal products made from primary and/or secondary magnesium including, without limitation, magnesium cast into ingots, slabs, rounds, billets, and other shapes; magnesium ground, chipped, crushed, or machined into rasping, granules, turnings, chips, powder, briquettes, and other shapes; and products that contain 50 percent or greater, but less than 99.8 percent, magnesium, by weight, and that have been entered into the United States as conforming to an “ASTM Specification for Magnesium Alloy”<sup>2</sup> and are thus outside the scope of the existing antidumping orders on magnesium from the PRC (generally referred to as “alloy” magnesium).

The scope of this order excludes: (1) All forms of pure magnesium, including chemical combinations of magnesium and other material(s) in which the pure magnesium content is 50 percent or

greater, but less than 99.8 percent, by weight, that do not conform to an “ASTM Specification for Magnesium Alloy”<sup>3</sup>; (2) magnesium that is in liquid or molten form; and (3) mixtures containing 90 percent or less magnesium in granular or powder form by weight and one or more of certain non-magnesium granular materials to make magnesium-based reagent mixtures, including lime, calcium metal, calcium silicon, calcium carbide, calcium carbonate, carbon, slag coagulants, fluorspar, nepheline syenite, feldspar, alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), calcium aluminate, soda ash, hydrocarbons, graphite, coke, silicon, rare earth metals/mischmetal, cryolite, silica/fly ash, magnesium oxide, periclase, ferroalloys, dolomite lime, and colemanite.<sup>4</sup>

The merchandise subject to this order is classifiable under items 8104.19.00, and 8104.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”). Although the HTSUS items are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

##### Final Determination of No Shipments

As noted above, the Department received no comments concerning the *Preliminary Results* on the record of this segment of the proceeding. As there are no changes from, or comments on, the *Preliminary Results*, the Department finds that there is no reason to modify its analysis. Thus, we continue to find that TMI and TMM had no shipments of the subject merchandise, and, therefore, no reviewable transactions, during the POR.<sup>5</sup> Accordingly, no decision memorandum accompanies this **Federal**

**Register** notice. For further details of the issues addressed in this segment of the proceeding, see the *Preliminary Results*.

##### Assessment Rates

The Department determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b). The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

Additionally, consistent with the Department’s refinement to its assessment practice in non-market economy cases, because the Department determined that TMI and TMM had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR, any suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR from these companies will be liquidated at the PRC-wide rate.<sup>6</sup>

##### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of this notice of final results of the administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For TMI, which claimed no shipments, the cash deposit rate will remain unchanged from the rate assigned to TMI in the most recently completed review of the company; (2) for previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters who are not under review in this segment of the proceeding but who have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the exporter-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate (including TMM, which claimed no shipments, but has not been found to be separate from the PRC-wide entity), the cash deposit rate will be the PRC-wide rate of 141.49 percent<sup>7</sup> and (4) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporter(s) that supplied that non-PRC exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

<sup>1</sup> See *Magnesium Metal from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015–2016*, 82 FR 1696 (January 6, 2017) (“*Preliminary Results*”).

<sup>2</sup> The meaning of this term is the same as that used by the American Society for Testing and Materials in its Annual Book for ASTM Standards: Volume 01.02 Aluminum and Magnesium Alloys.

<sup>3</sup> The material is already covered by existing antidumping orders. See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Orders: Pure Magnesium from the People’s Republic of China, the Russian Federation and Ukraine; Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Antidumping Duty Investigation of Pure Magnesium from the Russian Federation*, 60 FR 25691 (May 12, 1995); and *Antidumping Duty Order: Pure Magnesium in Granular Form from the People’s Republic of China*, 66 FR 57936 (November 19, 2001).

<sup>4</sup> This third exclusion for magnesium-based reagent mixtures is based on the exclusion for reagent mixtures in the 2000–2001 investigations of magnesium from China, Israel, and Russia. See *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Pure Magnesium in Granular Form From the People’s Republic of China*, 66 FR 49345 (September 27, 2001); *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Pure Magnesium From Israel*, 66 FR 49349 (September 27, 2001); *Final Determination of Sales at Not Less Than Fair Value: Pure Magnesium From the Russian Federation*, 66 FR 49347 (September 27, 2001). These mixtures are not magnesium alloys, because they are not combined in liquid form and cast into the same ingot.

<sup>5</sup> See *Preliminary Results*, 82 FR at 1697.

<sup>6</sup> See *Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011).

<sup>7</sup> See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Magnesium Metal From the People’s Republic of China*, 70 FR 19928 (April 15, 2005).

### Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

### Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing these final results and this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Exempted Fishing Permit

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from the South Carolina Aquarium. If granted, the EFP would authorize the South Carolina Aquarium to collect, with certain conditions, various species of snapper-grouper, dolphin, wahoo, cobia, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, golden crab, shrimp, and spiny lobster in the

Federal waters off South Carolina and North Carolina in the South Atlantic. The specimens would be used in educational exhibits displaying native marine species at the South Carolina Aquarium located in Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by "NOAA-NMFS-2017-0008", by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) #!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2017-0008, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Nikhil Mehta, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method (including email), to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted 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 will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nikhil Mehta, 727-824-5305; email [Nikhil.mehta@noaa.gov](mailto:Nikhil.mehta@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C 1801 *et seq.*), and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) concerning exempted fishing.

The proposed specimen collection involves activities otherwise prohibited by regulations at 50 CFR part 622, as they pertain to species managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) including snapper-grouper, golden crab, coastal migratory pelagics, dolphin, wahoo, spiny lobster, and shrimp. The applicant requires authorization to collect 1,799 live fish, crabs, lobsters, and shrimp in the Federal waters off South Carolina, and sporadically off North Carolina. The federally-managed species to be collected by the applicant per year, over a 5-year period, listed by common name with the collection total, are: Black

snapper (10); cobia (6); coney (10); dolphin (50); golden crab (5); graysby (10); groupers (*Epinephelus spp.* and *Hyporhamphus spp.* including red, misty, red hind, rock hind, snowy, and yellowedge) (40); groupers (*Mycteroperca spp.* and *Cephalopholis spp.* including black grouper, gag, yellowmouth, yellowfin, and scamp) (50); grunts (*Haemulon spp.* including cottonwick, margate, sailors choice, tomtate, and white) (250); hogfish (8); jacks including greater amberjack, almaco jack, banded rudderfish, bar jack, and lesser amberjack (200); king mackerel (15); little tunny (25); longspine porgy (50); ocean triggerfish (5); porgies including knobbed, jolthead, whitebone, and saucereye (65); porkfish (15); queen snapper (2); red porgy (25); red snapper (25); sand tilefish (10); sea basses including black, bank, and rock (100); scup (50); Atlantic spadefish (50); triggerfish (20); white shrimp (200); pink or brown shrimp (200); snappers excluding red snapper, but including yellowtail, gray, mutton, lane, cubera, silk, and blackfin (75); Spanish mackerel (15); spiny lobster (25); vermilion snapper (75); wahoo (5); and yellowtail snapper (15).

The project would use vertical hook-and-line gear with artificial and natural baits, black sea bass pots, spiny lobster traps, golden crab traps, habitat traps, octopus traps, hand nets, dip nets, and bait traps. Bait traps and minnow traps would be deployed by hand by divers using SCUBA gear. Most of the sample collection would be done in less than 300 ft (91 m) of water. No more than 5 each, black sea bass pots, lobster pots, golden crab traps, minnow traps, and bait traps would be deployed with a soak time of no more than 5 hours at a time, and will not be tied together on a groundline. Up to 10 habitat traps will also be utilized with a soak time of 7 days up to no more than 30 days. All trap and pot gear will be deployed either by hand by divers using SCUBA or through using individual nylon lines with buoys. All gear types would be utilized for the collection of requested species. This EFP would authorize sampling operations to be conducted on three vessels designated by the South Carolina Aquarium including: F/V REEL SCIENCE SC-9152-DE; F/V CUB SCOUT SC-9288-BF; and F/V MISTRESS SC-5326-BS.

All attempts would be made (venting, controlled ascent and descent, etc.) to release all non-targeted bycatch species alive. During each year of sampling requested through this EFP, there would be no traps or pots deployed from November 1 through April 30, to avoid interactions with North Atlantic right



whales during their calving season. This EFP would not authorize the collection of warsaw grouper, speckled hind, goliath grouper, and Nassau grouper.

The overall intent of the project is to incorporate native species into educational exhibits at the South Carolina Aquarium. The aquarium uses these displays of native South Carolina species to teach the public about stewardship and habitat preservation.

NMFS finds this application warrants further consideration. Possible conditions the agency may impose on this permit, if it is granted, include but are not limited to, a prohibition of collection of specimens within marine protected areas, marine sanctuaries, special management zones, or artificial reefs without additional authorization. Currently, NMFS prohibits the possession of Nassau grouper, goliath grouper, speckled hind, warsaw grouper, and red snapper but intends to authorize collection of red snapper as requested in the application. NMFS would require any sea turtles taken incidentally during the course of fishing or scientific research activities to be handled with due care to prevent injury to live specimens, observed for activity, and returned to the water.

A final decision on issuance of the EFP will depend on NMFS' review of public comments received on the application, consultations with the affected states, the Council, and the U.S. Coast Guard, and a determination that it is consistent with all applicable laws.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Emily H. Menashes,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Gull Monitoring and Research in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska, 2017

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received an application from the National Park

Service (NPS) at Glacier Bay National Park (Glacier Bay NP) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting proposed gull monitoring and research activities within Glacier Bay NP from May through September, 2017. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an IHA to the NPS at Glacier Bay NP to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments on the application by either of the following methods:

*Mail:* Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

*Electronic:* Comments should be sent to [ITP.Egger@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.Egger@noaa.gov).

*Instructions:* NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments received electronically, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/research.htm> without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address), confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information submitted voluntarily by the commenter is publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (note this in the correspondence if you wish to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Egger, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401. Electronic copies of the applications and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/research.htm>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow,

upon request by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified area, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals, provided that certain findings are made and the necessary prescriptions are established.

The incidental taking of small numbers of marine mammals shall be allowed if NMFS (through authority delegated by the Secretary) finds that the total taking by the specified activity during the specified time period will (i) have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and (ii) not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, the permissible methods of taking, as well as the other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species or stock and its habitat (*i.e.*, mitigation) must be prescribed. Last, requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking must be set forth.

Where there is the potential for serious injury or death, the allowance of incidental taking requires promulgation of regulations under section 101(a)(5)(A). Subsequently, a Letter (or Letters) of Authorization may be issued as governed by the prescriptions established in such regulations, provided that the level of taking will be consistent with the findings made for the total taking allowable under the specific regulations. Under section 101(a)(5)(D), NMFS may authorize incidental taking by harassment only (*i.e.*, no serious injury or mortality), for periods of not more than one year, pursuant to requirements and conditions contained within an IHA. The promulgation of regulations or issuance of IHAs (with their associated prescribed mitigation, monitoring, and reporting) requires notice and opportunity for public comment.

NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "... an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, we adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

NMFS has defined "unmitigable adverse impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "... an impact resulting from the specified activity:

(1) That is likely to reduce the availability of the species to a level insufficient for a harvest to meet subsistence needs by: (i) Causing the marine mammals to abandon or avoid hunting areas; (ii) directly displacing

subsistence users; or (iii) placing physical barriers between the marine mammals and the subsistence hunters; and

(2) That cannot be sufficiently mitigated by other measures to increase the availability of marine mammals to allow subsistence needs to be met.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, section 3(18) of the MMPA defines “harassment” as: Any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

#### Summary of Request

On November 22, 2016, NMFS received an application from Glacier Bay NP requesting taking by harassment of marine mammals, incidental to conducting monitoring and research studies on glaucous-winged gulls (*Larus glaucescens*) within Glacier Bay NP, Alaska. The application was considered adequate and complete on February 10, 2017. NMFS previously issued three IHAs to Glacier Bay NP for the same activities from 2014 to 2016 (79 FR 56065, September 18, 2014; 80 FR 28229, May 18, 2015; 81 FR 34994, May 16, 2016).

For the 2017 research season, Glacier Bay NP again proposes to conduct ground-based and vessel-based surveys to collect data on the number and distribution of nesting gulls within six

study sites in Glacier Bay, AK. Marine mammals have only been observed at four of the six study sites. The proposed activities would occur over the course of five months, from May through September, 2017.

The following aspects of the proposed gull research activities have the potential to take marine mammals: Noise generated by motorboat approaches and departures; noise generated by researchers while conducting ground surveys; and human presence (visual disturbance) during the monitoring and research activities. Harbor seals hauled out at the study sites may flush into the water or exhibit temporary modification in behavior (Level B harassment). Thus, Glacier Bay NP has requested an authorization to take harbor seals by Level B harassment only. Although Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) may be present in the action area, Glacier Bay NP has proposed to avoid any site used by Steller sea lions.

#### Description of the Specified Activity

##### Overview

Glacier Bay NP proposes to identify the onset of gull nesting; conduct mid-season surveys of adult gulls, and locate and document gull nest sites within the following study areas: Boulder, Lone, and Flapjack Islands, and Geikie Rock. Each of these study sites contains harbor seal haulout sites and Glacier Bay NP proposes to visit each study site up to five times during the research season. Glacier Bay NP also proposes to conduct studies at South Marble Island and Tlingit Point Islet; however, there are no reported pinniped haulouts at those locations.

Glacier Bay NP must conduct the gull monitoring studies to meet the requirements of a 2010 Record of Decision for a Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) (NPS, 2010) which states that Glacier Bay NP must initiate a monitoring program for the gulls to inform future native egg harvests by the Hoonah Tlingit in Glacier Bay, AK. Glacier Bay NP also actively monitors harbor seals at breeding and molting sites to assess population trends over time (*e.g.*, Mathews & Pendleton, 2006; Womble *et al.*, 2010). Glacier Bay NP coordinates pinniped monitoring programs with NMFS’ Alaska Fisheries Science Center and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and plans to continue these collaborations and sharing of monitoring data and observations in the future.

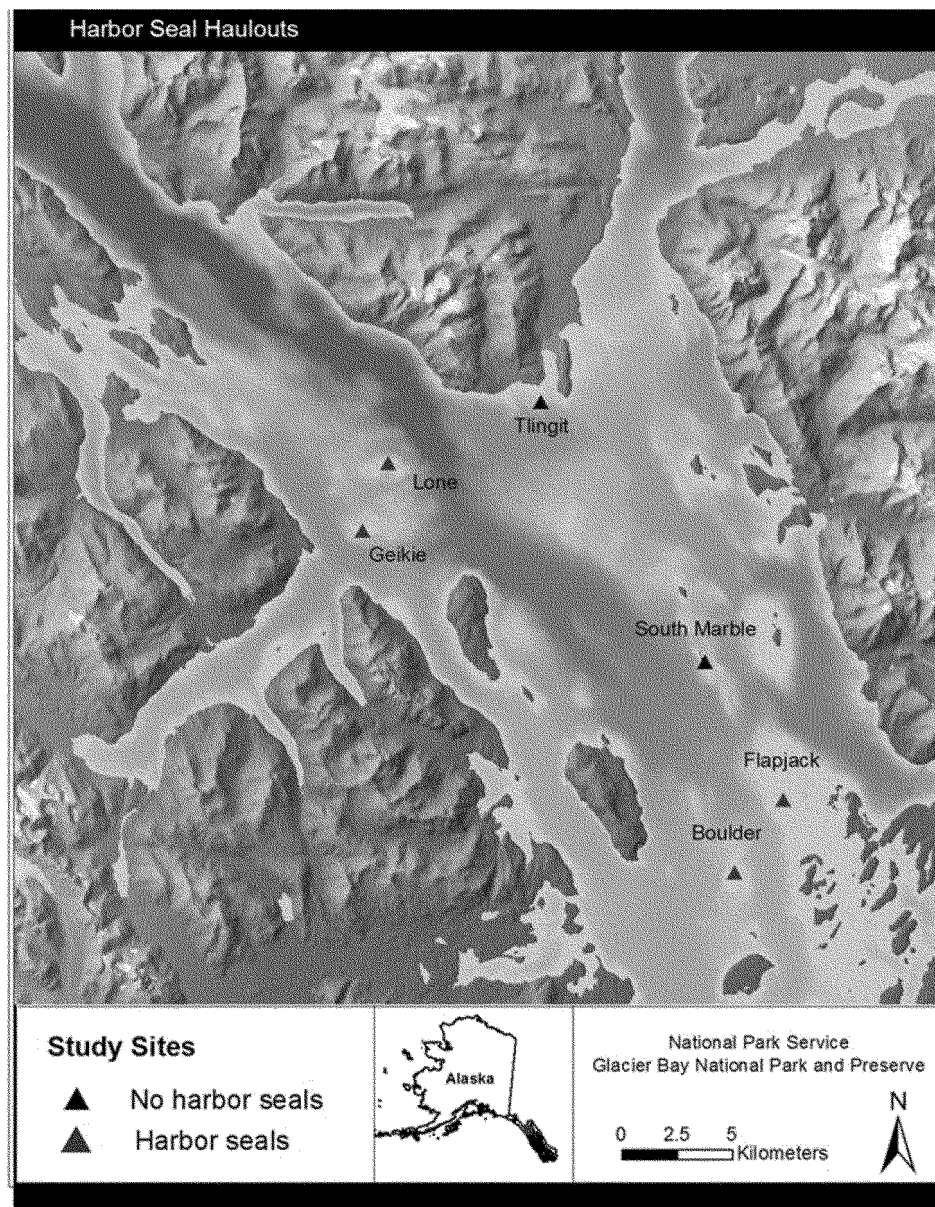
##### Dates and Duration

From May 1 through September 30, 2017, Glacier Bay NP proposes to conduct a maximum of three ground-based surveys per each study site and a maximum of two vessel-based surveys per each study site. Duration of surveys would be 30 minutes (min) to two hours (hr) each.

##### Specified Geographic Region

The proposed study sites would occur in the vicinity of the following locations: Boulder, Lone, and Flapjack Islands, and Geikie Rock in Glacier Bay, Alaska. Glacier Bay NP will also conduct studies at South Marble Island and Tlingit Point Islet (see Figure 1); however, there are no reported pinniped haulout sites at those locations.

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**Figure 1. Proposed locations of the gull monitoring and research sites in Glacier Bay, AK, May through September, 2017.**

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*Detailed Description of Activities*

Glaucous-winged gulls are common inshore residents along the northwestern coast of North America (Hayward and Verbeek, 2008). These gulls nest colonially in small and large aggregations, often on islands. Glaucous-winged gulls are abundant in Southeast AK throughout the year and nest colonially on islands in Glacier Bay from mid-May to August (Patten, 1974). Traditionally the Hoonah Tlingit, whose ancestral homeland encompasses Glacier Bay NP, harvested gull eggs annually during the spring and early

summer months (Hunn, 2002). This historic egg harvest in Glacier Bay was an important activity both for cultural and nutritional purposes. Legislation is currently underway (Hoonah Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act: S. 156 and H. R. 3110) to allow native subsistence harvest of glaucous-winged gulls at up to 15 locations in Glacier Bay NP. An LEIS for gull egg harvest was developed and finalized in 2010 (NPS, 2010). The LEIS Record of Decision mandates that the NPS develop a monitoring program to inform a yearly traditional harvest plan and ensure that harvest activities do not impact park purposes and values (NPS, 2010). Annual monitoring

requirements outlined in the LEIS include: Identify the onset of gull nesting, conduct mid-season adult counts, count number of eggs in nests during harvest, conduct complete nest surveys just before hatch on harvested islands, and document other bird and marine mammal species (pinnipeds present onshore) that may be impacted by harvest activities. Harvest sites will be selected based on several characteristics including size of colony; population parameters including productivity, population status, recent harvest, age of colony; and minimizing disturbance to other species present.

The goal of this project is to collect data on the number and distribution of nesting glaucous-winged gulls to fulfill the mandates of the LEIS Record of Decision and to inform the annual gull egg harvest. Gull monitoring will be conducted using a combination of ground and vessel surveys by landing at specific access points on the islands. Glacier Bay NP proposes to conduct: (1) Ground-based surveys at a maximum frequency of three visits per site; and (2) vessel-based surveys at a maximum frequency of two visits per site from the period of May 1 through September 30, 2017. Surveys can be from 30 min to two hours.

**Ground-Based Surveys:** These surveys involve two trained observers conducting complete nest counts of the colonies (Zador, 2001; Arimitsu *et al.*, 2007). The survey will encompass all portions of the gull colony accessible to humans and thus represent a census of the harvestable nests. GPS locations of nests and associated vegetation along with the number of live and predated eggs will be collected during at least one visit to obtain precise nest locations to characterize nesting habitat. On subsequent surveys, nest counts will be tallied on paper so observers can move through the colony more quickly and minimize disturbance. Ground surveys will be discontinued after the first hatched chick is detected to minimize disturbance and mortalities. During

ground surveys, observers will also record other bird and marine mammal species in proximity to colonies.

The observers would access each island using a kayak, a 32.8 to 39.4-foot (ft) (10 to 12 meter (m)) motorboat, or a 12 ft (4 m) inflatable rowing dinghy. The landing craft's transit speed would not exceed 4 knots (kn) (4.6 miles per hour (mph)). Ground surveys generally last 30 min to two hrs each depending on the size of the island and the number of nesting gulls.

**Vessel-Based Surveys:** Surveys will be conducted from the deck of a motorized vessel and will be used to count the number of adult and fledgling gulls that are visible from the water (Zador, 2001; Arimitsu *et al.*, 2007). Vessel surveys provide more reliable estimate of the numbers of gulls in the colony than ground surveys because NPS can count nesting birds in areas that are inaccessible by foot and because the birds do not flush from the researchers presence. Glacier Bay NP would conduct these surveys by circling the islands at approximately 100 m and counting the number of adult and chick gulls as well as other bird and mammal species present. Surveys can be from 30 min to two hrs in duration.

Proposed mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures are described in detail later in the document (Mitigation section and Monitoring and Reporting section).

### Description of Marine Mammals in the Area of the Specified Activity

Sections 3 and 4 of the NPS' application and the 2015 and 2016 monitoring reports contain detailed information on the abundance, status, and distribution of the species at the study sites from ground and vessel surveys that NPS has conducted as well as information from harbor seal monitoring aerial surveys conducted between 2007–2015 (Womble unpublished data). This information is summarized below and may be viewed in detail at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/research.htm>. Additional species information is available in the NMFS SARs for Alaska at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/region.htm>.

Marine mammals under NMFS' jurisdiction that occur in the vicinity of the study sites in Glacier Bay NP include the harbor seal and Steller sea lion (Table 1). Both are protected under the MMPA and the Steller sea lion is listed as endangered (Western Distinct Population Segment) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Northern sea otters (Southeast Alaska stock) (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) are protected by the MMPA and could occur in the project area. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages Northern sea otters and are therefore are not discussed further in this proposed authorization.

TABLE 1—GENERAL INFORMATION ON MARINE MAMMALS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY HAUL OUT IN THE PROPOSED STUDY AREAS IN GLACIER BAY, ALASKA, MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2017

Species	Scientific name	Stock name	Regulatory status <sup>1,2</sup>	Occurrence and range	Season
Harbor seal .....	( <i>Phoca vitulina</i> ) .....	Glacier Bay/Icy Strait ..	MMPA–NC ESA–NL	common coastal .....	year-round.
Steller sea lion .....	( <i>Eumetopias jubatus</i> ) ..	Eastern U.S. ....	MMPA–D, S ESA–DL	uncommon coastal .....	year-round.
Steller sea lion .....	( <i>Eumetopias jubatus</i> ) ..	Western U.S. ....	MMPA–D, S ESA–E	uncommon coastal .....	unknown.

<sup>1</sup> MMPA: D = Depleted, S = Strategic, NC = Not Classified.

<sup>2</sup> ESA: E = Endangered, T = Threatened, DL = Delisted, NL = Not listed.

<sup>3</sup> 2015 NMFS Stock Assessment Report (Muto *et al.*, 2015).

### Harbor Seals

Harbor seals are the most abundant marine mammal species found within the action area and present year-round. Harbor seals range from Baja California north along the west coasts of Washington, Oregon, California, British Columbia, and Southeast Alaska; west through the Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, and the Aleutian Islands; and north in the Bering Sea to Cape Newenham and the Pribilof Islands. The current statewide

abundance estimate for Alaskan harbor seals is 205,090 (Boveng *et al.* in press as cited in Muto *et al.*, 2015), based on aerial survey data collected during 1998–2011. In 2010, harbor seals in Alaska were partitioned into 12 separate stocks based largely on genetic structure (Allen and Angliss, 2010). Harbor seals have declined dramatically in some parts of their range over the past few decades, while in other parts their numbers have increased or remained stable over similar time periods.

Harbor seals haul out on rocks, reefs, beaches, and drifting glacial ice (Allen and Angliss, 2014). They are non-migratory; their local movements are associated with tides, weather, season, food availability, and reproduction, as well as sex and age class (Allen and Angliss, 2014; Boveng *et al.*, 2012; Lowry *et al.*, 2001; Swain *et al.*, 1996). Pupping in Alaska generally takes place in May and June; while molting generally occurs from June to October.

Harbor seals of Glacier Bay are considered part of the Glacier Bay/Icy

Strait stock (Table 2)—ranging from Cape Fairweather southeast to Column Point, extending inland to Glacier Bay, Icy Strait, and from Hanus Reef south to Tenakee Inlet (Muto *et al.*, 2015). The Glacier Bay/Icy Strait stock showed a negative population trend estimate for harbor seals from 1992 to 2008 in June and August for glacial (–7.7 percent/yr; –8.2 percent/yr) and terrestrial sites (–12.4 percent/yr, August only) (Womble *et al.*, 2010 as cited in Muto *et al.*, 2015). Trend estimates by Mathews and Pendleton (2006) were similarly negative for both glacial and

terrestrial sites. Long-term monitoring of harbor seals on glacial ice has occurred in Glacier Bay since the 1970s (Mathews and Pendleton, 2006) and has shown this area to support one of the largest breeding aggregations in AK (Steveler, 1979; Calambokidis *et al.*, 1987 as cited in Muto *et al.*, 2015). After a dramatic retreat of Muir Glacier (more than 7 km), in the East Arm of Glacier Bay, between 1973 and 1986 and the subsequent grounding and cessation of calving in 1993, floating glacial ice was greatly reduced as a haul-out substrate for harbor seals and ultimately resulted in

the abandonment of upper Muir Inlet by harbor seals (Calambokidis *et al.*, 1987; Hall *et al.*, 1995; Mathews, 1995 as cited in Muto *et al.*, 2015). Prior to 1993, seal counts were up to 1,347 in the East Arm of Glacier Bay; 2008 counts were fewer than 200 (Steveler, 1979; Molnia, 2007 as cited in Muto *et al.*, 2015). The current (2007–2011) estimate of the Glacier Bay/Icy Strait population trend is +179 seals per year, with a probability that the stock is decreasing of 0.40 (Muto *et al.*, 2015).

TABLE 2—HARBOR SEAL STATUS INFORMATION

Species	Stock	ES)/MMPA status; Strategic (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>	Stock abundance (N <sub>min</sub> , most recent abundance survey) <sup>2</sup>	PBR <sup>3</sup>	Annual M/SI <sup>4</sup>	Relative occurrence/season of occurrence
Harbor seal ...	Glacier Bay/Icy Strait (Alaska)	—; N .....	7,210 (5,647; 2011)	169	104	Harbor seals are year-round inhabitants of Glacier Bay, Alaska.

<sup>1</sup> Endangered Species Act (ESA) status: Endangered (E), Threatened (T)/MMPA status: Depleted (D). A dash (—) indicates that the species is not listed under the ESA or designated as depleted under the MMPA. Under the MMPA, a strategic stock is one for which the level of direct human-caused mortality exceeds PBR (see footnote 3) or which is determined to be declining and likely to be listed under the ESA within the foreseeable future. Any species or stock listed under the ESA is automatically designated under the MMPA as depleted and as a strategic stock.

<sup>2</sup> N<sub>min</sub> is the minimum estimate of stock abundance. The most recent abundance survey that is reflected in the abundance estimate is presented; there may be more recent surveys that have not yet been incorporated into the estimate.

<sup>3</sup> Potential biological removal, defined by the MMPA as the maximum number of animals, not including natural mortalities, that may be removed from a marine mammal stock while allowing that stock to reach or maintain its optimum sustainable population size (OSP).

<sup>4</sup> These values, found in NMFS' SARs, represent annual levels of human-caused mortality plus serious injury from all sources combined (e.g., commercial fisheries, subsistence hunting, ship strike). Annual M/SI often cannot be determined precisely and is in some cases presented as a minimum value. All values presented here are from the final 2015 Harbor Seal, Alaska SAR. ([http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/pdf/stocks/alaska/2015/ak2015\\_sehr.pdf](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/pdf/stocks/alaska/2015/ak2015_sehr.pdf)).

Harbor seals from the Glacier Bay/Icy Strait stock can be found hauled-out at four of the gull monitoring study sites (Table 3). Seal counts from gull

monitoring surveys likely represent a minimum estimate due to difficulty observing marine mammals from a vessel. Counts from gull monitoring

surveys are also conducted during high tide so fewer seals may be present.

TABLE 3—NUMBER OF HARBOR SEALS OBSERVED AND FLUSHED FROM HAUL OUT (LEVEL B HARASSMENT) UNDER IHAS AT GULL STUDY SITES FROM 2015 AND 2016 IN GLACIER BAY, ALASKA

Site name	Latitude (dd)	Longitude (dd)	2015 Observed/flushed	2016 Observed/flushed
Boulder .....	58.55535	–136.01814	13/11	21/0
Flapjack .....	58.58698	–135.98251	0/0	101/41
Geikie .....	58.69402	–136.31291	45/14	37/0
Lone .....	58.72102	–136.29470	98/32	58/36
Total .....	.....	.....	156/57	217/77

### Steller Sea Lions

It was determined that take will not occur for Steller sea lions based on survey data available. A total of five Steller sea lions have been observed during the 2015 and 2016 survey seasons, but were observed outside the study area. Although Steller sea lions may be present in the action area, Glacier Bay NP has proposed to avoid any sites used by Steller sea lions. Therefore, Steller sea lions are not

discussed further in this proposed authorization.

The only marine mammals anticipated to be affected by the specified activities and proposed as take for Level B harassment are harbor seals hauled out at the study sites in Glacier Bay and therefore they are the only marine mammal discussed further in this proposed authorization.

### Potential Effects of the Specified Activities on Marine Mammals and Their Habitat

This section includes a summary and discussion of the ways that components of the specified activity may impact marine mammals and their habitat. The “Estimated Take” section later in this document will include a quantitative analysis of the number of individuals that are expected to be taken by this activity. The “Negligible Impact

Analysis and Determination” section will consider the content of this section, the “Estimated Take by Incidental Harassment” section, and the “Proposed Mitigation” section, to draw conclusions regarding the likely impacts of these activities on the reproductive success or survivorship of individuals and how those impacts on individuals are likely to impact marine mammal species or stocks.

In the following discussion, we provide general background information on sound and marine mammal hearing. Acoustic and visual stimuli generated by: (1) Motorboat operations; and (2) the appearance of researchers may have the potential to cause Level B harassment of any pinnipeds hauled out on Boulder, Lone, and Flapjack Islands, and Geikie Rock.

#### *Human Disturbance*

Harbor seals may potentially experience behavioral disruption rising to the level of harassment from monitoring and research activities, which may include airborne noise during the brief periods from research vessels and visual disturbance due to the presence and activity of the researchers on land. Disturbed seals are likely to experience any or all of these stimuli, and take may occur due to any of these in isolation or in combination with the others. Due to the likely constant combination of visual and acoustic stimuli resulting from the presence and vessels and researchers, we assume that harbor seals present may be disturbed and do not consider acoustic effects separately from the effects of potential disturbance due to visual stimuli.

Visual stimuli due to the presence of research activities during the project have the potential to result in take of harbor seals at nearby haul out sites through behavioral disturbance. Harbor seals can exhibit a behavioral response to visual stimuli (*e.g.*, including alert behavior, movement, vocalizing, or flushing). NMFS does not consider the lesser reactions (*e.g.*, alert behavior) to constitute harassment. Upon the occurrence of low-severity disturbance (*i.e.*, the approach of a vessel or person as opposed to an explosion or sonic boom), pinnipeds typically exhibit a continuum of responses, beginning with alert movements (*e.g.*, raising the head), which may then escalate to movement away from the stimulus and possible flushing into the water. Flushed pinnipeds typically re-occupy the haul out within minutes to hours of the stimulus (Allen *et al.* 1984 (Johnson and Acevedo-Gutierrez, 2007).

Disturbances resulting from human activity can impact short- and long-term pinniped haul out behavior (Renouf *et al.*, 1981; Schneider and Payne, 1983; Terhune and Almon, 1983; Allen *et al.*, 1984; Stewart, 1984; Suryan and Harvey, 1999; Mortenson *et al.*, 2000; and Kucey and Trites, 2006). Disturbance includes a variety of effects, including subtle to conspicuous changes in behavior, movement, and displacement. Reactions to sound, if any, depend on species, state of maturity, experience, current activity, reproductive state, time of day, and many other factors (Richardson *et al.*, 1995; Wartzok *et al.*, 2004; Southall *et al.*, 2007; Weilgart, 2007). These behavioral reactions from marine mammals are often shown as: Changing durations of surfacing and dives, or moving direction and/or speed; reduced/increased vocal activities; changing/cessation of certain behavioral activities (such as socializing or feeding); visible startle response or aggressive behavior; avoidance of areas; and/or flight responses (*e.g.*, pinnipeds flushing into the water from haul outs or rookeries). If a marine mammal does react briefly to human presence by changing its behavior or moving a small distance, the impacts of the change are unlikely to be significant to the individual, let alone the stock or population. However, if visual stimuli from human presence displaces marine mammals from an important feeding or breeding area for a prolonged period, impacts on individuals and populations could be significant (*e.g.*, Lusseau and Bejder 2007; Weilgart, 2007).

Numerous studies have shown that human activity can flush pinnipeds off haul-out sites and beaches (Kenyon, 1972; Allen *et al.*, 1984; Calambokidis *et al.*, 1991; Suryan and Harvey, 1999; and Mortenson *et al.*, 2000). In 1997, Henry and Hammil (2001) conducted a study to measure the impacts of small boats (*i.e.*, kayaks, canoes, motorboats and sailboats) on harbor seal haul-out behavior in Métis Bay, Quebec, Canada. During that study, the authors noted that the most frequent disturbances ( $n=73$ ) were caused by lower speed, lingering kayaks and canoes (33.3 percent) as opposed to motorboats (27.8 percent) conducting high speed passes. The seals flight reactions could be linked to a surprise factor by kayaks-canoes, which approach slowly, quietly and low on water making them look like predators. However, the authors note that once the animals were disturbed, there did not appear to be any significant lingering effect on the recovery of numbers to their pre-

disturbance levels. In conclusion, the study showed that boat traffic at current levels has only a temporary effect on the haul-out behavior of harbor seals in the Métis Bay area.

In 2004, Johnson and Acevedo-Gutierrez (2007) evaluated the efficacy of buffer zones for watercraft around harbor seal haul-out sites on Yellow Island, Washington state. The authors estimated the minimum distance between the vessels and the haul-out sites; categorized the vessel types; and evaluated seal responses to the disturbances. During the course of the seven-weekend study, the authors recorded 14 human-related disturbances, which were associated with stopped powerboats and kayaks. During these events, hauled out seals became noticeably active and moved into the water. The flushing occurred when stopped kayaks and powerboats were at distances as far as 453 and 1,217 ft (138 and 371 m) respectively. The authors note that the seals were unaffected by passing powerboats, even those approaching as close as 128 ft (39 m), possibly indicating that the animals had become tolerant of the brief presence of the vessels and ignored them. The authors reported that on average, the seals quickly recovered from the disturbances and returned to the haul-out site in less than or equal to 60 minutes. Seal numbers did not return to pre-disturbance levels within 180 minutes of the disturbance less than one quarter of the time observed. The study concluded that the return of seal numbers to pre-disturbance levels and the relatively regular seasonal cycle in abundance throughout the area counter the idea that disturbances from powerboats may result in site abandonment (Johnson and Acevedo-Gutierrez, 2007).

#### *Vessel Strike*

The probability of vessel and marine mammal interactions (*i.e.*, motorboat strike) occurring during the proposed research activities is unlikely due to the motorboat's slow operational speed, which is typically 2 to 3 knots (2.3 to 3.4 mph) and the researchers continually scanning the water for marine mammals presence during transit to the islands. Thus, NMFS does not anticipate that strikes or collisions would result from the movement of the motorboat.

#### *Harbor Seal Pupping*

During the harbor seal breeding (May–June) and molting (August) periods, ~66 percent of seals in Glacier Bay inhabit the primary glacial ice site and ~22 percent of seals are found in and

adjacent to a group of islands in the southeast portion of Glacier Bay. At the proposed study sites in 2016, only one pup was observed and in 2015, no pups were observed during project activities.

Pups have been observed during aerial surveys during the pupping seasons (conducted during low tide), but in few numbers (see Table 4). NMFS does not anticipate that the proposed activities

would result in separation of mothers and pups as pups are rarely seen at the study sites.

**TABLE 4—AVERAGE AND MAXIMUM COUNTS OF HAULED OUT HARBOR SEALS AT GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL STUDY SITES DURING HARBOR SEAL MONITORING AERIAL SURVEYS FROM 2007–2014 (WOMBLE UNPUBLISHED DATA)**

Site	Average of pup count	StdDev of pup count	Max of pup count
Boulder Island .....	0.7	1.2	5
Flapjack Island .....	16.5	10.8	43
Geikie Rock .....	0.1	0.4	2
Lone Island .....	0.8	0.8	2
Grand Total .....	5.2	9.3	43

#### *Marine Mammal Habitat*

The main impact associated with the proposed activity will be temporarily elevated noise levels and human disturbance and the associated direct effects on marine mammals (*i.e.*, the potential for temporary abandonment of the site), previously discussed in this notice. NMFS does not anticipate that the proposed restoration activities would result in any permanent effects on the habitats used by the marine mammals in the proposed area, including the food sources they use (*i.e.*, fish and invertebrates). Based on the preceding discussion, NMFS does not anticipate that the proposed activity would have any habitat-related effects that could cause significant or long-term consequences for individual marine mammals or their populations. NMFS does not expect that the proposed activity would have any effects on marine mammal habitat and NMFS expects that there will be no long- or short-term physical impacts to pinniped habitat in Glacier Bay, AK. The proposed activities will not result in any permanent impact on habitats used by marine mammals, including prey species and foraging habitat.

#### *Summary*

Based on the available data, previous monitoring reports from Glacier Bay NP, and studies described here, we anticipate that any pinnipeds found in the vicinity of the proposed project could have short-term behavioral reactions (*i.e.*, may result in marine mammals avoiding certain areas) due to noise and visual disturbance generated by: (1) Motorboat approaches and departures and (2) human presence during gull research activities. We would expect the pinnipeds to return to a haul-out site within minutes to hours of the stimulus based on previous research (Allen *et al.*, 1985). Pinnipeds

may be temporarily displaced from their haul-out sites, but we do not expect that the pinnipeds would permanently abandon a haul-out site during the conduct of the proposed research as activities are short in duration (30 min to up to two hours), and previous surveys have demonstrated that seals have returned to their haulout sites and have not permanently abandoned the sites.

NMFS does not anticipate that the proposed activities would result in the injury, serious injury, or mortality of pinnipeds. NMFS does not anticipate that strikes or collisions would result from the movement of the motorboat. The proposed activities will not result in any permanent impact on habitats used by marine mammals, including prey species and foraging habitat. The potential effects to marine mammals described in this section of the document do not take into consideration the proposed monitoring and mitigation measures described later in this document (see the “Proposed Mitigation” and “Proposed Monitoring and Reporting” sections).

#### **Estimated Take**

This section includes an estimate of the number of incidental “takes” proposed for authorization pursuant to this IHA, which will inform both NMFS’ consideration of whether the number of takes is “small” and the negligible impact determination.

Take in the form of harassment is expected to result from these activities. Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as: Any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing

disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

As described previously in the Effects section, Level B Harassment is expected to occur and is proposed to be authorized in the numbers identified below. Based on the nature of the activity and the anticipated effectiveness of the mitigation measures, Level A Harassment is neither anticipated nor proposed to be authorized. The death of a marine mammal is also a type of incidental take. However, as described previously, no mortality is anticipated or proposed to be authorized to result from this activity.

All anticipated takes would be by Level B harassment, involving temporary changes in behavior. NMFS expects that the presence of Glacier Bay NP personnel could disturb animals hauled out and that the animals may alter their behavior or attempt to move away from the researchers.

Harbor seals may be disturbed when vessels approach or researchers go ashore for the purpose of monitoring gull colonies. Harbor seals tend to haul out in small numbers at study sites (2015–2016): Boulder Island—average 4.85 seals, Flapjack Island—average 11.22 seals, Geikie Rock—average 10.25 seals, and Lone Island average of 17.22 seals (see raw data from Tables 1 of the 2016 and 2015 Monitoring Report). Based on previous pinniped observations during gull monitoring (2015 and 2016) conducted by Glacier Bay NP, NMFS estimates that the research activities could potentially affect by Level B behavioral harassment 218 incidents of harassment to harbor seals over the course of the Authorization. This number was calculated by multiplying the average number of seals observed at each site



(2015–2016) by five visits per site for a total of 218 incidents of harassment (Table 5). The highest number of annual visits to each gull study site will be five, therefore it is expected that individual harbor seals at a given site will be disturbed no more than five times per year.

TABLE 5—LEVEL B TAKES BY HARASSMENT BY DURING NPS GULL SURVEYS

Site proposed for survey	Average number of seals observed *	Number of proposed site visits	Incidents of harassments/Level B take
Boulder Island .....	4.85 seals .....	5	24.29.
Flapjack Island .....	11.22 seals .....	5	56.11.
Geikie Rock .....	10.25 seals .....	5	51.25.
Lone Island .....	17.22 seals .....	5	86.1.
	Total 43.5 (44 seals) .....	.....	Total: 218 incidents of harassment.

\* Data from 2016 and 2015 NPS gull surveys.

There can be greater numbers of seals on the survey islands than what is detected by the NPS during the gull surveys. Aerial survey maximum counts show that harbor seals sometimes haul out in large numbers at all four locations (see Table 1 of the application). However, harbor seals hauled out at Flapjack Island are generally on the southern end whereas the gull colony is on the northern end. Similarly, harbor seals on Boulder Island tend to haul out on the southern end while the gull colony is located and can be accessed on the northern end without disturbance. Aerial survey counts for harbor seals are conducted during low tide while ground and vessel surveys are conducted during high tide, which along with greater visibility during aerial surveys, may also contribute to why there are greater numbers of seals observed during the aerial surveys.

#### Potential Effects of Specified Activities on Subsistence Uses of Marine Mammals

Subsistence harvest of harbor seals by Alaska Natives is exempted from the MMPA's take prohibition (16 U.S.C. 1371(b)(1)); however, subsistence harvest of harbor seals has not been permitted in Glacier Bay NP since 1974 (Catton, 1995). The extensive post-breeding seasonal distribution of seals from Glacier Bay (Womble and Gende, 2013b) may expose seals to subsistence harvest outside of the park. Subsistence surveys and anthropological studies demonstrate that harbor seals may be harvested during all months; however, there are typically two distinct seasonal peaks for harvest of seals, which occur during spring and in autumn/early winter (de Laguna, 1972; Emmons, 1991). These time periods co-occur with the time period during which seals travel beyond the boundaries of Glacier Bay (Womble and Gende, 2013b). The level of subsistence harvest on seals from Glacier Bay/Icy Strait stock has not been quantified; however, subsistence

reports from nearby communities have documented subsistence harvest (e.g., Wolfe *et al.*, 2009). Due to the prohibition of subsistence harvest at the gull study sites and the temporary behavior disturbance of marine mammal disturbance caused by this project, we anticipate no impacts to subsistence harvest of marine mammals in the region.

#### Proposed Mitigation

In order to issue an incidental take authorization under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA, we must set forth the permissible methods of taking pursuant to such activity, and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on such species or stock and its habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and the availability of such species or stock for taking for certain subsistence uses.

Glacier Bay NP has based the mitigation measures which they propose to implement during the proposed research, on the following: (1) Protocols used during previous gull research activities as required by our previous authorizations for these activities; and (2) recommended best practices in Womble *et al.* (2013); Richardson *et al.* (1995); Pierson *et al.* (1998); and Weir and Dolman (2007).

To reduce the potential for disturbance from acoustic and visual stimuli associated with the activities Glacier Bay NP and/or its designees has proposed to implement the following mitigation measures for marine mammals:

- Perform pre-survey monitoring before deciding to access a study site;
- Avoid accessing a site where Steller sea lions are present;
- Perform controlled and slow ingress to the study site to prevent flushing harbor seals and select a pathway of approach to minimize the number of marine mammals harassed;

- Monitor for offshore predators at study sites. Avoid approaching the study site if killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) are observed. If Glacier Bay NP and/or its designees see predators in the area, they must not disturb the pinnipeds until the area is free of predators; and

- Maintain a quiet research atmosphere in the visual presence of pinnipeds.

#### Pre-Survey Monitoring

Prior to deciding to land onshore to conduct the study, the researchers would use high-powered image stabilizing binoculars from the watercraft to document the number, species, and location of hauled out marine mammals at each island. The vessels would maintain a distance of 328 to 1,640 ft (100 to 500 m) from the shoreline to allow the researchers to conduct pre-survey monitoring

#### Site Avoidance

If there are Steller sea lions are present, the researchers would not approach the island and would not conduct gull monitoring research.

#### Controlled Landings

The researchers would determine whether to approach the island based on type of animals present. Researchers would approach the island by motorboat at a speed of approximately 2 to 3 kns (2.3 to 3.4 mph). This would provide enough time for any marine mammals present to slowly enter the water without panic (flushing). The researchers would also select a pathway of approach farthest from the hauled out harbor seals to minimize disturbance.

#### Minimize Predator Interactions

If the researchers visually observe marine predators (i.e., killer whales) present in the vicinity of hauled out marine mammals, the researchers would not approach the study site.



### Noise Reduction Protocols

While onshore at study sites, the researchers would remain vigilant for hauled out marine mammals. If marine mammals are present, the researchers would move slowly and use quiet voices to minimize disturbance to the animals present.

### Mitigation Conclusions

NMFS has carefully evaluated the applicant's proposed mitigation measures and considered a range of other measures in the context of ensuring that NMFS prescribes the means of affecting the least practicable impact on the affected marine mammal species and stocks and their habitat. Our evaluation of potential measures included consideration of the following factors in relation to one another:

- The manner in which, and the degree to which, the successful implementation of the measure is expected to minimize adverse impacts to marine mammal species or stocks;
- The proven or likely efficacy of the specific measure to minimize adverse impacts as planned; and
- The practicability of the measure for applicant implementation.

Any mitigation measure(s) prescribed by NMFS should be able to accomplish, have a reasonable likelihood of accomplishing (based on current science), or contribute to the accomplishment of one or more of the general goals listed below:

1. Avoidance or minimization of injury or death of marine mammals wherever possible (goals 2, 3, and 4 may contribute to this goal).
2. A reduction in the numbers of marine mammals (total number or number at biologically important time or location) exposed to received levels of pile driving, or other activities expected to result in the take of marine mammals (this goal may contribute to 1, above, or to reducing harassment takes only).
3. A reduction in the number of times (total number or number at biologically important time or location) individuals would be exposed to received levels of pile driving, or other activities expected to result in the take of marine mammals (this goal may contribute to 1, above, or to reducing harassment takes only).
4. A reduction in the intensity of exposures (either total number or number at biologically important time or location) to received levels of pile

driving, or other activities expected to result in the take of marine mammals (this goal may contribute to a, above, or to reducing the severity of harassment takes only).

5. Avoidance or minimization of adverse effects to marine mammal habitat, paying special attention to the food base, activities that block or limit passage to or from biologically important areas, permanent destruction of habitat, or temporary destruction/disturbance of habitat during a biologically important time.

6. For monitoring directly related to mitigation—an increase in the probability of detecting marine mammals, thus allowing for more effective implementation of the mitigation.

Based on our evaluation of the applicant's proposed measures, as well as other measures considered by NMFS, NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed mitigation measures provide the means of effecting the least practicable impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stock for subsistence uses.

### Proposed Monitoring and Reporting Monitoring

In order to issue an incidental take authorization for an activity, section 101(a)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act states that we must set forth "requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking." The Act's implementing regulations at 50 CFR 216.104 (a)(13) indicate that requests for an incidental take authorization must include the suggested means of accomplishing the necessary monitoring and reporting that will result in increased knowledge of the species and our expectations of the level of taking or impacts on populations of marine mammals present in the action area.

Glacier Bay NP submitted a marine mammal monitoring plan in section 13 of their Authorization application. NMFS may modify or supplement the plan based on comments or new information received from the public during the public comment period. Any monitoring requirement NMFS prescribes should improve our

understanding of one or more of the following:

- Occurrence of marine mammal species in action area (e.g., presence, abundance, distribution, density);
- Nature, scope, or context of likely marine mammal exposure to potential stressors/impacts (individual or cumulative, acute or chronic), through better understanding of: (1) Action or environment (e.g., source characterization, propagation, ambient noise); (2) Affected species (e.g., life history, dive patterns); (3) Co-occurrence of marine mammal species with the action; or (4) Biological or behavioral context of exposure (e.g., age, calving or feeding areas);
- Individual responses to acute stressors, or impacts of chronic exposures (behavioral or physiological);
- How anticipated responses to stressors impact either: (1) Long-term fitness and survival of an individual; or (2) Population, species, or stock;
- Effects on marine mammal habitat and resultant impacts to marine mammals; and
- Mitigation and monitoring effectiveness.

As part of its application, Glacier Bay NP proposes to conduct marine mammal monitoring during the present project, in order to implement the mitigation measures that require real-time monitoring. The researchers will monitor the area for pinnipeds during all research activities. Monitoring activities will consist of conducting and recording observations on pinnipeds within the vicinity of the proposed research areas. The monitoring notes would provide dates, location, species, the researcher's activity, behavioral state, numbers of animals that were alert or moved greater than one meter, and numbers of pinnipeds that flushed into the water.

The method for recording disturbances follows those in Mortenson (1996). Glacier Bay NP would record disturbances on a three-point scale that represents an increasing seal response to the disturbance (Table 6). Glacier Bay will record the time, source, and duration of the disturbance, as well as an estimated distance between the source and haul-out. NMFS would consider only responses falling into Levels 2 and 3 as harassment under the MMPA, under the terms of this proposed authorization.

TABLE 6—SEAL RESPONSE TO DISTURBANCE

Level	Type of response	Definition
1 .....	Alert .....	Seal head orientation or brief movement in response to disturbance, which may include turning head towards the disturbance, craning head and neck while holding the body rigid in a u-shaped position, changing from a lying to a sitting position, or brief movement of less than twice the animal's body length. Alerts would be recorded, but not counted as a 'take'.
2 .....	Movement .....	Movements in response to the source of disturbance, ranging from short withdrawals at least twice the animal's body length to longer retreats over the beach, or if already moving a change of direction of greater than 90 degrees. These movements would be recorded and counted as a 'take'.
3 .....	Flush .....	All retreats (flushes) to the water. Flushing into the water would be recorded and counted as a 'take'.

Glacier Bay NP has complied with the monitoring requirements under the previous authorizations. NMFS posted the 2016 report on our Web site at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/research.htm> and the results from the previous Glacier Bay NP monitoring reports support our findings that the proposed mitigation measures required under the 2014–2016 Authorizations, provide the means of effecting the least practicable impact on the species or stock. During the last two years of this activity, approximately a third of all observed harbor seals have flushed in response to these activities (37 percent in 2015 and 36 percent in 2016). In 2016, of the 216 harbor seals that were observed: 77 flushed in to the water, 3 became alert but did not move >1 m, and 17 moved >1 m but did not flush into the water. On five occasions, harbor seals were flushed into the water when islands were accessed for gull surveys. In these instances, the vessel approached the island at very slow speed and most of the harbor seals flushed into the water at approximately 50–100 m. In 4 instances, fewer than 25 harbor seals were present, but in 1 instance, 41 harbor seals were observed flushing into the water when NPS first saw them as they rounded a point of land in kayaks accessing Flapjack Island. In 5 instances, harbor seals were observed hauled out and not disturbed due to their distance from the survey areas. In 2015, of the 156 harbor seals that were observed: 57 flushed in to the water, 25 became alert but did not move >1 m, and zero moved >1 m but did not flush into the water. No pups were observed. On two occasions, harbor seals were observed at the study sites in numbers <25 and the islands were accessed for gull surveys. In these instances, the vessel approached the island at very slow speed and most of the harbor seals flushed into water at approximately 200 m (Geikie 8/5/15) and 280 m (Lone, 8/5/15). In one instance, (Lone, 6/11/15) NPS counted 20 harbor seals hauled out during our initial vessel-based monitoring, but once on the island, NPS observed 33 hauled

out seals. When NPS realized the number of seals present, they ceased the survey and left the area, flushing 13 seals into the water.

Glacier Bay NP can add to the knowledge of pinnipeds in the proposed action area by noting observations of: (1) Unusual behaviors, numbers, or distributions of pinnipeds, such that any potential follow-up research can be conducted by the appropriate personnel; (2) tag-bearing carcasses of pinnipeds, allowing transmittal of the information to appropriate agencies and personnel; and (3) rare or unusual species of marine mammals for agency follow-up. Glacier Bay NP actively monitors harbor seals at breeding and molting haul out locations to assess trends over time (*e.g.*, Mathews & Pendleton, 2006; Womble *et al.* 2010, Womble and Gende, 2013b). This monitoring program involves collaborations with biologists from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the Alaska Fisheries Science Center. Glacier Bay NP will continue these collaborations and encourage continued or renewed monitoring of marine mammal species. Additionally, Glacier Bay NP would report vessel-based counts of marine mammals, branded, or injured animals, and all observed disturbances to the appropriate state and federal agencies.

#### Reporting

Glacier Bay NP will submit a draft monitoring report to us no later than 90 days after the expiration of the Incidental Harassment Authorization, if issued. The report will include a summary of the information gathered pursuant to the monitoring requirements set forth in the Authorization. Glacier Bay NP will submit a final report to NMFS within 30 days after receiving comments on the draft report. If Glacier Bay NP receives no comments from NMFS on the report, NMFS will consider the draft report to be the final report.

The report will describe the operations conducted and sightings of marine mammals near the proposed project. The report will provide full

documentation of methods, results, and interpretation pertaining to all monitoring. The report will provide:

1. A summary and table of the dates, times, and weather during all research activities.
2. Species, number, location, and behavior of any marine mammals observed throughout all monitoring activities.
3. An estimate of the number (by species) of marine mammals exposed to acoustic or visual stimuli associated with the research activities.
4. A description of the implementation and effectiveness of the monitoring and mitigation measures of the Authorization and full documentation of methods, results, and interpretation pertaining to all monitoring.

In the unanticipated event that the specified activity clearly causes the take of a marine mammal in a manner prohibited by the authorization, such as an injury (Level A harassment), serious injury, or mortality (*e.g.*, vessel-strike, stampede, etc.), Glacier Bay NP shall immediately cease the specified activities and immediately report the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS and the Alaska Regional Stranding Coordinator. The report must include the following information:

- Time, date, and location (latitude/longitude) of the incident;
- Description and location of the incident (including water depth, if applicable);
- Environmental conditions (*e.g.*, wind speed and direction, Beaufort sea state, cloud cover, and visibility);
- Description of all marine mammal observations in the 24 hours preceding the incident;
- Species identification or description of the animal(s) involved;
- Fate of the animal(s); and
- Photographs or video footage of the animal(s) (if equipment is available).

Glacier Bay NP shall not resume its activities until NMFS is able to review the circumstances of the prohibited take. NMFS will work with Glacier Bay

to determine what is necessary to minimize the likelihood of further prohibited take and ensure MMPA compliance. Glacier Bay NP may not resume their activities until notified by us via letter, email, or telephone.

In the event that Glacier Bay NP discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead researcher determines that the cause of the injury or death is unknown and the death is relatively recent (*i.e.*, in less than a moderate state of decomposition as we describe in the next paragraph), Glacier Bay NP will immediately report the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS and the Alaska Regional Stranding Coordinator. The report must include the same information identified in the paragraph above this section. Activities may continue while we review the circumstances of the incident. We will work with Glacier Bay NP to determine whether modifications in the activities are appropriate.

In the event that Glacier Bay NP discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead visual observer determines that the injury or death is not associated with or related to the authorized activities (*e.g.*, previously wounded animal, carcass with moderate to advanced decomposition, or scavenger damage), Glacier Bay NP will report the incident to the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS and the Alaska Regional Stranding Coordinator within 24 hours of the discovery. Glacier Bay NP researchers will provide photographs or video footage (if available) or other documentation of the stranded animal sighting to us. Glacier Bay NP can continue their research activities.

#### Negligible Impact Analysis and Preliminary Determinations

NMFS has defined negligible impact as “an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival” (50 CFR 216.103). A negligible impact finding is based on the lack of likely adverse effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival (*i.e.*, population-level effects). An estimate of the number of takes, alone, is not enough information on which to base an impact determination. In addition to considering the authorized number of marine mammals that might be “taken” through harassment, NMFS considers other factors, such as the likely nature of any responses (*e.g.*, intensity, duration), the context of any responses

(*e.g.*, critical reproductive time or location, migration, etc.), as well as effects on habitat, the status of the affected stocks, and the likely effectiveness of the mitigation. Consistent with the 1989 preamble for NMFS’ implementing regulations (54 FR 40338; September 29, 1989), the impacts from other past and ongoing anthropogenic activities are incorporated into these analyses via their impacts on the environmental baseline (*e.g.*, as reflected in the regulatory status of the species, population size and growth rate where known, ongoing sources of human-caused mortality, or ambient noise levels).

In making a negligible impact determination, we consider:

- The number of anticipated injuries, serious injuries, or mortalities;
- The number, nature, and intensity, and duration of Level B harassment;
- The context in which the takes occur (*e.g.*, impacts to areas of significance, impacts to local populations, and cumulative impacts when taking into account successive/ contemporaneous actions when added to baseline data);
- The status of stock or species of marine mammals (*i.e.*, depleted, not depleted, decreasing, increasing, stable, impact relative to the size of the population);
- Impacts on habitat affecting rates of recruitment/survival; and
- The effectiveness of monitoring and mitigation measures to reduce the number or severity of incidental take.

For reasons stated previously in this document and based on the following factors, NMFS does not expect Glacier Bay NP’s specified activities to cause long-term behavioral disturbance, abandonment of the haul-out area, injury, serious injury, or mortality:

1. The takes from Level B harassment would be due to potential behavioral disturbance. The effects of the research activities would be limited to short-term startle responses and localized behavioral changes due to the short and sporadic duration of the research activities.
2. The availability of alternate areas for pinnipeds to avoid disturbances from research operations. Anecdotal observations and results from previous monitoring reports also show that the pinnipeds returned to the various sites and did not permanently abandon haul-out sites after Glacier Bay NP conducted their research activities.
3. There is little potential for stampeding events or large-scale flushing events leading to injury, serious injury, or mortality. Researchers

would not access the survey sites if Steller sea lions are present. Harbor seals are a species that do not stampede, but flush, and injury or mortality is not anticipated from flushing events. Researchers would approach study sites slowly to provide enough time for any marine mammals present to slowly enter the water without panic.

We do not anticipate that any injuries, serious injuries, or mortalities would occur as a result of Glacier Bay NP’s proposed activities and we do not propose to authorize injury, serious injury, or mortality. Harbor seals may exhibit behavioral modifications, including temporarily vacating the area during the proposed gull research activities to avoid human disturbance. Further, these proposed activities would not take place in areas of significance for marine mammal feeding, resting, breeding, or pupping and would not adversely impact marine mammal habitat. Due to the nature, degree, and context of the behavioral harassment anticipated, we do not expect the activities to impact annual rates of recruitment or survival.

NMFS does not expect pinnipeds to permanently abandon any area surveyed by researchers, as is evidenced by continued presence of pinnipeds at the sites during annual gull monitoring. In summary, NMFS anticipates that impacts to hauled-out harbor seals during Glacier Bay NP’s research activities would be behavioral harassment of limited duration (*i.e.*, up to two hours per visit) and limited intensity (*i.e.*, temporary flushing at most).

Based on the analysis contained herein of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the proposed monitoring and mitigation measures, NMFS preliminarily finds that the total marine mammal take from the proposed activity will have a negligible impact on all affected marine mammal species or stocks.

#### Small Numbers

As noted above, only small numbers of incidental take may be authorized under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for specified activities other than military readiness activities. The MMPA does not define small numbers and so, in practice, NMFS compares the number of individuals taken to the most appropriate estimation of the relevant species or stock size in our determination of whether an authorization is limited to small numbers of marine mammals.

As mentioned previously, NMFS estimates that Glacier Bay NP's activities could potentially affect, by Level B harassment only, one species of marine mammal under our jurisdiction. For harbor seals, this estimate is small (3 percent) relative of the Glacier Bay/Icy Strait stock of harbor seals (7,210 seals, see Table 2).

Based on the analysis contained herein of the proposed activity (including the proposed mitigation and monitoring measures) and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS preliminarily finds that small numbers of marine mammals would be taken relative to the population size of the affected species or stocks.

#### Impact on Availability of Affected Species or Stock for Taking for Subsistence Uses

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA also requires us to determine that the taking will not have an unmitigable adverse effect on the availability of marine mammal species or stocks for subsistence use. There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action. Glacier Bay NP prohibits subsistence harvest of harbor seals within the Park (Catton, 1995). Thus, NMFS has determined that the total taking of affected species or stocks would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for subsistence purposes.

#### Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Issuance of an MMPA authorization requires compliance with the ESA. No incidental take of ESA-listed species is proposed for authorization or expected to result from this activity. Therefore, NMFS has determined that formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

#### National Environmental Policy Act

In compliance with NOAA policy, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), NMFS preliminarily determined the issuance of the proposed IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review. This action is consistent with categories of activities

identified in CE B4 of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion.

#### Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to the NPS Glacier Bay NP for conducting gull monitoring and research activities from May 1 through September 30, 2017, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. The section contains a draft of the IHA itself. The wording contained in this section is proposed for inclusion in the IHA (if issued).

Glacier Bay NP and/or its designees (holders of the Authorization) are hereby authorized under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1371(a)(5)(D)) to harass small numbers of marine mammals incidental to conducting monitoring and research studies on glaucous-winged gulls (*Larus glaucescens*) within Glacier Bay NP, Alaska.

1. This Authorization is valid from May 1 through September 30, 2017.

2. This Authorization is valid only for research activities that occur at the following locations: Boulder (58°33'18.08" N.; 136°1'13.36" W.); Lone (58°43'17.67" N.; 136°17'41.32" W.), and Flapjack (58°35'10.19" N.; 135°58'50.78" W.) Islands, and Geikie Rock (58°41'39.75" N.; 136°18'39.06" W.) in Glacier Bay, Alaska.

3. Species Authorized and Level of Takes.

a. The taking, by Level B harassment only, is limited to 218 takes of the Pacific harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*).

b. The taking by injury (Level A harassment), serious injury or death of any of the species listed in Condition 3(a) or the taking of any kind of any other species of marine mammal is prohibited and may result in the modification, suspension or revocation of this Authorization.

c. The taking of any marine mammal in a manner prohibited under this

Authorization must be reported immediately to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS.

#### 4. General Conditions

A copy of this Authorization must be in the possession of Glacier Bay NP, its designees, and field crew personnel (including research collaborators) operating under the authority of this Authorization at all times.

#### 5. Mitigation Measures

The Holder of this Authorization is required to implement the following mitigation measures:

a. Conduct pre-survey monitoring before deciding to access a study site. Prior to deciding to land onshore of Boulder, Lone, or Flapjack Islands or Geikie Rock, the Holder of this Authorization shall use high-powered image stabilizing binoculars before approaching at distances of greater than 500 m (1,640 ft) to determine and document the number, species, and location of hauled out marine mammals. The vessels shall maintain a distance of 328 to 1,640 ft (100 to 500 m) from the shoreline. If the Holder of the Authorization determines that any Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) are present at the study site, the Holder shall not access the island and will not conduct the study at that time.

b. Minimize the potential for disturbance by: (1) Performing controlled and slow ingress to the study site to prevent a flushing; and (2) selecting a pathway of approach farthest from the hauled out harbor seals to minimize disturbance.

c. Monitor for offshore predators at the study sites and shall avoid research activities when killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) are present.

d. Maintain a quiet working atmosphere, avoid loud noises, and shall use hushed voices in the presence of hauled out pinnipeds.

#### 6. Monitoring

a. NPS and/or its designees shall record the following:

i. Species counts (with numbers of adults/juveniles); and:

ii. Numbers of disturbances, by species and age, according to a three-point scale of intensity (Table 7) including:

TABLE 7—SEAL RESPONSE TO DISTURBANCE

Level	Type of response	Definition
1 .....	Alert .....	Seal head orientation or brief movement in response to disturbance, which may include turning head towards the disturbance, craning head and neck while holding the body rigid in a u-shaped position, changing from a lying to a sitting position, or brief movement of less than twice the animal's body length. Alerts would be recorded, but not counted as a 'take'.

TABLE 7—SEAL RESPONSE TO DISTURBANCE—Continued

Level	Type of response	Definition
2 .....	Movement .....	Movements in response to the source of disturbance, ranging from short withdrawals at least twice the animal's body length to longer retreats over the beach, or if already moving a change of direction of greater than 90 degrees.
3 .....	Flush .....	All retreats (flushes) to the water.

iii. Information on the weather, including the tidal state and horizontal visibility.

b. The observer shall note observations of marked or tag-bearing pinnipeds or carcasses, as well as any rare or unusual species of marine mammal.

c. The observer shall note the presence of any offshore predators (date, time, number, and species).

#### 7. Reporting

The holder of this Authorization is required to:

a. Draft Report: Submit a draft monitoring report to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS within 90 days after the Authorization expires. NMFS shall review the Draft Report which is subject to review and comment by NMFS. Glacier Bay NP must address any recommendations made by NMFS in the Final Report prior to submission to NMFS.

b. Final Report: Glacier Bay shall prepare and submit a Final Report to NMFS within 30 days following resolution of any comments on the draft report from NMFS.

#### 8. Reporting Injured or Dead Marine Mammals

In the unanticipated event that the specified activity clearly causes the take of a marine mammal in a manner prohibited by the authorization, such as an injury (Level A harassment), serious injury, or mortality (e.g., vessel-strike, stampede, etc.), The NPS' Glacier Bay NP and/or its designees shall immediately cease the specified activities and immediately report the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, and the Alaska Regional Stranding Coordinator. The report must include the following information:

- Time, date, and location (latitude/longitude) of the incident;
- Description and location of the incident (including water depth, if applicable);
- Environmental conditions (e.g., wind speed and direction, Beaufort sea state, cloud cover, and visibility);
- Description of all marine mammal observations in the 24 hours preceding the incident;
- Species identification or description of the animal(s) involved;

- Fate of the animal(s); and
- Photographs or video footage of the animal(s) (if equipment is available).

Glacier Bay NP shall not resume its activities until NMFS is able to review the circumstances of the prohibited take. NMFS shall work with Glacier Bay NP to determine what is necessary to minimize the likelihood of further prohibited take and ensure MMPA compliance. Glacier Bay NP may not resume their activities until notified by us via letter, email, or telephone.

In the event that Glacier Bay NP discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the marine mammal observer determines that the cause of the injury or death is unknown and the death is relatively recent (i.e., in less than a moderate state of decomposition as we describe in the next paragraph), Glacier Bay NP shall immediately report the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, and the Alaska Regional Stranding Coordinator. The report must include the same information identified in the paragraph above this section. Activities may continue while NMFS reviews the circumstances of the incident. NMFS would work with Glacier Bay NP to determine whether modifications in the activities are appropriate.

In the event that Glacier Bay NP discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead visual observer determines that the injury or death is not associated with or related to the authorized activities (e.g., previously wounded animal, carcass with moderate to advanced decomposition, or scavenger damage), Glacier Bay NP shall report the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, and the Alaska Regional Stranding Coordinator within 24 hours of the discovery. Glacier Bay NP personnel shall provide photographs or video footage or other documentation of the stranded animal sighting to us. Glacier Bay NP can continue their survey activities while NMFS reviews the circumstances of the incident.

#### Request for Public Comments

NMFS requests comments on our analysis, the draft authorization, and any other aspect of the Notice of Proposed IHA for Glacier Bay's project

activities in AK. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the NPS request for an MMPA authorization.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Donna S. Wieting,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council: Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council). The meeting is open to the public, and participants may provide comments at the appropriate time during the meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, and an opportunity for public comment will be provided around 3:45 p.m. ET. Both these times and agenda topics are subject to change.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hall of the States located at 444 North Capitol Street NW., Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Spidalieri, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (Phone: 240-533-0679; Fax: 301-713-0404; Email: [Kate.Spidalieri@noaa.gov](mailto:Kate.Spidalieri@noaa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ONMS serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 600,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington state to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 13 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national

monuments. National marine sanctuaries protect our nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. The Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council) has been formed to provide advice and recommendations to the Director regarding the relationship of ONMS with the business community. Additional information on the council can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/welcome.html>.

**Matters to be Considered:** The meeting will provide an opportunity for council members to hear news from across the National Marine Sanctuary System and review and comment on program initiatives. For a complete agenda, including times and topics, please visit <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/meetings.html>.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*  
(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: March 1, 2017.

**John Armor,**

*Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Renew Collection 3038-0103, Ownership and Control Reports, Forms 102/102S, 40/40S, and 71 (Trader and Account Identification Reports)

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed renewal of the collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of

information and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments in connection with information collection requirements under certain rules and related forms (the "final rules") that the Commission adopted to enhance its identification of futures and swap market participants.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control No. 3038-0103, by any of the following methods:

- The Agency's Web site, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.
- **Mail:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.
- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Same as Mail above.
- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Portal.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph Otchin, Special Counsel, Division of Market Oversight, at 202-418-5623 or [jotchin@cftc.gov](mailto:jotchin@cftc.gov), and refer to OMB Control No 3038-0103.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of Information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

**Title:** Ownership and Control Reports, Forms 102/102S, 40/40S, and 71 (Trader and Account Identification Reports) (OMB Control No. 3038-0103). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The final rules<sup>1</sup> created new information collection requirements via

§§ 17.01, 18.04, 18.05, and 20.5.

Specifically, § 17.01 provides for the filing of Form 102A, Form 102B and Form 71, as follows:

- Pursuant to § 17.01(a), futures commission merchants ("FCMs"), clearing members, and foreign brokers shall identify new special accounts to the Commission on Form 102A;
- pursuant to § 17.01(b), clearing members shall identify volume threshold accounts to the Commission on Form 102B; and
- pursuant to § 17.01(c), omnibus volume threshold account originators and omnibus reportable sub-account originators shall identify reportable sub-accounts to the Commission on Form 71 when requested via a special call by the Commission or its designee.

Additional reporting requirements arise from § 18.04, which results in the collection of information via Form 40 from and regarding traders who own, hold, or control reportable positions; volume threshold account controllers; persons who own volume threshold accounts; reportable sub-account controllers; and persons who own reportable sub-accounts.

Reporting requirements also arise from § 20.5(a), which requires all reporting entities to submit Form 102S for swap counterparty or customer consolidated accounts with reportable positions. In addition, § 20.5(b) requires every person subject to books or records under current § 20.6 to complete a 40S filing after a special call upon such person by the Commission.

In addition to the reporting requirements summarized above, § 18.05 imposes recordkeeping requirements upon: (1) Traders who own, hold, or control a reportable futures or options on futures position; (2) volume threshold account controllers; (3) persons who own volume threshold accounts; (4) reportable sub-account controllers; and (5) persons who own reportable sub-accounts.

With respect to the collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

<sup>1</sup> 78 FR 69178 (November 18, 2013). Terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the final rules or in the Commission's regulations.

<sup>1</sup> See Commission, Final Rule: Ownership and Control Reports, Forms 102/102S, 40/40S, and 71,

- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to [http://](http://www.cftc.gov)

[www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov). You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission

from <http://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the Information Collection Request will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

**Burden Statement:** The Commission estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

#### FORM 102A

Type of respondent	Number of reporting parties per year	Annualized burden per reporting party (hours)	Total annual industry burden (hours)	Estimated wage rate	Annual industry costs
FCMs, clearing members, and foreign brokers .....	260	106	27,560	\$70.07	\$1,931,129

#### FORM 102B

Type of respondent	Number of reporting parties per year	Annualized burden per reporting party (hours)	Total annual industry burden (hours)	Estimated wage rate	Annual industry costs
Clearing members .....	175	106	18,550	\$70.07	\$1,299,799

#### FORM 71

Type of respondent	Number of responses per year	Annual burden per response (hours)	Total annual industry burden (hours)	Estimated wage rate	Annual industry costs
Originators of omnibus volume threshold accounts or omnibus reportable sub-accounts .....	762	8	6,096	\$70.07	\$427,147

#### FORM 40

[Arising from Form 102A]

Type of respondent	Number of responses per year	Annualized burden per response (hours)	Total annual industry burden (hours)	Estimated wage rate	Annual industry costs
Special account owners and controllers .....	5,250	3	15,750	\$70.07	\$1,103,603

#### FORM 40

[Arising from Form 102B and Form 71]

Type of respondent	Number of responses per year	Annualized burden per response (hours)	Total annual industry burden (hours)	Estimated wage rate	Annual industry costs
Volume threshold account controllers and owners, reportable sub-account controllers and owners .....	18,920	3	56,760	\$70.07	\$3,977,173

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 145.9.

## FORM 102S

Type of respondent	Number of reporting parties per year	Annualized burden per reporting party (hours)	Total annual industry burden (hours)	Estimated wage rate	Annual industry costs
Clearing members and swap dealers .....	39	106	4,134	\$70.07	\$289,669

## FORM 40S

Type of respondent	Number of responses per year	Annualized burden per response (hours)	Total annual industry burden (hours)	Estimated wage rate	Annual industry costs
Persons subject to books and records requirements under § 20.6 .....	2,508	3	7,524	\$70.07	\$527,207

## § 18.05—RECORDKEEPING BURDEN

Type of respondent	Number of responses per year	Annual burden per response (hours)	Total annual industry burden (hours)	Estimated wage rate	Annual industry costs
Volume threshold account controllers and owners, reportable sub-account controllers and owners, and traders who own, hold, or control reportable futures or option positions .....	53	5	265	\$70.07	\$18,569

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Robert N. Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 82 FR 12348, March 2, 2017.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING:** 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 2017.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** The meeting has been cancelled.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, 202-418-5964.

**Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,**  
*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice of Intent To Grant [An Exclusive] [A Partially Exclusive] Patent License

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act and implementing regulations, the Department of the Air Force hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive patent license agreement to SP Global, Incorporated, a corporation of the State of Virginia, having a place of business at 14800 Conference Center Drive, Suite 300, Chantilly, VA 20151.

**DATES:** Written objections must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of publication of this Notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written objections to the Air Force Materiel Command Law Office, AFMCLO/JAZ, 2240 B Street, Room 260, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7109; Facsimile: (937) 255-3733; or Email: [afmclo.jaz.tech@us.af.mil](mailto:afmclo.jaz.tech@us.af.mil). Include Docket No. AFD-1523 in the subject line of the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Air Force Materiel Command Law Office, AFMCLO/JAZ, 2240 B Street, Rm. 260, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7109;

Facsimile: (937) 255-3733; Email: [afmclo.jaz.tech@us.af.mil](mailto:afmclo.jaz.tech@us.af.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Air Force intends to grant the exclusive patent license agreement for the invention described in:

—U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 62/403,774, filed 4 October 2016.

The Department of the Air Force may grant the prospective license unless a timely objection is received that sufficiently shows the grant of the license would be inconsistent with the Bayh-Dole Act or implementing regulations. A competing application for a patent license agreement, completed in compliance with 37 CFR 404.8 and received by the Air Force within the period for timely objections, will be treated as an objection and may be considered as an alternative to the proposed license.

**Anh Trinh,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Change to the Military Freight Carrier Registration Program (FCRP) Open Season****AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DOD**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) is providing notice that it will, effective 01 Mar 17, no longer accept domestic motor transportation service provider (TSP) registrations until further notice. This will affect domestic motor TSPs only (common, contract, logistics management, freight forwarders, and brokers). This does not apply to registration of air, rail, ocean, pipeline, and barge TSPs. This information is included in the Military Freight Traffic Unified Rules Publication-1 (MFTURP-1). There is not a timeframe currently scheduled for the next Open Season. Any future proposed Open Seasons will be advertised on the SDDC's public Web site at [www.sddc.army.mil](http://www.sddc.army.mil) under Domestic Transportation.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, ATTN: Domestic Freight Services Branch, 1 Soldier Way, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5006. Request for additional information may be sent by email to: [usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.carrier-registrations@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.carrier-registrations@mail.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Freight Carrier Registration Team, (618) 220-6470.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*References:* Military Freight Traffic Unified Rules Publication-1 (MFTURP-1).

*Background:* SDDC is always analyzing the effects of mission requirements and carrier capacity to determine projected Open Seasons.

*Miscellaneous:* This announcement can be accessed via the SDDC Web site at: <http://www.sddc.army.mil/>.

**Daniel J. Bradley,**

*Deputy Chief, Domestic Movement Support Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services will take place.

**DATES:**

Day 1—Open to the public Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

Day 2—Open to the public Thursday, March 23, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The address of the open meeting is the Hilton Alexandria—Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22311.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Aimee Kominiak, (703) 697-2122 (Voice), 703-614-6233 (Facsimile), [aimee.l.kominiak.mil@mail.mil](mailto:aimee.l.kominiak.mil@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is 7722 Rockledge Court, Springfield, VA 22152. Web site: <http://dacowits.defense.gov>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the Web site.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to receive briefings and updates relating to their current work. The meeting will open with the swearing-in of six new members to the Committee. The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) will then give a status update on the Committee's requests for information. This will be followed with two panel discussions on the following topics: Women's Retention; and Propensity to Serve. The second day of the meeting will open with a panel discussion on Physiological Gender Differences. The Committee will then receive a briefing on the Boxing Programs at the Military Services Academies. The Committee will close out the day with a Public Comment Period.

*Agenda:* Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

- Welcome, Introductions, Announcements.
- Introduction and Swearing-in of New Committee Members.
- Request for Information Status Update.
- Panel Discussion—Women's Retention.
- Panel Discussion—Propensity to Serve.
- Public Dismissed.

Thursday, March 23, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- Welcome and Announcements.
- Panel Discussion—Physiological Gender Differences.
- Briefing—Boxing Programs at the Military Service Academies.
- Public Comment Period.
- Public Dismissed.

*Meeting Accessibility:* Meeting location is accessible to the public.

*Written Statements:* Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the point of contact listed at the address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2017. If a written statement is not received by Tuesday, March 14, 2017, prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the DACOWITS until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the DACOWITS Chair and ensure they are provided to the members of the Committee. If members of the public are interested in making an oral statement, a written statement should be submitted. After reviewing the written comments, the Chair and the DFO will determine who of the requesting persons will be able to make an oral presentation of their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140(d), determination of who will be making an oral presentation is at the sole discretion of the Committee Chair and the DFO, and will depend on time available and if the topics are relevant to the Committee's activities. Five minutes will be allotted to persons desiring to make an oral presentation. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Thursday, March 23, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in front of the full Committee. The number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2017-OS-0012]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense Education Activity, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of Defense Education Activity announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Advisory Committee Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Department of Defense Education Activity, ATTN: Kathleen Facon, 4800 Mark Center Dr., Alexandria, VA 22350-1400 or call 571-372-5834.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Application for DoD Impact Aid for Children with Severe Disabilities; SD Form 816 and SD 816c; OMB Control Number 0704-0425.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to authorize DoD funds for local educational agencies (LEAs) that educate military dependent students with severe disabilities that meet certain criteria. This application will be requested of military-impacted LEAs to determine if they meet the DoD criteria to receive compensation for the cost of educating military dependent students with severe disabilities.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal governments.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 400.

*Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 50.

*Average Burden per Response:* 8 hours.

*Frequency:* Annually.

The data collection consists of an application and signature sheet that must be submitted by email or fax with the original signature clearly visible on the document. The application is identified as Secretary of Defense Form 816 (SD 816), with SD Form 816C to be used as a continuation page if necessary. In order for DoD to compute the maximum payment amount, the LEA will need to determine and provide the following information in its application. First, the LEA must provide the special education costs of individual military dependent children who have severe disabilities and meet the threshold for payments (at least two military dependents with severe disabilities and the cost per student must be at least five times the national average or three times the state average for students with disabilities, whichever is lower). These

averages are provided to the LEAs by DoD in the application guidelines and acknowledged by the LEA in the application. Second, LEAs are required to identify the number of eligible children who were residing on-base or off-base during the previous school year.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2017-OS-0011]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness OUSD (P&R), Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Advisory Committee Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket

number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Federal Voting Assistance Program, ATTN: Scott Wiedmann, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox 10, Alexandria, VA 22350–5000.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB); Standard Form 186; OMB Control Number 0704–0502.

*Needs and Uses:* The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), 52 U.S.C. 203, requires the Presidential designee (Secretary of Defense) to prescribe official forms, containing an absentee voter registration application, an absentee ballot request application and a backup ballot for use by the States to permit absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to participate in general, special, primary and runoff elections for Federal office.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 300,000.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,200,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 1,200,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

The authority for the States to collect personal information comes from UOCAVA. The burden for collecting this information resides in the States. The Federal government neither collects nor retains any personal information associated with these forms. The collected information will be used by election officials to process uniformed service members, spouses and overseas citizens who submit their information to register to vote, receive an absentee ballot or cast a write-in ballot. The

collected information will be retained by election officials to provide election materials, including absentee ballots, to the uniformed services, their eligible family members and overseas voters during the form's eligibility period provided by State law. No information from the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is collected or retained by the Federal government. The applicant is required to update and resubmit the information annually, whenever they change their mailing address or as otherwise required by State law. If the information is not submitted annually or whenever they change their mailing address, the applicant may not receive ballots for elections for Federal office in that calendar year.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2017–ICCD–0023]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; EDGAR Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2017–ICCD–0023. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance

Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 224–82, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreida Pettiford, 202–245–6110.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* EDGAR Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 1894–0009.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 4,015.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 21,475.

**Abstract:** The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) contain several requirements that grantees maintain certain types of records related to their grants and to report or submit certain information to the Department.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0010]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; IDEA Part B State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR)

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0010. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 226-62, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Rebecca Walawender, 202-245-7399.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also

helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* IDEA Part B State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR).

*OMB Control Number:* 1820-0624.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Federal Government.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 60.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 102,000.

*Abstract:* In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1416(b)(1), not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education, as revised in 2004, each State must have in place a performance plan that evaluates the States efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of Part B and describe how the State will improve such implementation. This plan is called the Part B State Performance Plan (Part B—SPP). In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1416(b)(2)(C)(ii) the State shall report annually to the public on the performance of each local educational agency located in the State on the targets in the States performance plan. The State also shall report annually to the Secretary on the performance of the State under the States performance plan. This report is called the Part B Annual Performance Report (Part B—APR). Information Collection 1820-0624 corresponds to 34 CFR 300.600–300.602.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Tomakie Washington,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0022]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; ED-524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0022. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 224-82, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreida Pettiford, 202-245-6110.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection

necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** ED-524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions.

**OMB Control Number:** 1894-0008.

**Type of Review:** An extension of an existing information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Private Sector.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 5,400.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 94,500.

**Abstract:** The ED-524 form and instructions are included in U.S. Department of Education discretionary grant application packages and are needed in order for applicants to submit summary-level budget data by budget category, as well as a detailed budget narrative, to request and justify their proposed grant budgets which are part of their grant applications.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

[FR Doc. 2017-04539 Filed 3-7-17; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0009]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; IDEA Part C State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR)

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please

use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0009. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 226-62, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Rebecca Walawender, 202-245-7399.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** IDEA Part C State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR).

**OMB Control Number:** 1820-0578.

**Type of Review:** An extension of an existing information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 56.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 61,600.

**Abstract:** In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1416(b)(1) and 20 U.S.C. 1442, each State lead implementing agency must have in place a performance plan that evaluates the agency's efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and describe how the agency will improve implementation. This plan is called the Part C State Performance Plan (Part C SPP). In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1416(b)(2)(C)(ii) the lead agency shall report annually to the public on the performance of each early intervention service program located in the State on the targets in the lead agency's performance plan. The lead agency also shall report annually to the Secretary on the performance of the State under the lead agency's performance plan. This report is called the Part C Annual Performance Report (Part C APR).

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Tomakie Waashington,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

[FR Doc. 2017-04474 Filed 3-7-17; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2016-ICCD-0142]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Rehabilitation Services Administration Grant Re-Allotment Form

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2016-ICCD-0142. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the

Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 226-62, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact David Steele, 202-245-6520.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Rehabilitation Services Administration Grant Re-allotment Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 1820-0692.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 140.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 13.

*Abstract:* The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, authorizes the commissioner to re-allot to other grant

recipients that portion of a recipient's annual grant that cannot be used. To maximize the use of appropriated funds under the formula grant programs, the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services has established a re-allotment process for the Basic Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants; Supported Employment State Grants; Independent Living State Grants, Part B (IL-Part B); Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind (IL-OB); Client Assistance (CAP) and Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) Programs. The authority for the Rehabilitation Services Administration to reallocate formula grant funds is found at sections 110(b)(2) (VR), 622(b) (SE), 711(c) (IL-Part B), 752(j)(4) (IL-OB), 112(e)(2) (CAP), and 509(e) (PAIR) of the Act. The information will continue to be used by the Rehabilitation Services Administration State Monitoring and Program Improvement Division to reallocate formula grant funds for the awards mentioned above. For each grant award, the grantee will be required to enter the amount of funds being relinquished and/or any additional funds being requested.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Tomakie Washington,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

[FR Doc. 2017-04473 Filed 3-7-17; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0020]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524B)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0020. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [http://](http://www.regulations.gov)

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreida Pettiford, 202-245-6110.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524B).

*OMB Control Number:* 1894-0003.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5,200.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 117,100.

*Abstract:* The ED 524B form and instructions are used by many ED

discretionary grant programs to enable grantees to meet ED deadline dates for submission of performance reports to the Department.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017—1:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Buffalo Thunder Conference Center, 20 Buffalo Thunder Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87566.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB), 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506. Phone (505) 995-0393; Fax (505) 989-1752 or Email: [Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov](mailto:Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2017
- Old Business
  - Report from Chair
  - Report from Waste Management Symposia
  - Report from Environmental Justice Conference
  - Consideration and Action on Draft Recommendation 2017-01, "Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Surface Storage"
- New Business
- Update from Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officers and Executive Director

- Overview of Approved NNM CAB Recommendations and DOE Responses
- Break
- Presentation on Regional Epidemiological Studies
- Public Comment Period
- Updates from EM Los Alamos Field Office and New Mexico Environment Department
- Wrap-Up Comments from NNM CAB Members
- Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The EM SSAB, Northern New Mexico, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Menice Santistevan at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Menice Santistevan at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Menice Santistevan at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://energy.gov/em/nnmcab/northern-new-mexico-citizens-advisory-board>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 2, 2017.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory

Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Monday, March 27, 2017—1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2017—9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Applied Research Center, 301 Gateway Drive, Aiken, SC 29803.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan Clizbe, Office of External Affairs, Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802; Phone: (803) 952-8281.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

*Monday, March 27, 2017*

Opening and Agenda Review  
Combined Committees Session  
Order of committees:

- Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation
- Strategic & Legacy Management
- Nuclear Materials
- Waste Management
- Administrative & Outreach

Public Comments  
Adjourn

*Tuesday, March 28, 2017*

Opening, Minutes Approval, Chair Update, and Agenda Review  
Agency Updates  
Public Comments  
Break

Administrative & Outreach Committee Update  
Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Update  
Lunch Break  
Strategic & Legacy Management Committee Update  
Waste Management Committee Update  
Break  
Nuclear Materials Committee Update  
Board Discussion: Meeting Format  
Public Comments  
Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The EM SSAB, Savannah River Site, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Susan Clizbe at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written



statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Susan Clizbe's office at the address or telephone listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** Minutes will be available by writing or calling Susan Clizbe at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://cab.srs.gov/srs-cab.html>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 2, 2017.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under Section 9008(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

**DATES AND TIMES:** March 30, 2017—8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., March 31, 2017—8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mark Elless, Designated Federal Official for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; Email: [Mark.Elless@EE.Doe.Gov](mailto:Mark.Elless@EE.Doe.Gov) and Roy Tiley

at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: [rtiley@bcs-hq.com](mailto:rtiley@bcs-hq.com).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of Meeting:** To develop advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

**Tentative Agenda:** Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities
- Update the Biomass Research and Development Initiative
- Update on other Biomass Related Federal Related R&D programs

**Public Participation:** In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Dr. Mark Elless at; Email: [Mark.Elless@EE.Doe.Gov](mailto:Mark.Elless@EE.Doe.Gov) and Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: [rtiley@bcs-hq.com](mailto:rtiley@bcs-hq.com) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Co-chairs of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Co-chairs will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

**Minutes:** The summary of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 2, 2017.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER17-1070-000]

#### Monument Valley Solar Lessee, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Monument Valley Solar Lessee, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is March 22, 2017.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed



docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DI17-1-000]

#### Bard College; Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type*: Declaration of Intention.
- b. *Docket No*: DI17-1-000.
- c. *Date Filed*: February 6, 2017.
- d. *Applicant*: Bard College.
- e. *Name of Project*: Annandale Micro Hydropower Project.
- f. *Location*: The proposed Annandale Micro Hydropower Project would be located on the Saw Kill Creek, near the town of Red Hook, in Dutchess County, New York.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b) (2012).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Laurie Husted, Chief Sustainability Officer, Bard College, P.O. Box 5000, 30 Campus Road, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504, telephone: (845) 758-7180; email: [husted@bard.edu](mailto:husted@bard.edu); and Applicant Agent: Joel Herm, Principal, Current Hydro LLC, Rhinebeck, NY 12572; telephone: (312) 278-3332, email: [joel@currenthydro.com](mailto:joel@currenthydro.com).

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Jennifer Polardino, (202) 502-6437, or email: [Jennifer.Polardino@ferc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Polardino@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene is*: 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, protests, and motions to intervene using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number DI17-1-000.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed run-of-river Annandale Micro Hydropower Project would consist of: (1) An existing 8-foot-high Annandale Dam on Saw Kill Creek, a tributary of the Hudson River; (2) a 5.5-foot-high overflow spillway; (3) two Gravitation Water Vortex Power Plants having a total installed capacity of 12 kilowatts rated at 9 feet of net head; (4) a transmission line connecting the generating units to a point of interconnection with Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation's power grid; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the project would affect the interests of interstate or foreign commerce. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) would be located on a non-navigable stream over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction and would be constructed or enlarged after 1935.

l. *Locations of the Application*: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above and in the Commission's Public Reference Room located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should

so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: All filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTESTS", and "MOTIONS TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any Motion to Intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments*: Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #2

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

*Docket Numbers*: EC17-86-000.

*Applicants*: Green Mountain Power Corporation, Vermont Transco LLC.

*Description*: Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Expedited Review of Green Mountain Power Corporation, et al.

*Filed Date*: 3/1/17.

*Accession Number*: 20170301-5353.

*Comments Due*: 5 p.m. ET 3/22/17.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–242–001; ER17–243–001; ER17–245–001; ER17–256–001; ER17–652–001.

*Applicants:* Darby Power, LLC, Gavin Power, LLC, Lawrenceburg Power, LLC, Waterford Power, LLC, Lightstone Marketing LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Darby Power, LLC, et. al.

*Filed Date:* 3/1/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170301–5354.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/22/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–419–001.

*Applicants:* American Electric Power Service Corporation, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Transource PA and MD submit Compliance Filing per 1/31/17 Order to be effective 2/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5095.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–1025–001.

*Applicants:* Cedar Point Wind, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Recollection Amendment Filing CPW to be effective 2/24/2017.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5104.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–1026–001.

*Applicants:* Silver State Solar Power North, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Recollection Amendment SSN to be effective 2/24/2017.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5103.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–1088–000.

*Applicants:* Baconton Power LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Request for Category 1 Seller Status to be effective 3/3/2017.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5084.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–1089–000.

*Applicants:* Southern California Edison Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to the Mojave Solar Radial Lines Agreement to be effective 3/3/2017.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5085.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–1090–000.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Indiana, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017 Annual Reconciliation Filing RS No. 253 to be effective 7/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5102.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–1091–000.

*Applicants:* PacifiCorp.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Lehi City Construction Agreement Spring Creek to be effective 5/2/2017.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5154.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

Take notice that the Commission received the following public utility holding company filings:

*Docket Numbers:* PH17–11–000.

*Applicants:* Enbridge Inc.

*Description:* Enbridge Inc. submits FERC 65–A Waiver Notification and Notice of Material Change in Facts.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5099.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 2017–04535 Filed 3–7–17; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER10–2527–003; ER10–3168–019; ER15–356–006; ER15–357–006; ER10–2532–009; ER10–1595–005; ER10–2533–003; ER10–1598–007; ER10–2535–004; ER10–1616–007; ER10–1618–007.

*Applicants:* Allegheny Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, ArcLight Energy Marketing,

LLC, Chief Conemaugh Power, LLC, Chief Keystone Power, LLC, Crescent Ridge LLC, Crete Energy Venture, LLC, GSG, LLC, Lincoln Generating Facility, LLC, Mendota Hills, LLC, New Covert Generating Company, LLC, Rolling Hills Generating, L.L.C.

*Description:* Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Allegheny Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, et. al.

*Filed Date:* 3/1/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170301–5340.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/22/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER10–2563–005; ER10–1894–008; ER10–1882–005; R10–3036–005; ER10–3042–006,

*Applicants:* Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Wisconsin River Power Company, WPS Power Development LLC, Combined Locks Energy Center, LLC.

*Description:* Notification of Change of Status of the WEC MBR Entities.

*Filed Date:* 3/1/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170301–5332.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/22/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–742–000.

*Applicants:* CP Bloom Wind LLC.

*Description:* Amendment to January 4, 2017 CP Bloom Wind LLC tariff filing.

*Filed Date:* 2/6/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170206–5151.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/9/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–1081–000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2017–03–01 ELMP Phase II Filing to be effective 5/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 3/1/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170301–5285.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/22/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–1082–000.

*Applicants:* WPS Power Development, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revised Market Based Rate Tariff to be effective 2/25/2016.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5001.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–1083–000.

*Applicants:* RC Cape May Holdings, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Reliability Must-Run Rate Schedule, Electric Rate Schedule FERC No. 3 to be effective 5/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 3/2/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170302–5007.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/23/17.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings

must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1149]

### Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

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

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with

a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before May 8, 2017. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-1149.

*Title:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local, or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 259,600 respondents and 259,600 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* .166 hours (10 minutes).

*Frequency of Response:* One-time reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

*Total Annual Burden:* 43,267 hours.

*Total Annual Costs:* No Cost.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* Responses to feedback instruments will be confidential.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* There is no Privacy Act impact as personally identifiable information (PII) will not be collected.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or change in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management. Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods of assessing potential nonresponse bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****[OMB 3060-0740]****Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before May 8, 2017. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce

paperwork burdens, and as required by the PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the FCC invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections.

*Comments are requested concerning:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0740.

*Title:* Section 95.1015, Disclosure Policies.

*Form No.:* Not applicable.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities.

*Number of Respondents and*

*Responses:* 26 respondents and 26 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement, and third party disclosure requirement.

*Obligation To Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154 and 303.

*Total Annual Burden:* 26 hours.

*Annual Cost Burden:* \$1,300.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Needs and Uses:* Manufacturers of Low Power Radio Service (LPRS) used for auditory assistance, health care assistance, and law enforcement tracking purposes must include with each transmitting device the following statement: "This transmitter is authorized by rule under the Low Power Radio Service (47 CFR part 95) and must not cause harmful interference to TV reception or United States Navy SPASUR installations. You do not need an FCC license to operate this transmitter. This transmitter may only be used to provide: Auditory assistance to persons with disabilities, persons who require language translation, or persons in educational settings; health

care services to the ill; law enforcement tracking services under agreement with a law enforcement agency; or automated maritime telecommunications system (AMTS) network control communications. Two-way voice communications and all other types of uses not mentioned above are expressly prohibited."

The reporting requirement contained in Section 95.1015 is necessary to ensure that television stations that may be affected by harmful interference from Automated Maritime Telecommunications System (AMTS) operations are notified. Manufacturers of LPRS equipment are required to include a statement regarding the use of the equipment. Additionally, prior to operating a LPRS transmitter for AMTS purposes, an AMTS licensee must notify, in writing, each television station that may be affected by such operations, as defined in Section 80.215(h). The notification provided with the station's license application is sufficient to satisfy this requirement if no new television stations would be affected.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****[OMB 3060-0126]****Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of

information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before May 8, 2017. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the FCC invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections.

*Comments are requested concerning:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0126.

*Title:* Section 73.1820, Station Log.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 15,200 respondents; 15,200 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.017-0.5 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Recordkeeping requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Section 154(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

*Total Annual Burden:* 15,095 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* None.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

*Needs and Uses:* 47 CFR 73.1820 requires that each licensee of an AM, FM or TV broadcast station maintain a station log. Each entry must accurately reflect the station's operation. This log should reflect adjustments to operating parameters for AM stations with directional antennas without an approved sampling system; for all stations the actual time of any observation of extinguishment or improper operation of tower lights; and entry of each test of the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) for commercial stations.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0863]

### Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

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

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning:

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's

burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before April 7, 2017. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB, via email [Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov); and to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov). Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called "Currently Under Review," (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the OMB control number of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general

public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection.

Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0863.

*Title:* Satellite Delivery of Network Signals to Unserved Households for Purposes of the Satellite Home Viewer Act.

*Form Number:* Not applicable.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 848 respondents; 250,000 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.50 hours.

*Frequency of Response:*

Recordkeeping requirement, On occasion reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection action is contained in the Satellite Home Viewer Act, 17 U.S.C. 119. The Satellite Home Viewer Act is an amendment of the Copyright Act; and Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010, Title V of the "American Workers, State, and Business Relief Act of 2010," Public Law 111-175, 124 Stat. 1218 (2010) (STELA).

*Total Annual Burden to Respondents:* 125,000 hours.

*Total Annual Costs:* None.

*Privacy Impact Assessment(s):* No impact(s).

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirements contained in 47 CFR 73.686 describes a method for measuring signal strength at a household so that the satellite and broadcast industries would have a uniform method for making an actual determination of the signal strength that a household received. The information gathered as part of the Grade B contour

signal strength tests will be used to indicate whether a household is "unserved" by over-the-air network signals.

Satellite and broadcast industries making field strength measurements for formal submission to the Commission in rulemaking proceedings, or making such measurements upon the request of the Commission, shall follow the procedure for making and reporting such measurements which shall be included in a report to the Commission and submitted in affidavit form, in triplicate. The report shall contain the following information:

(a) Tables of field strength measurements, which for each measuring location; (b) U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps; (c) All information necessary to determine the pertinent characteristics of the transmitting installation; (d) A list of calibrated equipment used in the field strength survey; (e) A detailed description of the calibration of the measuring equipment, and (f) Terrain profiles in each direction in which measurements were made.

The information collection requirements contained in 47 CFR 73.686 also requires satellite and broadcast companies to maintain a written record describing, for each location, factors which may affect the recorded field (*i.e.*, the approximate time or measurement, weather, topography, overhead wiring, heights and types of vegetation, buildings and other structures, the orientation of the measuring location, objects of such shape and size that cause shadows or reflections, signals received that arrived from a direction other than that of the transmitter, survey, list of the measured value field strength, time and date of the measurements and signature of the person making the measurements).

The information collection requirements contained in 47 CFR 73.686(e) describes the procedures for measuring the field strength of digital television signals. These procedures will be used to determine whether a household is eligible to receive a distant digital network signal from a satellite television provider, largely rely on existing, proven methods the Commission has already established for measuring analog television signal strength at any individual location, as set forth in Section 73.686(d) of the existing rules, but include modifications as necessary to accommodate the inherent differences between analog and digital TV signals. The new digital signal measurement procedures include provisions for the location of the measurement antenna, antenna height,

signal measurement method, antenna orientation and polarization, and data recording.

Therefore, satellite and broadcast industries making field strength measurements shall maintain written records and include the following information: (a) A list of calibrated equipment used in the field strength survey, which for each instrument specifies the manufacturer, type, serial number and rated accuracy, and the date of the most recent calibration by the manufacturer or by a laboratory. Include complete details of any instrument not of standard manufacture; (b) A detailed description of the calibration of the measuring equipment, including field strength meters, measuring antenna, and connecting cable; (c) For each spot at the measuring site, all factors which may affect the recorded field, such as topography, height and types of vegetation, buildings, obstacles, weather, and other local features; (d) A description of where the cluster measurements were made; (e) Time and date of the measurements and signature of the person making the measurements; (f) For each channel being measured, a list of the measured value of field strength (in units of dBμ after adjustment for line loss and antenna factor) of the five readings made during the cluster measurement process, with the median value highlighted.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Notice to All Interested Parties of Intent To Terminate the Receivership of 10394, Patriot Bank of Georgia, Cumming, Georgia

*Notice is hereby given* that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") as Receiver for Patriot Bank of Georgia, Cumming, Georgia (the "Receiver") intends to terminate its receivership for said institution. The FDIC was appointed receiver of Patriot Bank of Georgia on September 2, 2011. The liquidation of the receivership assets has been completed. To the extent permitted by available funds and in accordance with law, the Receiver will be making a final dividend payment to proven creditors.

Based upon the foregoing, the Receiver has determined that the

continued existence of the receivership will serve no useful purpose. Consequently, notice is given that the receivership shall be terminated, to be effective no sooner than thirty days after the date of this Notice. If any person wishes to comment concerning the termination of the receivership, such comment must be made in writing and sent within thirty days of the date of this Notice to: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Division of Resolutions and Receiverships, Attention: Receivership Oversight Department 34.6, 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, TX 75201.

No comments concerning the termination of this receivership will be considered which are not sent within this time frame.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Valerie J. Best,**

*Assistant Executive Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 17-02]

### Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment; Hangzhou Qianwang Dress Co., Ltd. V. RDD Freight International Inc.

Notice is given that a complaint has been filed with the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission) by Hangzhou Qianwang Dress Co. Ltd., hereinafter "Complainant," against RDD Freight International Inc., hereinafter "Respondent." Complainant states it is a People's Republic of China Corporation that "manufactures apparel, including hats and gloves, and sells it to retailers in the United States." Complainant alleges that Respondent is a Commission licensed non-vessel operating common carrier, an international freight forwarder ("FF") and a New York corporation.

Complainant alleges that Respondent failed to wait for receipt of the original Bills of Lading or to get the Complainant's consent before releasing certain shipments of merchandise to the consignee. The consignee had not paid the Complainant for the merchandise at the time of release nor have they paid as of the date of this filing. By releasing the goods to the consignee, Complainant alleges that the Respondent "fail[ed] to establish, observe and enforce just and reasonable regulations and practices relating to or connected with receiving, handling, storing, or delivering

property" which violates 46 U.S.C. 41102(c).

Complainant seeks reparations in the amount of \$134,207.70, and other relief. The full text of the complaint can be found in the Commission's Electronic Reading Room at [www.fmc.gov/17-02/](http://www.fmc.gov/17-02/).

This proceeding has been assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judges. The initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by March 2, 2018, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by September 17, 2018.

**Rachel E. Dickon,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than March 23, 2017.

*A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (David L. Hubbard, Senior Manager) P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034. Comments can also be sent electronically to [Comments.applications@stls.frb.org](mailto:Comments.applications@stls.frb.org):*

*1. John Christopher Harlin, Trustee of the John Christopher Harlin Revocable Trust, John L. Harlin Trustee of the Hugh T. Harlin Trust, John L. Harlin, Trustee UTA John L. Harlin Trust, Linda K. Harlin Trustee UTA Linda K. Harlin Trust, Abigail Christen Harlin, Bradley J. Hardcastle Trustee of the Bradley J. Hardcastle Trust, all of Gainesville, Missouri, Lisa M. Gables of Clifton, Virginia, and Joe D. Hardcastle and B. Sherrill Hardcastle Trustees of the Joe D. Hardcastle Revocable Trust, B. Sherrill Hardcastle and Joe D. Hardcastle Trustees of the B. Sherrill Hardcastle Revocable Trust, Sherrill*

*Hardcastle Custodian under MO-UTMA FBO Faith Morgan Harlin, all of Lebanon, Missouri; collectively as a group acting in concert, to retain shares of Century Bancshares, Inc., Gainesville, Missouri, and thereby indirectly retain shares of, Century Bank of the Ozarks, Gainesville, Missouri, and Ozarks Heritage Financial Group, Inc., Gainesville, Missouri and thereby retain shares of Legacy Bank & Trust Company, Rogersville, Missouri.*

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 3, 2017.

**Yao-Chin Chao,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Board.*

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## GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

### Health Information Technology Advisory Committee Nominations; Request for Letters of Nomination and Resumes

**AGENCY:** Government Accountability Office (GAO).

**ACTION:** Request for letters of nomination and resumes.

**SUMMARY:** The 21st Century Cures Act established the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology on policies, standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria relating to the implementation of a health information technology infrastructure that advances the electronic access, exchange, and use of health information. The Act gave the Comptroller General responsibility for appointing 14 of the committee's members. The Act requires that members at least reflect providers, ancillary health care workers, consumers, purchasers, health plans, health information technology developers, researchers, patients, relevant Federal agencies, and individuals with technical expertise on health care quality, system functions, privacy, security, and on the electronic exchange and use of health information, including the use standards for such activity. GAO is accepting nominations of individuals for this committee. Letters of nomination and resumes should be submitted by April 14, 2017 for appointments that will be made in July 2017. Acknowledgement of submissions will be provided within a week of submission. Please contact Will



Simerl at (404) 679-1888 if you do not receive an acknowledgement.

**ADDRESSES:**

Email: [HITCommittee@gao.gov](mailto:HITCommittee@gao.gov).

Mail: ATTN: HITC Appointments,  
U.S. GAO, 441 G Street NW.,  
Washington, DC 20548.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

GAO Office of Public Affairs, (202) 512-4800.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 114-255, § 3002(d) (2016).

**Gene L. Dodaro,**

Comptroller General of the United States.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-17-0263; Docket No. CDC-2017-0021]

#### Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, 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. This notice invites comment on a revision request for the information collection titled "Requirements for the Importation of Nonhuman Primates into the United States." This information collection contains the reporting and documentation requirements for registered importers of nonhuman primates.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2017-0021 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov).

*Please note: All public comment should be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact the Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

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 of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed

to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

#### Proposed Project

Requirements for the Importation of Nonhuman Primates into the United States (OMB Control No. 0920-0263, Expiration Date, 09/30/2017)—Revision—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

Under the 42 CFR 71.53, CDC collects information pertaining to importers and imported nonhuman primates. This information collection enables CDC to evaluate compliance with pre-arrival of shipment notification requirements and to investigate the number and species of imported nonhuman primates. Also, it enables CDC to determine if adequate measures are being taken for the prevention of exposure to persons and animals during importation.

Since May 1990, CDC has monitored the arrival and/or uncrating of certain shipments of non-human primates imported into the United States. In February 2013, CDC promulgated two regulations pertaining to the importation of nonhuman primates. The first rule, Establishment of User Fees for Filovirus Testing of Nonhuman Primate Liver Samples, outlines a process by which importers can send liver tissues to CDC from primates that die during importation from reasons other than trauma (2/12/2013, Vol.78, No. 29, p. 9828). CDC performs these tests due to the absence of a private sector option. The second rule, Requirements for Importers of Nonhuman Primates, consolidates into 42 CFR 71.53 the requirements previously found in 42 CFR part 71.53 with those found in the Special Permit to Import Cynomolgus, African Green, or Rhesus Monkeys into the United States (2/15/2013, Vol. 78, No. 32/p. 11522). It also rescinded the six-month special-permit requirements for cynomolgus, African green, and rhesus monkeys and extended the time period for registration/permit renewal from 180 days to 2 years, reducing much of the respondent burden. CDC feels these regulatory changes and reporting



requirements balance the public health risks posed by the importation of nonhuman primates with the burden imposed on regulating their importation.

All registered importers of non-human primates are required by 42 CFR

part 71.53 to maintain certain disease control procedures and keep certain records. Standard business practices likely dictate that importers already keep records on the origin, transportation, and disposition of the

nonhuman primates. Thus, CDC asks for information which should already be maintained by the importers and need only be assembled and reported. The estimate of burden hours and costs reflects assembling and reporting only.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Nonhuman Primate Importer .....	CDC 75.10A Application for Registration as an Importer of Nonhuman Primates (New Importer).	1	1	10/60	1
Nonhuman Primate Importer .....	CDC 75.10A Application for Registration as an Importer of Nonhuman Primates (Re-Registration).	12	1	10/60	2
Nonhuman Primate Importer .....	71.53(g)(1)(iii) and (h) Documentation and Standard Operating Procedures (no form) (New Importer).	1	1	10	10
Nonhuman Primate Importer .....	71.53(g)(1)(iii) and (h) Documentation and Standard Operating Procedures (no form) (Registered Importer).	12	1	30/60	6
Nonhuman Primate Importer .....	Recordkeeping and reporting requirements for importing NHPs: Notification of shipment arrival 71.53(n) (no form).	24	6	15/60	36
Nonhuman Primate Importer .....	Quarantine release 71.53(l) (No form).	24	6	15/60	36
Nonhuman Primate Importer .....	71.53(v) Form: Filovirus Diagnostic Specimen Submission Form for Non-human Primate Materials.	10	10	20/60	33
Importer/Filer .....	CDC Partner Government Agency Message Set for Importing Live Nonhuman Primates.	150	1	15/60	38
Importer/Filer .....	CDC Partner Government Agency Message Set for Importing Nonhuman Primate Products.	2,280	1	15/60	570
Importer/Filer .....	Documentation of Non-infectiousness 71.53(t).	2,280	1	5/60	190
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	922

**Leroy A. Richardson,**

*Chief, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**[60 Day-17-0729; Docket No. CDC-2017-0023]**

##### Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, 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. This notice invites comment on the Customer Surveys Generic Clearance for the National Center for Health Statistics. The surveys are used to assess National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) customer satisfaction with the content, quality and relevance of the information NCHS produces.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2017-0023 by any of the following methods:

• **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** *Regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• **Mail:** Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to *Regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *Regulations.gov*.

**Please note:** All public comment should be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking portal (*regulations.gov*) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact the Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; Email: *omb@cdc.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

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 of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

#### Proposed Project

Customer Surveys Generic Clearance for the National Center for Health Statistics (OMB Control No. 0920-0729, Expiration Date 05/31/2017)—Revision—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through NCHS, shall collect statistics on "the extent and nature of illness and disability of the population of the United States." This is a revision request for a generic approval from OMB to conduct customer surveys over the next three years at an overall burden rate of 4000 hours.

As part of a comprehensive program, the National Center for Health Statistics

(NCHS) plans to continue to assess its customers' satisfaction with the content, quality and relevance of the information it produces. NCHS will conduct voluntary customer surveys to assess strengths in agency products and services and to evaluate how well it addresses the emerging needs of its data users. Results of these surveys will be used in future planning initiatives.

The data will be collected using a combination of methodologies appropriate to each survey. These may include: Evaluation forms, mail surveys, focus groups, automated and electronic technology (e.g., email, Web-based surveys), and telephone surveys. Systematic surveys of several groups will be folded into the program. Among these are Federal customers and policy makers, state and local officials who rely on NCHS data, the broader educational, research, and public health community, and other data users. Respondents may include data users who register for and/or attend NCHS sponsored conferences; persons who access the NCHS Web site and the detailed data available through it; consultants; and others. Respondent data items may include (in broad categories) information regarding respondent's gender, age, occupation, affiliation, location, etc., to be used to characterize responses only. Other questions will attempt to obtain information that will characterize the respondents' familiarity with and use of NCHS data, their assessment of data content and usefulness, general satisfaction with available services and products, and suggestions for improvement of surveys, services and products.

In order to capture anticipated additional feedback opportunities, this revision request allows for the potential increase in both respondents and time per response for a total estimated annual burden total of 4,000 hours.

There is no cost to respondents other than their time to participate in the survey. The resulting information will be for NCHS internal use.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Questionnaire for conference registrants/attendees.	Public/private researchers, Consultants, and others.	6,000	1	15/60	1,500
Focus groups .....	Public/private researchers, Consultants, and others.	500	1	1	500

## ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Web-based .....	Public/private researchers, Consultants, and others.	6,000	1	15/60	1,500
Other customer surveys .....	Public/private researchers, Consultants, and others.	2,000	1	15/60	500
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000

**Leroy A. Richardson,**  
*Chief, Information Collection Review Office,  
 Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the  
 Associate Director for Science, Office of the  
 Director, Centers for Disease Control and  
 Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[30Day-17-1030]

#### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The notice for the proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address any of the following: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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 other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of

responses; and (e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice should be directed to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

#### Proposed Project

Developmental Studies to improve the National Health Care Surveys—Generic (OMB Control No. 0920-1030, expires 10/31/2017)—Extension—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through the Division of Health Care Statistics (DHCS) within NCHS, shall collect statistics on the extent and nature of illness and disability of the population of the United States.

The DHCS conducts the National Health Care Surveys, a family of nationally representative surveys of encounters and health care providers in inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care settings. This information collection request is for the extension of a generic clearance to conduct developmental studies to improve this family of surveys. This three year clearance period will include studies to evaluate and improve upon existing survey design and operations, as well as to examine the feasibility of, and address challenges that may arise with, future expansions of the National Health Care Surveys.

Specifically, this request covers developmental research with the following aims: (1) To explore ways to

refine and improve upon existing survey designs and procedures; and (2) to explore and evaluate proposed survey designs and alternative approaches to data collection. The goal of these research studies is to further enhance DHCS existing and future data collection protocols to increase research capacity and improve health care data quality for the purpose of monitoring public health and well-being at the national, state and local levels, thereby informing the health policy decision-making process. The information collected through will not be used to make generalizable statements about the population of interest or to inform public policy; however, methodological findings may be reported.

This generic information collection would include studies conducted in person, via the telephone or internet, and by postal or electronic mail. Methods covered would include qualitative (e.g., usability testing, focus groups, ethnographic studies, and respondent debriefing questionnaires) and/or quantitative (e.g., pilot tests, pre-tests and split sample experiments) research methodologies. Examples of studies to improve existing survey designs and procedures may include evaluation of incentive approaches to improve recruitment and increase participation rates; testing of new survey items to obtain additional data on providers, patients, and their encounters while minimizing misinterpretation and human error in data collection; testing data collection in panel surveys; triangulating and validating survey responses from multiple data sources; assessment of the feasibility of data retrieval; and development of protocols that will locate, identify, and collect accurate survey data in the least labor-intensive and burdensome manner at the sampled practice site.

To explore and evaluate proposed survey designs and alternative approaches to collecting data, especially with the nationwide adoption of electronic health records, studies may expand the evaluation of data extraction

of electronic health records and submission via continuity of care documentation to small/mid-size/large medical providers and hospital networks, managed care health plans, prison-hospitals, and other inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care settings that are currently either in-scope or out-of-scope of the National Health Care Surveys. Research on feasibility, data quality and respondent burden also may be carried out in the context of developing new surveys of health care providers and establishments that are currently out-of-scope of the National Health Care Surveys.

Specific motivations for conducting developmental studies include: (1) Within the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS), new clinical groups may be expanded to include dentists, psychologists, podiatrists, chiropractors, optometrists), mid-level providers (*e.g.*, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives) and allied-health professionals (*e.g.*, certified nursing aides, medical assistants, radiology technicians, laboratory technicians, pharmacists, dietitians/nutritionists). Current sampling frames such as those

from the American Medical Association may be obtained and studied, as well as frames that are not currently in use by NAMCS, such as state and organizational listings of other licensed providers. (2) Within the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers, additional new frames may be sought and evaluated and data items from home care agencies, long-term care hospitals, and facilities exclusively serving individuals with intellectual/developmental disability may be tested. Similarly, data may be obtained from lists compiled by states and other organizations. Data about the facilities as well as residents and their visits will be investigated. (3) In the inpatient and outpatient care settings, the National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) and the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) may investigate the addition of facility and patient information especially as it relates to insurance and electronic medical records.

The National Health Care Surveys collect critical, accurate data that are used to produce reliable national estimates—and in recent years (when budget allows), state-level estimates—of clinical services and of the providers

who delivered those services in inpatient, outpatient, ambulatory, and long-term care settings. The data from these surveys are used by providers, policy makers and researchers to address important topics of interest, including the quality and disparities of care among populations, epidemiology of medical conditions, diffusion of technologies, effects of policies and practice guidelines, and changes in health care over time. Research studies need to be conducted to improve existing and proposed survey design and procedures of the National Health Care Surveys, as well as to evaluate alternative data collection approaches particularly due to the expansion of electronic health record use, and to develop new sample frames of currently out-of-scope providers and settings of care. There is no cost to respondents other than their time to participate. Average burdens are designed to cover 15–40 min interviews as well as 90 minute focus groups, longer on-site visits, and situations where organizations may be preparing electronic data files. The total estimated annualized burden is 7,085 hours.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of research	Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Interviews, surveys, focus groups, experiments (in person, phone, internet, postal/electronic mail).	Health Care Providers and Business entities	6,667	1	1
Interviews, surveys, focus groups, experiments (in person, phone, internet, postal/electronic mail).	Health Care Providers, State/local government agencies, and business entities.	167	1	2.5

**Leroy A. Richardson,**

*Chief, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**[60Day–17–1027; Docket No. CDC–2017–0020]**

##### Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, 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. This notice invites comment on the proposal to revise the generic information collection plan titled “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery (NCHHSTP).”

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2017–0020 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to *Regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *Regulations.gov*.

**Please note:** Submit public comment through the Federal eRulemaking portal (*regulations.gov*) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact the Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

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 of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal

agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

#### Proposed Project

Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery (OMB Control Number 0920-1027, Expiration Date, 8/31/2017)—Revision—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP).

#### Background and Brief Description

The information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Federal government's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study.

This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services will be unavailable.

CDC/ATSDR will only submit a collection for approval under this

generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
- Information gathered is intended to be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency (if released, the agency must indicate the qualitative nature of the information);
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

This is a revision to the previously approved collection to reduce the burden hours from 12,400 to 9,690 hours as a result of the previous usage and anticipated future usage of this Generic Information Collection. Respondents will be screened and selected from Individuals and

Households, Businesses, Organizations, and/or State, Local or Tribal Government. There is no cost to respondents other than their time. The estimated annualized burden hours for this data collection activity are 9,690.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of collection	Number of respondents	Annual frequency per response	Hours per response	Total hours
Online surveys .....	10,500	1	30/60	5,250
Discussion Groups .....	280	1	2	560
Focus groups .....	640	1	2	1,280
Web site/app usability testing .....	2,000	1	30/60	1,000
Interviews .....	800	1	2	1,600
Totals .....	14,220	.....	.....	9,690

**Leroy A. Richardson,**

*Chief, Information Collection Review Office,  
Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the  
Associate Director for Science, Office of the  
Director, Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2017-N-0067]

#### Joint Meeting of the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee and the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee; Amendment of Notice

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an amendment to the notice of the joint meeting of the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee and the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee. This meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** of January 11, 2017. The amendment is being made to reflect a change in the **ADDRESSES** portion of the document. There are no other changes.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie L. Begansky, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31, Rm. 2417, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-9001, FAX: 301-847-8533, email: [AADPAC@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:AADPAC@fda.hhs.gov), or FDA

Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area). Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of January 11, 2017 (82 FR 3333), FDA announced that the joint meeting of the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee and the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee would be held on March 13-14, 2017. On page 3334, in the first column, under the **ADDRESSES** caption, the address of the meeting and the phone number in the first six lines is changed to read as follows:

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Tommy Douglas Conference Center, 10000 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20903. The conference center's telephone number is 240-645-4000.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to the advisory committees.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Janice M. Soreth,**

*Associate Commissioner for Special Medical Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Indian Health Service

#### Notice To Propose the Re-Designation of the Service Delivery Area for the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township

**AGENCY:** Indian Health Service, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Indian Health Service (IHS) proposes to expand the geographic boundaries of the Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Service Delivery Area (SDA) for the Passamaquoddy Tribe's reservation at Indian Township (Passamaquoddy at Indian Township or Tribe) in Maine. This notice does not propose to change or expand the PRC SDA for the Tribe's Pleasant Point reservation. This notice only relates to the expansion of the Tribe's PRC SDA for the Indian Township reservation.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments in one of four ways detailed below. However, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission due to staff and resource limitations. Please choose one method below:

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the "Submit a Comment" instructions.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Betty Gould, Regulations Officer, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mailstop: 09E70, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to

be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments to the above address.

4. *By hand or courier.* If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments before the close of the comment period to the address above. If you intend to deliver your comments to the Rockville address, please call telephone number (301) 443-1116 in advance to schedule your arrival with a staff member.

Comments will be made available for public inspection at the Rockville address from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday–Friday, two weeks after publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terri Schmidt, Acting Director, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mailstop: 10E85C, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Telephone 301/443-2694 (This is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Inspection of Public Comments:* All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment.

*Background:* The Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96–420; H. Rept. 96–1353) includes the intent of Congress to fund and provide PRC to the Passamaquoddy Tribe. The Passamaquoddy Tribe has two reservations: Indian Township and Pleasant Point. The PRC SDA for the Indian Township reservation is Aroostook County, ME, and Washington County, ME. The PRC SDA for the Pleasant Point reservation is Washington County, ME, south of State Route 9, and Aroostook County, ME.

The IHS currently provides services under regulations codified at 42 CFR part 136, subparts A through C. Subpart C defines a Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Service Delivery Area (SDA), formerly referred to as a Contract Health Service Delivery Area, as the geographic area within which PRC will be made available by the IHS to members of an identified Indian community who reside in the area. Residence in a PRC SDA by a person who is within the scope of the Indian health program, as set forth in 42 CFR 136.12, creates no legal entitlement to PRC but only potential eligibility for services. Services needed but not

available at an IHS/Tribal facility are provided under the PRC program depending on the availability of funds, the person's relative medical priority, and the actual availability and accessibility of alternate resources in accordance with the regulations.

As applicable to the Tribes, these regulations provide that, unless otherwise designated, a PRC SDA shall consist of a county which includes all or part of a reservation and any county or counties which have a common boundary with the reservation. 42 CFR 136.22(a)(6). The regulations also provide that after consultation with the Tribal governing body or bodies on those reservations included within the PRC SDA, the Secretary may from time to time, re-designate areas within the United States for inclusion in or exclusion from a PRC SDA. The regulations require that certain criteria must be considered before any re-designation is made. The criteria are as follows:

(1) The number of Indians residing in the area proposed to be so included or excluded;

(2) Whether the Tribal governing body has determined that Indians residing in the area near the reservation are socially and economically affiliated with the Tribe;

(3) The geographic proximity to the reservation of the area whose inclusion or exclusion is being considered; and

(4) The level of funding which would be available for the provision of PRC. 42 CFR 136.22(b).

Additionally, the regulations require that any re-designation of a PRC SDA must be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. 553). *See* 42 CFR 136.22(c). In compliance with this requirement, we are publishing this proposal and requesting public comments.

The Passamaquoddy Tribe is a federally recognized tribe with two separate reservations, Indian Township and Pleasant Point, located approximately 50 miles apart. Each respective reservation elects its own governing body and each reservation has a separate PRC SDA. The Indian Township reservation of the Passamaquoddy Tribe has a PRC SDA consisting of Aroostook and Washington Counties in the State of Maine. The PRC SDA for the Passamaquoddy Tribe's reservation at Pleasant Point is Washington County, Maine, south of State Route 9, and Aroostook County,

Maine. IHS adopted a PRC SDA for each of the Passamaquoddy Tribe's reservations for the purposes of administering benefits under the IHS PRC program. Thus, members of the Tribe who reside outside of Aroostook and Washington Counties do not reside within the PRC SDA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and they are currently not eligible for PRC services from the Tribe.

The Passamaquoddy Tribe has a significant number of members who are not residents of Aroostook and Washington Counties. According to Tribal estimates, 257 enrolled Passamaquoddy members reside in Hancock County in the State of Maine and remain actively involved with the Tribe, but they are not currently eligible for PRC care. The Tribe provides direct services to its members by operating a clinic in Washington County.

Under 42 CFR 136.23, those otherwise eligible Indians who do not reside on a reservation but reside within a PRC service delivery area must be either members of the Tribe or maintain close economic and social ties with the Tribe. In this case, in applying the aforementioned PRC service delivery area re-designation criteria required by operative regulations (43 FR 34654), the following findings are made:

1. By expanding, the Tribe estimates the current eligible population will be increased by 257.

2. The Tribe has determined that these 257 individuals are socially and economically affiliated with the Tribe.

3. The expanded area, Hancock County, ME, maintains a common boundary with Washington County, ME, the county in which the Tribe's Indian Township reservation is located.

4. The Tribe will use its existing Federal allocation for PRC funds to provide services to the expanded population. No additional financial resources will be allocated by IHS to the Tribe to provide services to Tribal members residing in Hancock County.

Accordingly, the purpose of this **Federal Register** notice is to notify the public of the proposal to expand the PRC service delivery area of the Passamaquoddy Tribe's Indian Township reservation to include Hancock County in the State of Maine. The proposed notice will expand their current service delivery area to include Hancock County in the State of Maine.

## PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

Tribe/reservation	County/state
Ak Chin Indian Community .....	Pinal, AZ.
Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas .....	Polk, TX. <sup>1</sup>
Alaska .....	Entire State. <sup>2</sup>
Arapahoe Tribe of the Wind River Reservation .....	Hot Springs, WY, Fremont, WY, Sublette, WY.
Aroostook Band of Micmacs .....	Aroostook, ME. <sup>3</sup>
Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana.	Daniels, MT, McCone, MT, Richland, MT, Roosevelt, MT, Sheridan, MT, Valley, MT.
Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin.	Ashland, WI, Iron, WI.
Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan .....	Chippewa, MI.
Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana .....	Glacier, MT, Pondera, MT.
Brigham City Intermountain School Health Center, Utah [Permanently closed].	(4)
Burns Paiute Tribe .....	Harney, OR.
California .....	Entire State, except for the counties listed in the footnote. <sup>5</sup>
Catawba Indian Nation .....	All Counties in SC, <sup>6</sup> Cabarrus, NC, Cleveland, NC, Gaston, NC, Mecklenburg, NC, Rutherford, NC, Union, NC.
Cayuga Nation .....	Allegany, NY, <sup>7</sup> Cattaraugus, NY, Chautauqua, NY, Erie, NY, Warren, PA.
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota.	Corson, SD, Dewey, SD, Haakon, SD, Meade, SD, Perkins, SD, Potter, SD, Stanley, SD, Sully, SD, Walworth, SD, Ziebach, SD.
Chippewa-Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Montana .....	Chouteau, MT, Hill, MT, Liberty, MT.
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana .....	St. Mary Parish, LA.
Cocopah Tribe of Arizona .....	Yuma, AZ, Imperial, CA.
Coeur D'Alene Tribe .....	Benewah, ID, Kootenai, ID, Latah, ID, Spokane, WA, Whitman, WA.
Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Arizona and California.	La Paz, AZ, Riverside, CA, San Bernardino, CA, Yuma, AZ.
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation	Flathead, MT, Lake, MT, Missoula, MT, Sanders, MT.
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation .....	Klickitat, WA, Lewis, WA, Skamania, WA, <sup>8</sup> Yakima, WA.
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon .....	Benton, OR, <sup>9</sup> Clackamas, OR, Lane, OR, Lincoln, OR, Linn, OR, Marion, OR, Multnomah, OR, Polk, OR, Tillamook, OR, Washington, OR, Yam Hill, OR.
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation .....	Grays Harbor, WA, Lewis, WA, Thurston, WA.
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Washington .....	Chelan, WA, <sup>10</sup> Douglas, WA, Ferry, WA, Grant, WA, Lincoln, WA, Okanogan, WA, Stevens, WA.
Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians	Coos, OR, <sup>11</sup> Curry, OR, Douglas, OR, Lane, OR, Lincoln, OR.
Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Nevada and Utah .....	Nevada, Juab, UT, Toole, UT.
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon .....	Polk, OR, <sup>12</sup> Washington, OR, Marion, OR, Tillamook, OR, Multnomah, OR, Yam Hill, OR.
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation .....	Umatilla, OR, Union, OR.
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon .....	Clackamas, OR, Jefferson, OR, Linn, OR, Marion, OR, Wasco, OR.
Coquille Indian Tribe .....	Coos, OR, Curry, OR, Douglas, OR, Jackson, OR, Lane, OR.
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana .....	Allen Parish, LA, Elton, LA. <sup>13</sup>
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians .....	Coos, OR, <sup>14</sup> Deshutes, OR, Douglas, OR, Jackson, OR, Josephine, OR, Klamath, OR, Lane, OR.
Cowlitz Indian Tribe .....	Clark, WA, Columbia, OR, <sup>15</sup> Cowlitz, WA, King, WA, Kittitas, WA, Lewis, WA, Pierce, WA, Skamania, WA, Thurston, WA, Wahkiakum, WA.
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota	Brule, SD, Buffalo, SD, Hand, SD, Hughes, SD, Hyde, SD, Lyman, SD, Stanley, SD.
Crow Tribe of Montana .....	Big Horn, MT, Big Horn, WY, Carbon, MT, Treasure, MT, <sup>16</sup> Yellowstone, MT, Sheridan, WY.
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians .....	Cherokee, NC, Graham, NC, Haywood, NC, Jackson, NC, Swain, NC.
Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming .....	Fremont, WY, Hot Springs, WY, Sublette, WY.
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota .....	Moody, SD.
Forest County Potawatomi Community, Wisconsin .....	Forest, WI, Marinette, WI, Oconto, WI.
Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana.	Blaine, MT, Phillips, MT.
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, Nevada and Oregon.	Nevada, Malheur, OR.
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Arizona .....	Maricopa, AZ.
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada .....	Nevada, Mohave, AZ, San Bernardino, CA.
Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona.	Maricopa, AZ, Pinal, AZ.
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Michigan .....	Antrim, MI, <sup>17</sup> Benzie, MI, Charlevoix, MI, Grand Traverse, MI, Leelanau, MI, Manistee, MI.
Hannahville Indian Community, Michigan .....	Delta, MI, Menominee, MI.
Haskell Indian Health Center .....	Douglas, KS. <sup>18</sup>
Havasupai Tribe of the Havasupai Reservation, Arizona .....	Coconino, AZ.



## PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS—Continued

Tribe/reservation	County/state
Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin .....	Adams, WI, <sup>19</sup> Clark, WI, Columbia, WI, Crawford, WI, Dane, WI, Eau Claire, WI, Houston, MN, Jackson, WI, Juneau, WI, La Crosse, WI, Marathon, WI, Monroe, WI, Sauk, WI, Shawano, WI, Vernon, WI, Wood, WI.
Hoh Indian Tribe .....	Jefferson, WA.
Hopi Tribe of Arizona .....	Apache, AZ, Coconino, AZ, Navajo, AZ.
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians .....	Aroostook, ME. <sup>20</sup>
Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation, Arizona .....	Coconino, AZ, Mohave, AZ, Yavapai, AZ.
Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska .....	Brown, KS, Doniphan, KS, Richardson, NE.
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe .....	Clallam, WA, Jefferson, WA.
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians .....	Grand Parish, LA, <sup>21</sup> LaSalle Parish, LA, Rapides Parish, LA.
Jicarilla Apache Nation, New Mexico .....	Archuleta, CO, Rio Arriba, NM, Sandoval, NM.
Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians of the Kaibab Indian Reservation, Arizona.	Coconino, AZ, Mohave, AZ, Kane, UT.
Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation .....	Pend Oreille, WA, Spokane, WA.
Kewa Pueblo, New Mexico .....	Sandoval, NM, Santa Fe, NM.
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan .....	Baraga, MI, Houghton, MI, Ontonagon, MI.
Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas .....	Maverick, TX. <sup>22</sup>
Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas .....	Brown, KS, Jackson, KS.
Klamath Tribes .....	Klamath, OR. <sup>23</sup>
Koi Nation of Northern California (formerly known as Lower Lake Rancheria, California).	Lake, CA, Sonoma, CA. <sup>24</sup>
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho .....	Boundary, ID.
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.	Sawyer, WI.
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of the Lac du Flambeau Reservation of Wisconsin.	Iron, WI, Oneida, WI, Vilas, WI.
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Michigan	Gogebic, MI.
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan .....	Kent, MI, <sup>25</sup> Manistee, MI, Mason, MI, Muskegon, MI, Newaygo, MI, Oceana, MI, Ottawa, MI, Wexford, MI, Lake, MI.
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan .....	Alcona, MI, <sup>25</sup> Alger, MI, Alpena, MI, Antrim, MI, Benzie, MI, Charlevoix, MI, Cheboygan, MI, Chippewa, MI, Crawford, MI, Delta, MI, Emmet, MI, Grand Traverse, MI, Iosco, MI, Kalkaska, MI, Leelanau, MI, Luce, MI, Mackinac, MI, Manistee, MI, Missaukee, MI, Montmorency, MI, Ogemaw, MI, Oscoda, MI, Otsego, MI, Presque Isle, MI, Schoolcraft, MI, Roscommon, MI, Wexford, MI.
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota	Brule, SD, Buffalo, SD, Hughes, SD, Lyman, SD, Stanley, SD.
Lower Elwha Tribal Community .....	Clallam, WA.
Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota .....	Redwood, MN, Renville, MN.
Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation .....	Whatcom, WA.
Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation .....	Clallam, WA.
Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe .....	New London, CT. <sup>26</sup>
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe .....	Barnstable, MA, Bristol, MA, Norfolk, MA, Plymouth, MA, Suffolk, MA. <sup>27</sup>
Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan ....	Allegan, MI, <sup>28</sup> Barry, MI, Kalamazoo, MI, Kent, MI, Ottawa, MI.
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin .....	Langlade, WI, Menominee, WI, Oconto, WI, Shawano, WI.
Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico ....	Chaves, NM, Lincoln, NM, Otero, NM.
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians .....	Broward, FL, Collier, FL, Miami-Dade, FL, Hendry, FL.
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake) ....	Itasca, MN, Koochiching, MN, St. Louis, MN.
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota Fond du Lac Band .....	Carlton, MN, St. Louis, MN.
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota Grand Portage Band .....	Cook, MN.
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota Leech Lake Band .....	Beltrami, MN, Cass, MN, Hubbard, MN, Itasca, MN.
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota Mille Lacs Band .....	Aitkin, MN, Kanebec, MN, Mille Lacs, MN, Pine, MN.
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota White Earth Band .....	Becker, MN, Clearwater, MN, Mahnomen, MN, Norman, MN, Polk, MN.
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians .....	Attala, MS, Jasper, MS, <sup>29</sup> Jones, MS, Kemper, MS, Leake, MS, Neshoba, MS, Newton, MS, Noxubee, MS, <sup>29</sup> Scott, MS, <sup>30</sup> Winston, MS.
Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut .....	Fairfield, CT, Hartford, CT, Litchfield, CT, Middlesex, CT, New Haven, CT, New London, CT, Tolland, CT, Windham, CT.
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe .....	King, WA, Pierce, WA.
Narragansett Indian Tribe .....	Washington, RI. <sup>31</sup>
Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah .....	Apache, AZ, Bernalillo, NM, Cibola, NM, Coconino, AZ, Kane, UT, McKinley, NM, Montezuma, CO, Navajo, AZ, Rio Arriba, NM, Sandoval, NM, San Juan, NM, San Juan, UT, Socorro, NM, Valencia, NM.
Nevada .....	Entire State. <sup>32</sup>
Nez Perce Tribe .....	Clearwater, ID, Idaho, ID, Latah, ID, Lewis, ID, Nez Perce, ID.
Nisqually Indian Tribe .....	Pierce, WA, Thurston, WA.
Nooksack Indian Tribe .....	Whatcom, WA.
Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Montana.	Big Horn, MT, Carter, MT, <sup>33</sup> Rosebud, MT.
Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation .....	Box Elder, UT. <sup>34</sup>

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Tribe/reservation	County/state
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Michigan .....	Allegan, MI, <sup>35</sup> Barry, MI, Branch, MI, Calhoun, MI, Kalamazoo, MI, Kent, MI, Ottawa, MI.
Oglala Sioux Tribe .....	Bennett, SD, Cherry, NE, Custer, SD, Dawes, NE, Fall River, SD, Jackson, SD, <sup>36</sup> Mellette, SD, Pennington, SD, Shannon, SD, Sheridan, NE, Todd, SD.
Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico .....	Rio Arriba, NM.
Oklahoma .....	Entire State. <sup>37</sup>
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska .....	Burt, NE, Cuming, NE, Monona, IA, Thurston, NE, Wayne, NE.
Oneida Nation .....	Brown, WI, Outagamie, WI.
Oneida Nation of New York .....	Chenango, NY, Cortland, NY, Herkimer, NY, Madison, NY, Oneida, NY, Onondaga, NY.
Onondaga Nation .....	Onondaga, NY.
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah .....	Iron, UT, <sup>38</sup> Millard, UT, Sevier, UT, Washington, UT.
Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona .....	Pima, AZ. <sup>39</sup>
Passamaquoddy Tribe .....	Aroostook, ME, <sup>40</sup> Hancock, ME, <sup>42</sup> Washington, ME.
Penobscot Nation .....	Aroostook, ME, <sup>43</sup> Penobscot, ME.
Poarch Band of Creeks .....	Baldwin, AL, <sup>44</sup> Elmore, AL, Escambia, AL, Mobile, AL, Monroe, AL, Escambia, FL.
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana .....	Allegan, MI, <sup>45</sup> Berrien, MI, Cass, MI, Elkhart, IN, Kosciusko, IN, La Porte, IN, Marshall, IN, St. Joseph, IN, Starke, IN, Van Buren, MI.
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska .....	Boyd, NE, <sup>46</sup> Burt, NE, Charles Mix, SD, Douglas, NE, Hall, NE, Holt, NE, Knox, NE, Lancaster, NE, Madison, NE, Platte, NE, Pottawattomie, IA, Sarpy, NE, Stanton, NE, Wayne, NE, Woodbury, IA.
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe .....	Kitsap, WA.
Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation .....	Jackson, KS.
Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota .....	Goodhue, MN.
Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico .....	Cibola, NM.
Pueblo of Cochiti, New Mexico .....	Sandoval, NM, Santa Fe, NM.
Pueblo of Isleta, New Mexico .....	Bernalillo, NM, Tarrant, NM, Valencia, NM.
Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico .....	Sandoval, NM.
Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico .....	Bernalillo, NM, Cibola, NM, Sandoval, NM, Valencia, NM.
Pueblo of Nambe, New Mexico .....	Santa Fe, NM.
Pueblo of Picuris, New Mexico .....	Taos, NM.
Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico .....	Rio Arriba, NM, Santa Fe, NM.
Pueblo of San Felipe, New Mexico .....	Sandoval, NM.
Pueblo of San Ildefonso, New Mexico .....	Los Alamos, NM, Rio Arriba, NM, Sandoval, NM, Santa Fe, NM.
Pueblo of Sandia, New Mexico .....	Bernalillo, NM, Sandoval, NM.
Pueblo of Santa Ana, New Mexico .....	Sandoval, NM.
Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico .....	Los Alamos, NM, Sandoval, NM, Santa Fe, NM.
Pueblo of Taos, New Mexico .....	Colfax, NM, Taos, NM.
Pueblo of Tesuque, New Mexico .....	Santa Fe, NM.
Pueblo of Zia, New Mexico .....	Sandoval, NM.
Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation .....	King, WA, Pierce, WA, Thurston, WA.
Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, California and Arizona.	Yuma, AZ, Imperial, CA.
Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation .....	Clallam, WA, Jefferson, WA.
Quinault Indian Nation .....	Grays Harbor, WA, Jefferson, WA.
Rapid City, South Dakota .....	Pennington, SD. <sup>47</sup>
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin .....	Bayfield, WI.
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota .....	Beltrami, MN, Clearwater, MN, Koochiching, MN, Lake of the Woods, MN, Marshall, MN, Pennington, MN, Polk, MN, Roseau, MN.
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, South Dakota	Bennett, SD, Cherry, NE, Gregory, SD, Lyman, SD, Mellette, SD, Todd, SD, Tripp, SD.
Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska .....	Brown, KS, Richardson, NE.
Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa .....	Tama, IA.
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan .....	Arenac, MI, <sup>48</sup> Clare, MI, Isabella, MI, Midland, MI, Missaukee, MI.
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe .....	Franklin, NY, St. Lawrence, NY.
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona.	Maricopa, AZ.
Samish Indian Nation .....	Clallam, WA, <sup>49</sup> Island, WA, Jefferson, WA, King, WA, Kitsap, WA, Pierce, WA, San Juan, WA, Skagit, WA, Snohomish, WA, Whatcom, WA.
San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona .....	Apache, AZ, Cochise, AZ, Gila, AZ, Graham, AZ, Greenlee, AZ, Pinal, AZ.
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe of Arizona .....	Coconino, AZ, San Juan, UT.
Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska .....	Bon Homme, SD, Knox, NE.
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe .....	Snohomish, WA, Skagit, WA.
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan .....	Alger, MI, <sup>50</sup> Chippewa, MI, Delta, MI, Luce, MI, Mackinac, MI, Marquette, MI, Schoolcraft, MI.
Seminole Tribe of Florida .....	Broward, FL, Collier, FL, Glades, FL, Hendry, FL, Miami-Dade, FL.

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Tribe/reservation	County/state
Seneca Nation of Indians .....	Allegany, NY, Cattaraugus, NY, Chautauqua, NY, Erie, NY, Warren, PA.
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Minnesota .....	Scott, MN.
Shinnecock Indian Nation .....	Nassau, NY, <sup>51</sup> Suffolk, NY.
Shoalwater Bay Tribe of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation .....	Pacific, WA.
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation .....	Bannock, ID, Bingham, ID, Caribou, ID, Lemhi, ID, <sup>52</sup> Power, ID.
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, Nevada .....	Nevada, Owyhee, ID.
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, South Dakota .....	Codington, SD, Day, SD, Grant, SD, Marshall, SD, Richland, ND, Roberts, SD, Sargent, ND, Traverse, MN.
Skokomish Indian Tribe .....	Mason, WA.
Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians of Utah .....	Tooele, UT.
Snoqualmie Indian Tribe .....	Island, WA, King, WA, <sup>53</sup> Mason, WA, Snohomish, WA, Pierce, WA.
Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Wisconsin .....	Forest, WI.
Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation, Colorado ..	Archuleta, CO, La Plata, CO, Montezuma, CO, Rio Arriba, NM, San Juan, NM.
Spirit Lake Tribe, North Dakota .....	Benson, ND, Eddy, ND, Nelson, ND, Ramsey, ND.
Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation .....	Ferry, WA, Lincoln, WA, Stevens, WA.
Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation .....	Mason, WA.
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin .....	Barron, WI, Burnett, WI, Pine, MN, Polk, WI, Washburn, WI.
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota .....	Adams, ND, Campbell, SD, Corson, SD, Dewey, SD, Emmons, ND, Grant, ND, Morton, ND, Perkins, SD, Sioux, ND, Walworth, SD, Ziebach, SD.
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington .....	Snohomish, WA.
Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin .....	Menominee, WI, Shawano, WI.
Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation .....	Kitsap, WA.
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community .....	Skagit, WA.
Tejon Indian Tribe .....	Kern, CA, <sup>54</sup>
Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota ..	Dunn, ND, Mercer, ND, McKenzie, ND, McLean, ND, Mountrail, ND, Ward, ND.
Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona .....	Maricopa, AZ, Pima, AZ, Pinal, AZ.
Tonawanda Band of Seneca .....	Genesee, NY, Erie, NY, Niagara, NY.
Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona .....	Gila, AZ.
Trenton Service Unit, North Dakota and Montana .....	Divide, ND, <sup>55</sup> McKenzie, ND, Williams, ND, Richland, MT, Roosevelt, MT, Sheridan, MT.
Tulalip Tribes of Washington .....	Snohomish, WA.
Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe .....	Avoyelles, LA, Rapides, LA. <sup>56</sup>
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota .....	Rolette, ND.
Tuscarora Nation .....	Niagara, NY.
Upper Sioux Community, Minnesota .....	Chippewa, MN, Yellow Medicine, MN.
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe .....	Skagit, WA.
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouay Reservation, Utah .....	Carbon, UT, Daggett, UT, Duchesne, UT, Emery, UT, Grand, UT, Rio Blanco, CO, Summit, UT, Uintah, UT, Utah, UT, Wasatch, UT.
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe .....	Apache, AZ, La Plata, CO, Montezuma, CO, San Juan, NM, San Juan, UT.
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) .....	Dukes, MA, <sup>57</sup> Barnstable, MA, Bristol, MA, Norfolk, MA, Plymouth, MA, Suffolk, MA, <sup>58</sup>
Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California .....	Nevada, California except for the counties listed in footnote.
White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona ..	Apache, AZ, Coconino, AZ, Gila, AZ, Graham, AZ, Greenlee, AZ, Navajo, AZ.
Wilton Rancheria, California .....	Sacramento, CA. <sup>59</sup>
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska .....	Dakota, NE, Dixon, NE, Monona, IA, Thurston, NE, Wayne, NE, Woodbury, IA.
Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota .....	Bon Homme, SD, Boyd, NE, Charles Mix, SD, Douglas, SD, Gregory, SD, Hutchinson, SD, Knox, NE.
Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation, Arizona ..	Yavapai, AZ.
Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe .....	Yavapai, AZ.
Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo of Texas .....	El Paso, TX, <sup>60</sup>
Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico .....	Apache, AZ, Cibola, NM, McKinley, NM, Valencia, NM.

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 100–89, Restoration Act for Ysleta Del Sur and Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas establishes service areas for “members of the Tribe” by sections 101(3) and 105(a) for the Pueblo and sections 201(3) and 206(a) respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Entire State of Alaska is included as a CHSDA by regulation (42 CFR 136.22(a)(1)).

<sup>3</sup> Aroostook Band of Micmacs was recognized by Congress on November 26, 1991, through the Aroostook Band of Micmac Settlement Act. Aroostook County, ME, was defined as the SDA.

<sup>4</sup> Special programs have been established by Congress irrespective of the eligibility regulations. Eligibility for services at these facilities is based on the legislative history of the appropriation of funds for the particular facility rather than the eligibility regulations. Historically services have been provided at Brigham City Intermountain School Health Center, Utah (Pub. L. 88–358).

<sup>5</sup> Entire State of California, excluding the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Kern, Merced, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Stanislaus, and Ventura, is designated a CHSDA (25 U.S.C. 1680).

<sup>6</sup> The counties were recognized after the January 1984 CHSDA FRN was published, in accordance with Public Law 103–116, Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993, dated October 27, 1993.

<sup>7</sup> There is no reservation for the Cayuga Nation; the service delivery area consists of those counties identified by the Cayuga Nation.

<sup>8</sup>Skamania County, WA, has historically been a part of the Yakama Service Unit population since 1979.

<sup>9</sup>In order to carry out the Congressional intent of the Siletz Restoration Act, Public Law 95–195, as expressed in H. Report No. 95–623, at page 4, members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon residing in these counties are eligible for contract health services.

<sup>10</sup>Chelan County, WA, has historically been a part of the Colville Service Unit population since 1970.

<sup>11</sup>Pursuant to Public Law 98–481 (H. Rept. No. 98–904), Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Restoration Act, members of the Tribe residing in these counties were specified as eligible for Federal services and benefits without regard to the existence of a Federal Indian reservation.

<sup>12</sup>The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon were recognized by Public Law 98–165 which was signed into law on November 22, 1983, and provides for eligibility in these six counties without regard to the existence of a reservation.

<sup>13</sup>The CHSDA for the Coshatta Tribe of Louisiana was expanded administratively by the Director, IHS, through regulation (42 CFR 136.22(6)) to include city limits of Elton, LA.

<sup>14</sup>Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians recognized by Public Law 97–391, signed into law on December 29, 1983. House Rept. No. 97–862 designates Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties as a service area without regard to the existence of a reservation. The IHS later administratively expanded the CHSDA to include the counties of Coos, OR, Deshutes, OR, Klamath, OR, and Lane, OR.

<sup>15</sup>The Cowlitz Indian Tribe was recognized in July 2002 as documented at 67 FR 46329, July 12, 2002. The counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638. The CHSDA was administratively expanded to include Columbia County, OR, Kittitas, WA, and Wahkiakum County, WA, as published at 67884 FR December 21, 2009.

<sup>16</sup>Treasure County, MT, has historically been a part of the Crow Service Unit population.

<sup>17</sup>The counties listed have historically been a part of the Grand Traverse Service Unit population since 1980.

<sup>18</sup>Haskell Indian Health Center has historically been a part of Kansas Service Unit since 1979. Special programs have been established by Congress irrespective of the eligibility regulations. Eligibility for services at these facilities is based on the legislative history of the appropriation of funds for the particular facility rather than the eligibility regulations. Historically services have been provided at Haskell Indian Health Center (H. Rept. No. 95–392).

<sup>19</sup>CHSDA counties for the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin were designated by regulation (42 CFR 136.22(a)(5)). Dane County, WI, was added to the reservation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1986.

<sup>20</sup>Public Law 97–428 provides that any member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in or around the Town of Houlton shall be eligible without regard to existence of a reservation.

<sup>21</sup>The Jena Band of Choctaw Indian was Federally acknowledged as documented at 60 FR 28480, May 31, 1995. The counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>22</sup>Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, formerly known as the Texas Band of Kickapoo, was recognized by Public Law 97–429, signed into law on January 8, 1983. The Act provides for eligibility for Kickapoo Tribal members residing in Maverick County without regard to the existence of a reservation.

<sup>23</sup>The Klamath Indian Tribe Restoration Act (Pub. L. 99–398, Sec. 2(2)) states that for the purpose of Federal services and benefits “members of the tribe residing in Klamath County shall be deemed to be residing in or near a reservation”.

<sup>24</sup>The Koi Nation of Northern California, formerly known as the Lower Lake Rancheria, was reaffirmed by the Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on December 29, 2000. The counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a PRC SDA, for the purposes of operating a PRC program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>25</sup>The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Act recognized the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Pursuant to Public Law 103–324, Sec. 4(b) the counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>26</sup>Mashantucket Pequot Indian Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 98–134, signed into law on October 18, 1983, provides a reservation for the Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe in New London County, CT.

<sup>27</sup>The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe was recognized in February 2007, as documented at 72 FR 8007, February 22, 2007. The counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>28</sup>The Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan was recognized in October 1998, as documented at 63 FR 56936, October 23, 1998. The counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>29</sup>Members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians residing in Jasper and Noxubee Counties, MS, are eligible for contract health services; these two counties were inadvertently omitted from 42 CFR 136.22.

<sup>30</sup>Scott County, MS, has historically been a part of the Choctaw Service Unit population since 1970.

<sup>31</sup>The Narragansett Indian Tribe was recognized by Public Law 95–395, signed into law September 30, 1978. Lands in Washington County, RI, are now Federally restricted and the Bureau of Indian Affairs considers them as the Narragansett Indian Reservation.

<sup>32</sup>Entire State of Nevada is included as a CHSDA by regulation (42 CFR 136.22(a)(2)).

<sup>33</sup>Carter County, MT, has historically been a part of the Northern Cheyenne Service Unit population since 1979.

<sup>34</sup>Land of Box Elder County, Utah, was taken into trust for the Northwestern Band of Shoshoni Nation in 1986.

<sup>35</sup>The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Michigan, formerly known as the Huron Band of Potawatomi, Inc., was recognized in December 1995, as documented at 60 FR 66315, December 21, 1995. The counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>36</sup>Washabaugh County, SD, merged and became part of Jackson County, SD, in 1983; both were/are CHSDA counties for the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

<sup>37</sup>Entire State of Oklahoma is included as a CHSDA by regulation (42 CFR 136.22(a)(3)).

<sup>38</sup>Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Restoration Act, Public Law 96–227, provides for the extension of services for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to these four counties without regard to the existence of a reservation.

<sup>39</sup>Legislative history (H.R. Report No. 95–1021) to Public Law 95–375, Extension of Federal Benefits to Pascua Yaqui Indians, Arizona, expresses congressional intent that lands conveyed to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona pursuant to Act of October 8, 1964 (Pub. L. 88–350) shall be deemed a Federal Indian Reservation.

<sup>40</sup>The Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96–420; H. Rept. 96–1353) includes the intent of Congress to fund and provide contract health services to the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation.

<sup>41</sup>The Passamaquoddy Tribe has two reservations: Indian Township and Pleasant Point. The PRC SDA for the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, ME, is Aroostook County, ME, Washington County, ME, and Hancock County, ME. The PRC SDA for the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point, ME, is Washington County, ME, south of State Route 9, and Aroostook County, ME.

<sup>42</sup>The Passamaquoddy Tribe's counties listed are designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a PRC SDA, for the purposes of operating a PRC program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>43</sup>The Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96–420; H. Rept. 96–1353) includes the intent of Congress to fund and provide PRC to the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation.

<sup>44</sup>Counties in the Service Unit designated by Congress for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (see H. Rept. 98–886, June 29, 1984; Cong. Record, October 10, 1984, Pg. H11929).

<sup>45</sup>Public Law 103–323 restored Federal recognition to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana, in 1994 and identified counties to serve as the SDA.

<sup>46</sup>The Ponca Restoration Act, Public Law 101–484, recognized members of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska in Boyd, Douglas, Knox, Madison or Lancaster counties of Nebraska or Charles Mix county of South Dakota as residing on or near a reservation. Public Law 104–109 made technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans and added Burt, Hall, Holt, Platte, Sarpy, Stanton, and Wayne counties of Nebraska and Pottawatomie and Woodbury counties of Iowa to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska SDA.

<sup>47</sup> Special programs have been established by Congress irrespective of the eligibility regulations. Eligibility for services at these facilities is based on the legislative history of the appropriation of funds for the particular facility, rather than the eligibility regulations. Historically services have been provided at Rapid City (S. Rept. No. 1154, FY 1967 Interior Approp. 89th Cong. 2d Sess.).

<sup>48</sup> Historically part of Isabella Reservation Area for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and the Eastern Michigan Service Unit population since 1979.

<sup>49</sup> The Samish Indian Tribe Nation was Federally acknowledged in April 1996 as documented at 61 FR 15825, April 9, 1996. The counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>50</sup> CHSDA counties for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan, were designated by regulation (42 CFR 136.22(a)(4)).

<sup>51</sup> The Shinnecock Indian Nation was Federally acknowledged in June 2010 as documented at 75 FR 34760, June 18, 2010. The counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>52</sup> Lemhi County, ID, has historically been a part of the Fort Hall Service Unit population since 1979.

<sup>53</sup> The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe was Federally acknowledged in August 1997 as documented at 62 FR 45864, August 29, 1997. The counties listed were designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>54</sup> On December 30, 2011 the Office of Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs reaffirmed the Federal recognition of the Tejon Indian Tribe. The county listed was designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA, for the purposes of operating a CHS program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>55</sup> The Secretary acting through the Service is directed to provide contract health services to Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians that reside in Trenton Service Unit, North Dakota and Montana, in Divide, Mackenzie, and Williams counties in the state of North Dakota and the adjoining counties of Richland, Roosevelt, and Sheridan in the state of Montana (Sec. 815, Pub. L. 94–437).

<sup>56</sup> Rapides County, LA, has historically been a part of the Tunica Biloxi Service Unit population since 1982.

<sup>57</sup> According to Public Law 100–95, Sec. 12, members of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) residing on Martha's Vineyard are deemed to be living on or near an Indian reservation for the purposes of eligibility for Federal services.

<sup>58</sup> The counties listed are designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a PRC SDA, for the purposes of operating a PRC program pursuant to the ISDEAA, Public Law 93–638.

<sup>59</sup> The Wilton Rancheria, California had Federal recognition restored in July 2009 as documented at 74 FR 33468, July 13, 2009. Sacramento County, CA, was designated administratively as the SDA, to function as a CHSDA. Sacramento County was not covered when Congress originally established the State of California as a CHSDA excluding certain counties including Sacramento County (25 U.S.C. 1680).

<sup>60</sup> Public Law 100–89, Restoration Act for Ysleta Del Sur and Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas establishes service areas for “members of the Tribe” by sections 101(3) and 105(a) for the Pueblo and sections 201(3) and 206(a) respectively.

Dated: February 22, 2017.

**Chris Buchanan,**

*Assistant Surgeon General, USPHS, Acting Director, Indian Health Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIDDK Program Projects.

*Date:* March 29, 2017.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Elena Sanovich, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7351, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–2542, 301–594–8886, [sanoviche@mail.nih.gov](mailto:sanoviche@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; RFA–DK–16–036: Diabetic Complications Consortium Coordinating Unit (U24).

*Date:* April 5, 2017.

*Time:* 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate cooperative agreement applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Ann A. Jerkins, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7119, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–5452, 301–594–2242, [jerkinsa@nidk.nih.gov](mailto:jerkinsa@nidk.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**David Clary,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Enabling Bioanalytical and Imaging Technologies.

*Date:* March 28–29, 2017.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Alexander Gubin, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6046B, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–408–9655, [gubina@csr.nih.gov](mailto:gubina@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Integrative Nutrition and Molecular Endocrinology.

*Date:* March 29, 2017.

*Time:* 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Raul Rojas, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6185, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451-6319, [rojasr@mail.nih.gov](mailto:rojasr@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Basic Research in Cancer Health Disparities/Diversity.

*Date:* March 30-31, 2017.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Washington/Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Ola Mae Zack Howard, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4192, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-4467, [howardz@mail.nih.gov](mailto:howardz@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Mycobacterial induced immunity in HIV-infected and uninfected individuals.

*Date:* March 30, 2017.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Silver Spring, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

*Contact Person:* Jingsheng Tuo, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5207, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-8754, [tuo@nei.nih.gov](mailto:tuo@nei.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA-RM16-007: Transformative Research Award Review.

*Date:* March 31, 2017.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Raymond Jacobson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5858, MSC 7849, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-996-7702, [jacobsonrh@csr.nih.gov](mailto:jacobsonrh@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA-RM16-007: Transformative Research Award Review.

*Date:* March 31, 2017.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Raymond Jacobson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5858, MSC 7849, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-996-7702, [jacobsonrh@csr.nih.gov](mailto:jacobsonrh@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA HD-17-008: Autism Centers of Excellence: Networks (R01).

*Date:* March 31, 2017.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW., Washington, DC 20015.

*Contact Person:* Jane A. Doussard-Roosevelt, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3184, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-4445, [doussarj@csr.nih.gov](mailto:doussarj@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Program Project: Review of Program Project.

*Date:* March 31, 2017.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Jose H. Guerrier, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5218, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1137, [guerriej@csr.nih.gov](mailto:guerriej@csr.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel; NIDCR Loan Repayment Program SEP.

*Date:* March 29-31, 2017.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Latarsha J. Carithers, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDCR, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 672, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-4859, [latarsha.carithers@nih.gov](mailto:latarsha.carithers@nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.121, Oral Diseases and Disorders Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 2, 2017.

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*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for licensing to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for companies and may also be available for licensing.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Licensing information and copies of the patent applications listed below may be obtained by communicating with the indicated licensing contact at the Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; tel. 301-496-2644. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of unpublished patent applications.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Technology description follows.

**AMA1–RON2 Complex-Based Vaccine Against Malaria***Description of Technology*

This technology relates to a malaria vaccine composed of a protein complex of Apical Membrane Antigen (AMA1) and rhoptry neck protein 2 (RON2) with an adjuvant. AMA1 is a crucial component of the Plasmodium invasion machinery and is a leading candidate for antimalarial vaccine development. AMA1-based vaccines have shown ability to block red cell invasion in in vitro assays, but protection has so far not translated to in vivo human infections. NIAID investigators have demonstrated that interaction between AMA1 and RON2 (or peptide thereof) is essential for malaria parasites to successfully enter human red blood cells (RBCs). Vaccination with un-complexed AMA1 and RON2 did not protect against lethal malaria. However, vaccination with a pre-formed AMA1–RON2 complex, highlighted in this technology, produced antibodies that protected against lethal malaria in an in vivo mouse model (*P. yoelli*) and blocked the entry of human malaria parasites into RBCs in vitro. Additionally, the inhibitory antibody response induced by the AMA1–RON2 complex was greater than AMA1 alone or when AMA1 and RON2 proteins were administered in a un-complexed form.

Immunization using the AMA1–RON2 complex of this technology represents a candidate for an effective malaria vaccine against multiple Plasmodium species.

This technology is available for licensing for commercial development in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404, as well as for further development and evaluation under a research collaboration.

*Potential Commercial Applications*

- Malaria vaccine

*Competitive Advantages*

Lower-cost malarial prevention for developing/developed countries.

*Development Stage*

- Early-stage.
- In vitro data available.
- In vivo data available (animal).

*Inventors:* Prakash Srinivasan and Louis Miller (NIAID).

1. *Publications:* Srinivasan P, et al. Binding of Plasmodium merozoite proteins RON2 and AMA1 triggers commitment to invasion. *Proc Natl*

*Acad Sci U S A.* 2011 Aug 9;108(32):13275–80. [PMID 21788485].

2. Srinivasan P, et al. Disrupting malaria parasite AMA1–RON2 interaction with a small molecule prevents erythrocyte invasion. *Nat Commun.* 2013;4:2261. [PMID 23907321].

*Intellectual Property:* HHS Reference No. E–066–2013/0—U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/841,479 filed 01 Jul 2013; PCT Application No. PCT/US2014/045065, filed July 1, 2014; European Application No. 14742116.8, filed July 1, 2014 (pending); U.S. Application No. 14/902,117, filed August December 30, 2015 (pending); and Chinese Application No. 201480037643.1, filed December 31, 2015 (pending).

*Licensing Contact:* Peter Tung, 240–669–5483; [peter.tung@nih.gov](mailto:peter.tung@nih.gov).

*Collaborative Research Opportunity:* The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is seeking statements of capability and interest from parties interested in collaborative research to further develop, evaluate or commercialize AMA1–RON2 vaccine by providing well established human adjuvants and clinical trial funding. For collaboration opportunities, please contact Peter Tung, 240–669–5483; [peter.tung@nih.gov](mailto:peter.tung@nih.gov).

Dated: February 24, 2017.

**Suzanne Frisbie,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings**

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR–16–115: Optimization of Monoclonal Antibodies for Eliminating the HIV Reservoir.

*Date:* March 28, 2017.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Barna Dey, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3184, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–451–2796, [bdey@mail.nih.gov](mailto:bdey@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Basic Research on HIV Persistence.

*Date:* March 28, 2017.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Contact Person:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Cancer Research.

*Date:* March 29, 2017.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* C–L Albert Wang, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4146, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1016, [wangca@csr.nih.gov](mailto:wangca@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Vaccine, Host Defense and Inflammation.

*Date:* March 29, 2017.

*Time:* 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Betty Hayden, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4206, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1223, [haydenb@csr.nih.gov](mailto:haydenb@csr.nih.gov). (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**Michelle Trout,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; Program Project Grant P01.

*Date:* March 24, 2017.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Video Conference Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Ana Olariu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3204, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892-9529, (301) 496-9223, [Ana.Olariu@nih.gov](mailto:Ana.Olariu@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Neurological Disorder and Stroke, Special Emphasis Panel; R21: Rapid Assessment of Zika Virus (ZIKV) Complications.

*Date:* April 5, 2017.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Ana Olariu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3204, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892-9529, (301) 496-9223, [Ana.Olariu@nih.gov](mailto:Ana.Olariu@nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are 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 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.

#### Proposed Project: Notification of Intent To Use Schedule III, IV, or V Opioid Drugs for the Maintenance and Detoxification Treatment of Opiate Addiction by a "Qualifying Other Practitioner"—(OMB No. 0930-0369)—Extension

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is requesting an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of the Notification of Intent to Use Schedule III, IV, or V Opioid Drugs for the Maintenance and Detoxification Treatment of Opiate Addiction by a "Qualifying Other Practitioner. The Notification of Intent would allow SAMHSA to determine whether other practitioners are eligible to prescribe certain approved narcotic treatment medications for the maintenance or detoxification treatment of opioid addiction.

This Notification of Intent is a result of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (PL 114-198), which was signed into law on July 22, 2016. The law establishes criteria for nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) to qualify for a waiver to prescribe covered medications. To be eligible for a waiver, the NP or PA must: Be licensed under State law to prescribe schedule III, IV, or V medications for the treatment of pain; fulfill qualification requirements in the law for training and experience; and fulfill qualification requirements in the law for appropriate supervision by a qualifying physician. SAMHSA has the responsibility to receive, review, approve, or deny waiver requests.

Practitioners who meet the statutory requirements will be eligible to prescribe only those opioid treatment medications that are controlled in Schedules III, IV, or V, under the Controlled Substance Act (CSA), that are specifically approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of opioid addiction, and are not the subject of an "adverse determination." The only medications that currently fulfill these requirements are ones that contain the active ingredient buprenorphine.

The following table is the estimated hour burden:

Purpose of submission	Number of respondents	Responses/ respondent	Burden hours	Total burden hours
Notification of Intent for Qualifying Other Practitioner to Use Schedule III, IV, or V Opioid Drugs for the Maintenance and Detoxification Treatment of Opiate Addiction by a "Qualifying Other Practitioner" under 21 USC § 823(g)(2)—Nurse Practitioners .....	816	1	.066	54



Purpose of submission	Number of respondents	Responses/ respondent	Burden hours	Total burden hours
Notification of Intent for Qualifying Other Practitioner to Use Schedule III, IV, or V Opioid Drugs for the Maintenance and Detoxification Treatment of Opiate Addiction by a "Qualifying Other Practitioner" under 21 USC § 823(g)(2)—Physician Assistants .....	590	1	.066	39
Total .....	1,406	.....	.....	93

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57-B, Rockville, Maryland 20857, *OR* email a copy to [summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov). Written comments should be received by May 8, 2017.

**Summer King,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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#### Project: Children's Mental Health Initiative National Evaluation—NEW

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the new collection of data for the Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) National Evaluation.

*Evaluation Plan and Data Collection Activities.* The purpose of the Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) National Evaluation is to assess the success of the CMHI grants in expanding and sustaining the reach of SOC values, principles, and practices. These include maximizing system-level coordination and planning, offering a comprehensive array of services, and prioritizing family and youth involvement. In order to obtain a clear picture of CMHI grant activities, this longitudinal, multi-level evaluation will measure activities and performance of

grantees essential to building and sustaining effective Systems of Care (SOC)'s.

Data collection activities will occur through four evaluation components. Each component includes data collection activities and analyses involving similar topics. Each component has one or more instruments that will be used to address various aspects. The four components with their corresponding data collection activities are as follows:

(1) The Implementation Assessment is designed using a strategic framework that provides five analytic dimensions: (1) Policies, (2) services/supports, (3) financing, (4) training/workforce, and (5) strategic communications. These dimensions cut across the State System, Local System and Service Delivery levels and together link to a range of proximal and distal outcomes. The evaluation will identify and assess the mechanisms and strategies employed to implement and expand systems of care, and explore the impact on system performance and child and family outcomes. Evaluation activities are framed by the five strategic areas to examine whether specific mechanisms and strategies lead to proximal and distal outcomes. System of care principles are woven throughout the framework at both the State and Local levels. Data collection activities include: (A) *Key Partner Interviews* with high-level administrators, youth and family representatives, and child agencies to organize qualitative data collection into these five areas and to allow within and across grantee evaluation of the implementation and impact of activities in these areas; and (B) the *System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Survey (SOCESS)*, a self-report survey administered to representatives from grantee organizations, family and youth organizations, child-serving sectors, advocacy organizations for diverse populations, provider organizations, and financial officers, among others. The SOCESS is designed to capture self-report implementation data in the five analytic dimensions adopted by the 2015 CMHI National Evaluation.

(2) The Network and Geographic Analysis Component will use *Network*

*Analysis Surveys* to determine the depth and breadth of the SOC collaboration across agencies and organization.

*Geographic Information Systems (GIS)* will measure the geographic coverage and spread of the SOC, including reaching underserved areas and populations. At the child/youth and family level, Census block groups (derived from home addresses) will be used to depict the geographic spread of populations served by SOCs.

(3) The Financial Component involves the review of implementation grantees' progress in developing financial sustainability and expansion plans. The *Financial Mapping Interview and Financing Plan Survey and Interviews* will be conducted with financial administrators of Medicaid Agencies, Mental Health Authorities, mental health provider trade associations, and family organizations. The Financial Plan Interview will focus on how the financial planning process supported or hindered attainment of sustainable financing. The *Benchmarking Analysis* will compare relative rates of access, utilization, and costs for children's mental health services using the Benchmarking Tool and administrative data requested from financial administrators and personnel working with Medicaid Agency and Mental Health Authority reporting and payment systems.

(4) The Child and Family Outcome Component will collect longitudinal data on child clinical and functional outcomes, family outcomes, and child and family background. Data will be collected at intake, 6-months, and 12-months post service entry (as long as the child/youth is still receiving services). Data will also be collected at discharge if the child/youth leaves services before the 12-month data collection point. Data will be collected using the following scales for youth age five and older: (A) a shortened version of the Caregiver Strain Questionnaire, (B) the Columbia Impairment Scale, (C) the Pediatric Symptom Checklist-17, and (D) background information gathered through SAMHSA National Outcomes Measures (NOMS). Data for youth age 0-4 will be collected using the: (A) Baby Pediatric Symptom Checklist; (B) Brief

Infant and Toddler Emotional Assessment; (C) Pre-School Pediatric Symptom Checklist and (D) background information from the NOMS.

*Estimated Burden.* Data will be collected from 69 grantee sites. Data collection for this evaluation will be

conducted over a 4-year period. The average annual respondent burden estimate reflects the average number of respondents in each respondent category, the average number of responses per respondent per year, the average length of time it will take to

complete each response, and the total average annual burden for each category of respondent for all categories of respondents combined. Table 1 shows the estimated annual burden estimate by instrument and respondent. Burden is summarized in Table 2.

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN

Instrument/data collection activity	Respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Hours per response	Total annual burden hours
<b>Implementation Assessment</b>						
Key Partner Interviews .....	Project Director .....	84	2	168	1.5	252
	Family Organization Representative	54	2	108	1.5	162
	Youth Organization Representative	54	2	108	1.5	162
	MH Agency Director	54	2	108	1.5	162
	Core Agency Partners <sup>b</sup>	162	2	324	0.75	243
	Quality Monitor	54	2	108	0.33	36
SOCESS .....	Project Director .....	84	4	336	0.5	168
	Family Organization Representative	108	4	432	0.5	216
	Youth Organization Representative	108	4	432	0.5	216
	Core Agency Partners	432	4	1,728	0.5	864
	Practitioners	690	4	2,760	0.5	1,380
<b>Network Analysis Survey</b>						
Network Analysis Survey .....	Key Agency Partners .....	690	2	1,380	0.5	690
<b>Financial Mapping and Benchmark Components</b>						
Financial Mapping Interview .....	Financial administrators at: Medicaid Agencies & MH Authorities.	108	2	216	0.75	162
	Financial administrators at: Trade associations & Family organizations	108	2	216	0.5	108
	Tribal Financial Administrators	9	2	18	0.75	14
Benchmark Tool .....	Payment personnel at Medicaid Agencies & MH Authorities.	12	2	24	40	960
Financial Plan Interviews .....	Financial Planning Directors .....	54	3	162	0.6	97
<b>Child and Family Outcome Component</b>						
Administrative Measures .....	Caregivers of clients age 0–17 <sup>c</sup> .....	4,136	1	4,136	0.05	207
	Clients age 11–26	1,685	1	1,685	0.05	84
Client Functioning .....	Caregivers of clients age 0–17 <sup>c</sup> .....	4,136	3	12,408	0.15	1,861
	Clients age 11–26 <sup>d</sup>	970	3	2,910	0.15	437
Caregiver Strain Questionnaire ...	Caregivers of clients age 0–17 <sup>c</sup> .....	4,136	3	12,408	0.15	1,861
Columbia Impairment Scale .....	Caregivers of clients age 5–17 <sup>e</sup> .....	2,859	3	8,577	0.08	686
	Clients age 11–26 <sup>d</sup>	2,655	3	7,965	0.08	637
Pediatric Symptom Checklist-17	Caregivers of clients age 5–17 <sup>e</sup> .....	2,859	3	8,577	0.05	429
	Clients age 11–26 <sup>d</sup>	2,655	3	7,965	0.05	398
<b>New Tools in 2015</b>						
Brief Infant and Toddler Emotional Assessment (BITSEA).	Caregivers of children and youth 0 to 5 years of age <sup>f</sup> .	1,277	3	3,831	0.08	306
Baby Pediatric Symptom Checklist (BPSC).	Caregivers of children and youth for ages 1 month to 18 months <sup>f</sup> .	638	3	1,914	0.05	96
Preschool Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PPSC).	Caregivers of children and youth for ages 18 months to 66 months <sup>f</sup> .	639	3	1,917	0.05	96
Total Annual Burden:						
All .....	All <sup>g</sup> .....	12,107		36,354		12,990

<sup>a</sup>Based on the average hourly wages for Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other (21–1099; \$22.47) and Social Workers (21–1020; \$29.83) from the May 2015 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, 621330—Offices of Mental Health Practitioners; the Federal minimum wage of \$7.25; and an estimated average hourly wage of \$11.60 for a family of four living 25% below poverty level.

<sup>b</sup>Core agency partners include (1) representatives from MH, child welfare, and juvenile justice and (2) CMHI quality monitors.

<sup>c</sup>Assumes 81% of clients will be age 0 to 17.

<sup>d</sup>Assumes 52% of clients will be age 11 to 26.

<sup>e</sup>Assumes 56% of clients will be age 5 to 17.

<sup>f</sup>Assumes 25% of clients will be age 0 to 5, with 12.5% of clients age 0 to 2.5, and 12.5% age 2.6 to 5).

<sup>g</sup>Sums shown indicate unduplicated respondents and responses per respondent.

TABLE 2—TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN

Instrument/data collection activity	Number of respondents	Total number of responses	Average annual burden (hours)
Key Partner Interview .....	462	924	339
SOCESS .....	1,422	5,688	948
Network Analysis Survey .....	690	1,380	230
Financial Mapping Interview .....	225	450	95
Benchmark Tool .....	12	24	320
Financial Planning .....	54	162	32
Child and family instruments .....	9,242	27,726	2,366
Total .....	12,107	36,354	4,330

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by April 7, 2017 to the SAMHSA Desk Officer at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To ensure timely receipt of comments, and to avoid potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov). Although commenters are encouraged to send their comments via email, commenters may also fax their comments to: 202-395-7285. Commenters may also mail them to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, Washington, DC 20503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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(SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

#### Project: SAMHSA SOAR Web-Based Data Form (OMB No. 0930-0329)—REVISION

In 2009 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services created a Technical Assistance Center to assist in the implementation of the SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) effort in all states. The primary objective of SOAR is to improve the allowance rate for Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and who have serious mental illnesses.

During the SOAR training, the importance of keeping track of SSI/SSDI applications through the process is stressed. In response to requests from states implementing SOAR, the Technical Assistance Center under SAMHSA's direction developed a web-based data form that case managers can use to track the progress of submitted applications, including decisions received from SSA either on initial application or on appeal. This password-protected web-based data form is hosted on the SOAR Web site (<https://soartrack.prainc.com>). Use of this form is completely voluntary.

In addition, data from Part I of the web-based form can be compiled into reports on decision results and the use of SOAR core components, such as the SSA-1696 Appointment of Representative, which allows SSA to communicate directly with the case manager assisting with the application. These reports will be reviewed by agency directors, SOAR state-level leads, and the national SOAR Technical Assistance Center to quantify the success of the effort overall and to identify areas where additional technical assistance is needed. There are no proposed changes to Part I of this form.

The proposed additions to create a new Part II of this form include qualitative (open-ended) questions on annual SOAR accomplishments, identified challenges and collaborations. There are 8 new questions that represent new initiatives, challenges, funding sources, steering committees and training. There is also an additional open-ended question on collaborations with 8 potentially applicable areas (e.g. Veterans, justice-involved persons, hospitals) that could require a response. The addition of Part II is for annual reporting by state and local leads only.

The estimated response burden is as follows:

Form name	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total hour burden	Hourly wage cost	Total hour cost (\$)
SOAR Data Form (Part I) .....	700	3	2,100	.25	525	\$20	\$10,500
Annual Report Questions (Part II) .....	75	1	75	1	37.50	20	750
Total .....	775	.....	2,175	.....	562.50	.....	11,250

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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#### Project: 2017-2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Field Tests (OMB No. 0930-0290)—Extension

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) is a survey of the U.S. civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 12 years old or older. The data are used to determine the prevalence of use of tobacco products, alcohol, illicit substances, and illicit use of prescription drugs. The results are used by SAMHSA, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), federal government agencies, and other organizations and researchers to establish policy, direct program activities, and better allocate resources.

Methodological tests will continue to be designed to examine the feasibility,

quality, and efficiency of new procedures or revisions to existing survey protocol. Specifically, the tests will measure the reliability and validity of certain questionnaire sections and items through multiple measurements on a set of respondents; assess new methods for gaining cooperation and participation of respondents with the goal of increasing response and decreasing potential bias in the survey estimates; and assess the impact of new sampling techniques and technologies on respondent behavior and reporting. Research will involve focus groups, cognitive laboratory testing, customer satisfaction surveys, and field tests.

These methodological tests will continue to examine ways to increase data quality, lower operating costs, and gain a better understanding of sources and effects of nonsampling error on NSDUH estimates. Particular attention will be given to minimizing the impact of design changes so survey data continue to remain comparable over time. If these tests provide successful results, current procedures or data collection instruments may be revised.

The number of respondents to be included in each field test will vary, depending on the nature of the subject being tested and the target population. However, the total estimated response burden is 8,225 hours. The exact number of subjects and burden hours for each test are unknown at this time, but will be clearly outlined in each individual submission. These estimated burden hours are distributed over three years as follows:

**TABLE 1—ESTIMATED BURDEN FOR NSDUH METHODOLOGICAL FIELD TESTS**

Time period	Respondent burden hours
May 2017 to May 2018 .....	2,742
May 2018 to May 2019 .....	2,742
May 2019 to May 2020 .....	2,741
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>8,225</b>

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by April 7, 2017 to the SAMHSA Desk Officer at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To ensure timely receipt of comments, and to avoid potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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#### Project: National Resource Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention—NEW

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will conduct an annual assessment of the performance of the National Resource Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention (NRC). The NRC will collect the information needed to conduct the annual assessment of NRC training and technical assistance activities for the SS/HS and Project LAUNCH programs, as well as the field-at-large. There are four instruments included in this package for approval: (1) Needs Assessment, (2) Site Visit Assessment, (3) Annual Performance Assessment, and Case Study Interview. The NRC is required contractually to report its performance to SAMHSA on an annual basis.

Through a cooperative agreement, SAMHSA is funding the NRC to support the training and technical assistance (T/TA) needs of two SAMHSA grant programs: The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Program (SS/HS) and Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health). In addition, the NRC is funded to disseminate resources and provide

technical assistance to the general field of mental health promotion and youth violence prevention. On an annual basis, this encompasses two needs assessment focus groups, 36 needs assessment surveys, 14 site visit assessment interviews, 42 site visit assessment surveys, 183 annual performance assessment surveys, and 55 case study interviews.

As a condition of its cooperative agreements with SS/HS and Project LAUNCH, the NRC is required to collect and report on its performance to SAMHSA on an annual basis, using measures that document its T/TA activities, its outputs, and changes in grantee capacity. For SAMHSA to meet its obligations under the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRA), the NRC is also required to collect and report on three national outcome measures: (1) The number of individuals who have received training in prevention or mental health promotion; (2) the number and percent of individuals who have demonstrated improvement in their knowledge, attitudes, and/or beliefs, related to prevention or mental health promotion; and (3) the number of individuals contacted through NRC outreach requirements.

Data collection efforts will focus on two groups: (a) Project LAUNCH grantees (project directors) and their local community partners and (b) SS/HS grantees (state project coordinators) and

their local education agency representatives. Assessment data will be collected through four methods: Annual grantee needs assessments, assessments of annual grantee site visits, an annual performance assessment survey, and annual case studies interviews of grantees and their local partners.

**Needs assessment.** For Project LAUNCH, a total of two focus groups of resource specialists (five per focus group), and 36 surveys (one per grantee) will be conducted annually to assess the annual training and technical assistance (T/TA) needs of grantees. The results will be reported in annual needs assessment reports, submitted to NRC leadership to support annual T/TA planning. Needs assessments are not planned for SS/HS grantees, because they are nearing the end of their grant cycle.

**Site visit assessment.** The CAT will gather information regarding the quality and impact of the NRC's T/TA site visits through interviews with seven SS/HS and seven Project LAUNCH grantees. We also conduct an online survey with up to 42 state or local partners of grantees (3 per grantee) who participated in the SS/HS or Project LAUNCH site visits. The results will be reported in grant-specific reports, submitted to NRC leadership to inform and improve NRC's T/TA approach with each grantee.

**Annual performance assessment.** This online performance assessment survey

will survey seven SS/HS state project coordinators and 36 Project LAUNCH project directors and up to 140 state and local partners on an annual basis. Survey questions will focus on the content, dosage, and value of T/TA services provided over the previous year. The findings will be reported in annual performance assessment reports to the NRC and to SAMHSA for accountability and T/TA improvement purposes.

**T/TA case studies.** All seven SS/HS project directors and a purposive sample of four Project LAUNCH state project coordinators (11 total), as well as their assigned resource specialists (11 total) and three partners per grantee (33 total), will be interviewed by phone to learn more about specific ways in which the NRC has been instrumental in building grantee capacity over the last year. These new data will be combined with other collected data (such as the needs assessment findings and performance assessment survey data) to tell short, grantee-specific stories of how the combination of NRC services and contextual factors may have affected the choice and success of NRC efforts.

The average annual respondent burden for the proposed data collection is estimated below. The estimates reflect the average number of respondents, the average annual number of responses, the time it will take for each response, and the average annual burden.

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Form name	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses per year	Hours per response	Total annual hour burden
Needs Assessment Focus Groups .....	10	1	10	1	10
Needs Assessment Surveys .....	36	1	36	.33	11.88
Site Visit Assessment Interview .....	14	1	14	.75	10.5
Site Visit Assessment Survey .....	42	1	42	.33	13.86
Annual Performance Survey .....	183	1	183	.5	91.5
Case Study Interview .....	55	1	55	.75	41.25
	340	5	340	.....	178.99

**Note:** Across the seven SS/HS grants, there are a total of 7 grantees (project directors) and 32 partners. There are a total of 39 respondents across the seven SS/HS grants. In FY 2016, there were 36 grants across Project LAUNCH. In addition to the PL state project coordinator, we will collect information from three partners: The young child wellness coordinator, the young child wellness expert, and the young child wellness partner. We assume that there will be seven SS/HS and seven Project LAUNCH site visits per year.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by April 7, 2017 to the SAMHSA Desk Officer at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To ensure timely receipt of comments, and to avoid potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, commenters are encouraged to submit

their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov). Although commenters are encouraged to send their comments via email, commenters may also fax their comments to: 202-395-7285. Commenters may also mail them to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, Washington, DC 20503.

**Summer King,**  
Statistician.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are 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 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.

#### Proposed Project: SAMHSA Checklist for SF-5161 (OMB No. 0930-0367)—REVISION

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is requesting a revision from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the SF-5161-Checklist. SAMHSA is requesting approval to only collect information on the Checklist and not the Narrative. The Checklist assists applicants and recipients to ensure that they have included all required

information necessary to process new and continuation applications as well as the name, title, and phone number of the current business official and project director responsible for carrying out the project. Checklist information concerning the type of application is also needed since new, competing continuation; noncompeting continuation and supplemental applications are separated and reviewed differently. The checklist data helps to reduce the time required to process and review grant applications, expediting the issuance of grant awards as well as ensure collection of essential recipient contact information that is not collected elsewhere.

This data collection has been transferred from HHS to SAMHSA.

The checklist is part of the standard application (SF-5161) for State and local governments and for private non-profit and for-profit organizations when applying for health services projects. Below is the burden table.

Forms	Number of respondents	Response per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Program Checklist .....	2,669	1	.3	801

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57-B, Rockville, Maryland 20857, OR email a copy to [summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov). Written comments should be received by May 8, 2017.

Summer King,  
Statistician.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0106]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant, Form I-929; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2016, at 81 FR 93697, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did receive two comments in connection with the 60-day notice.

**DATES:** The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 7, 2017. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be directed to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via email at [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Comments may also be submitted via fax at (202) 395-5806. (This is not a toll-free number.) All submissions received must include the

agency name and the OMB Control Number 1615-0106.

You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140, Telephone number (202) 272-8377 (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message.). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283; TTY (800) 767-1833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Comments

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2009-0010 in the search box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate 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;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) 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 other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

## Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request*: Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection*: Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection*: I-929; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract*: *Primary*: Individuals or households. Section 245(m) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) allows certain qualifying family members who have never held U nonimmigrant status to seek lawful permanent residence or apply for immigrant visas. Before such family members may apply for adjustment of status or seek immigrant visas, the U-1 nonimmigrant who has been granted adjustment of status must file an immigrant petition on behalf of the qualifying family member using Form I-929. Form I-929 is necessary for USCIS to make a determination that the eligibility requirements and conditions are met regarding the qualifying family member.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time*

*estimated for an average respondent to respond*: The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-929 is 1,244 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1 hour.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection*: The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 1,244 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection*: The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$152,390.

Dated: March 1, 2017.

**Samantha Deshommes,**

Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0102]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Request, Form G-639; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection

**AGENCY**: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION**: 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY**: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2016, at 81 FR 62521, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did receive two comments in connection with the 60-day notice.

**DATES**: The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 7, 2017. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**ADDRESSES**: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially

regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be directed to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via email at [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Comments may also be submitted via fax at (202) 395-5806. (This is not a toll-free number.) All submissions received must include the agency name and the OMB Control Number 1615-0102.

You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140, Telephone number (202) 272-8377 (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message.). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283; TTY (800) 767-1833.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Comments

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2008-0028 in the search box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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 other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Request.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* G-639; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals or households. Form G-639 is provided as a convenient means for persons to provide data necessary for identification of a particular record desired under Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA).

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection G-639 is 163,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is .25 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 40,750 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$859,450.

Dated: March 1, 2017.

**Samantha Deshommes,**

Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Indian Child Welfare Act; Designated Tribal Agents for Service of Notice

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indians Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The regulations implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act provide that Indian Tribes may designate an agent other than the Tribal chairman for service of notice of proceedings under the Act. This notice includes the current list of designated Tribal agents for service of notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Evangeline Campbell, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Human Services, 1849 C Street NW., MS-4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; Phone: (202) 513-7642.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*, provide that Indian Tribes may designate an agent other than the Tribal chairman for service of notice of proceedings under the Act. See 25 CFR 23.12. The Secretary of the Interior is required to update and publish in the **Federal Register** as necessary the names and addresses of the designated Tribal agents. This notice is published in exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

In any involuntary proceeding in a State court where the court knows or has reason to know that an Indian child is involved, and where the identity and location of the child's parent or Indian custodian or Tribe is known, the party seeking the foster-care placement of, or termination of parental rights to, an Indian child must directly notify the parents, the Indian custodians, and the child's Tribe by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, of the pending child-custody proceedings and their right of intervention. Copies of these notices must be sent to the appropriate Regional Director by registered or certified mail with return

receipt requested or by personal delivery. See 25 CFR 23.11.

If the identity or location of the child's parents, the child's Indian custodian, or the Tribes in which the Indian child is a member or eligible for membership cannot be ascertained, but there is reason to know the child is an Indian child, notice of the child-custody proceeding must be sent to the appropriate Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Regional Director (see [www.bia.gov](http://www.bia.gov)). See 25 CFR 23.111.

*No notices, except for final adoption decrees, are required to be sent to the BIA Central Office in Washington, DC.*

This notice presents, in two different formats, the names and addresses of current designated Tribal agents for service of notice, and includes each designated Tribal agent received by the Secretary of the Interior prior to the date of this publication. Part A, published in this notice, lists designated Tribal agents by region and alphabetically by Tribe within each region. Part A is also available electronically at: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/HumanServices/index.htm>.

Part B is a table that lists designated Tribal agents alphabetically by the Tribal affiliation (first listing American Indian Tribes, then listing Alaska Native Tribes). Part B is only available electronically at: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/HumanServices/index.htm>.

Each format also lists the BIA's contact(s) for each of the twelve regions.

#### A. List of Designated Tribal Agents by Region

1. Alaska Region
2. Eastern Region
3. Eastern Oklahoma Region
4. Great Plains Region
5. Midwest Region
6. Navajo Region
7. Northwest Region
8. Pacific Region
9. Rocky Mountain Region
10. Southern Plains Region
11. Southwest Region
12. Western Region

#### A. List of Designated Tribal Agents by Region

##### 1. Alaska Region

Alaska Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 3601 C Street, Suite 1100 Anchorage, Alaska 99503; Phone: (907) 271-4111.

Tribe	ICWA POC	Mailing address	Phone number	Fax number	Email address
Afognak, Native Village of .....	Denise Malutin, ICWA Worker; Taletha Gertz, ICWA Worker.	323 Carolyn Street Kodiak, AK 99615.	(907) 486-6357	(907) 486-6529	<a href="mailto:denise@afognak.org">denise@afognak.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:taletha@afognak.org">taletha@afognak.org</a>
Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove	Amanda McAdoo, ICWA Coordinator; Ozzy E. Escarate, Director, Department of Family & Community Development.	Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, 1131 East International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK 99518-1408.	(907) 276-2700	(907) 222-9735	<a href="mailto:icwa@api.ai">icwa@api.ai</a>



Tribe	ICWA POC	Mailing address	Phone number	Fax number	Email address
Akhiok, Native Village of .....	Cassie Keplinger, ICWA Co-ordinator.	Kodiak Area Native Association, 3449 Rezanof Drive East, Kodiak, AK 99615.	(907) 486-1370	(907) 486-4829	<i>cassie.keplinger@kodiakhealthcare.org</i>
Akiachak Native Community ..	Georgianna Wassilie, ICWA Worker.	P.O. Box 51070, Akiachak, AK 99551.	(907) 825-4626 Ext. 204.	(907) 825-4029	<i>gwassilie@avcp.org</i>
Akiachak Native Community ..	Valerie Andrew, ICWA Director.	Association of Village Council Presidents, P.O. Box 219, Bethel, AK 99559.	(907) 543-7461	(907) 543-5759	<i>VAndrew@avcp.com</i>
Akiak Native Community .....	Leann Jackson, ICWA Director.	P.O. Box 52127, Akiak, AK 99552.	(907) 765-7112	(907) 765-7512	<i>Akiak.icwa16@gmail.com</i>
Akutan, Native Village of .....	Amanda McAdoo, ICWA Co-ordinator; Ozzy E. Escarate, Director, Department of Family & Community Development.	Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, 1131 East International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK 99518-1408.	(907) 276-2700	(907) 222-9735	<i>icwa@api.ai.org</i>
Alakanuk, Native Village of ....	Charlene Striling, ICWA Worker.	Box 149, Alakanuk, AK 99554.	(907) 238-3704	(907) 238-3705; (907) 238-3429.	<i>cstriling@avcp.org</i>
Alakanuk, Native Village of ....	Valerie Andrew, ICWA Director.	Association of Village Council Presidents, P.O. Box 219, Bethel, AK 99559.	(907) 543-7461	(907) 543-5759	<i>VAndrew@avcp.com</i>
Alatna Village .....	Tribal Family Specialist .....	P.O. Box 70, Allakaket, AK 99720.	(907) 968-2261	(907) 968-2305	
Alatna Village .....	.....	Tanana Chiefs Conference, Legal Department, 122 First Avenue, Suite 600, Fairbanks, AK 99701.	(907) 452-8251 Ext. 3178.	(907) 459-3953	
Aleknagik, Native Village of ...	Allen Ilutsik, Tribal Administrator; Marie Aloysius, President.	ICWA, P.O. Box 115, Aleknagik, AK 99555.	(907) 842-2080	(907) 842-2081	
Aleknagik, Native Village of ...	Crystal Nixon-Luckhurst, Children's Services Division Manager.	Bristol Bay Native Association, Children's Services Division Manager, P.O. Box 310, 1500 Kanakanak Road, Dillingham, AK 99576.	(907) 842-4139	(907) 842-4106	<i>cnixon@bbna.com</i>
Algaaciq Native Village (St. Mary's).	Theresa Kelly, ICWA Worker and Sven Paukan, Tribal Administrator.	Box 48, St. Mary's, AK 99658.	(907) 438-2335	(907) 438-2227	<i>tkelly@avcp.org</i>
Algaaciq Native Village (St. Mary's).	Valerie Andrew, ICWA Director.	Association of Village Council Presidents, P.O. Box 219, Bethel, AK 99559.	(907) 543-7461	(907) 543-5759	<i>VAndrew@avcp.com</i>
Allakaket Village .....	Tribal Family Youth Specialist.	P.O. Box 50, Allakaket, AK 99720.	(907) 968-2237	(907) 968-2233	<i>allakaket@tanachiefs.org</i>
Allakaket Village .....	.....	Tanana Chiefs Conference, Legal Department, 122 First Avenue, Suite 600, Fairbanks, AK 99701.	(907) 452-8251 Ext. 3178.	(907) 459-3953.	
Ambler, Native Village of .....	Beatrice Miller, ICWA Coordinator; Katherine Cleveland, First Chief Tribal Council.	P.O. Box 47, Ambler, AK 99786.	(907) 445-2189; (907) 445-5051; (907) 445-5051.	(907) 445-2257	<i>icwa@ivisaappaat.org</i>
Anaktuvuk Pass Village of ....	Joshua Stein, ICWA Program Manager.	Arctic Slope Native Association, P.O. Box 1232, Barrow, AK 99723.	(907) 852-9374	(907) 852-2763	<i>Joshua.stein@arcticslope.org</i>
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Angoon Community Association.	Marcie Kookesh, ICWA Worker.	P.O. Box 328, Angoon, AK, 99820.	(907) 788-3411	(907) 788-3412	<i>mkookesh.agntribe@gmail.com</i>
Aniak, Village of .....	Muriel Morgan, ICWA Worker; Laura Simeon, Tribal Administrator.	P.O. Box 349, Aniak, AK 99557.	(907) 675-4349	(907) 675-4513	<i>twinksmorgan@gmail.com; aniaktribe@gmail.com</i>
Anvik Village .....	Tami Jerue, Tribal Family Youth Specialist.	P.O. Box 10, Anvik, AK 99558.	(907) 663-6388	(907) 663-6357	<i>tamijerue59@gmail.com</i>
Anvik Village .....	.....	Tanana Chiefs Conference, Legal Department, 122 First Avenue, Suite 600, Fairbanks, AK 99701.	(907) 452-8251 Ext. 3178.	(907) 459-3953.	
Arctic Village .....	Margorie Gemmill, Tribal Family Youth Specialist.	P.O. Box 22069, Arctic Village, AK 99722.	(907) 587-5523	(907) 587-5523.	
Arctic Village .....	.....	Tanana Chiefs Conference, Legal Department, 122 First Avenue, Suite 600, Fairbanks, AK 99701.	(907) 452-8251 Ext. 3178.	(907) 459-3953.	
Asa'carsarmiut Tribe (formerly Native Village of Mountain Village).	Evelyn Peterson, Director of Social Services & Education; Daphne Joe, Director of Social Services & Education.	P.O. Box 32107, Mountain Village, AK 99632.	(907) 591-2814; (907) 591-2815.	(907) 591-2428	<i>atcicwa@gci.net</i>
Atka, Native Village of .....	Amanda McAdoo, ICWA Co-ordinator; Ozzy E. Escarate, Director, Department of Family & Community Development.	Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, 1131 East International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK 99518-1408.	(907) 276-2700	(907) 222-9735	<i>icwa@api.ai.org</i>
Atmautluak, Village of .....	Daniel Waska, Tribal Administrator.	P.O. Box 6568, Atmautluak, AK 99559.	(907) 553-5610	(907) 553-5610	<i>atmautluakte@gmail.com</i>
Atqasuk Village .....	.....	P.O. Box 91108, Atqasuk, AK 99791.	(907) 633-2575	(907) 633-2576.	
Atqasuk Village .....	Joshua Stein, ICWA Program Manager.	Arctic Slope Native Association, P.O. Box 1232, Barrow, AK 99723.	(907) 852-9374	(907) 852-9152	<i>Joshua.stein@arcticslope.org</i>
Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government.	Marjorie Solomon, Social Services Workforce Director.	P.O. Box 1130 Barrow, AK 99723.	(907) 852-4411	(907) 852-4413	<i>marjorie.solomon@nvbarrow.net</i>

Tribe	ICWA POC	Mailing address	Phone number	Fax number	Email address
Beaver Village .....	Arlene Pitka, Tribal Family Youth Specialist.	P.O. Box 24029, Beaver, AK 99724.	(907) 628-6126; (907) 628-2252.	(907) 628-6185.	
Beaver Village .....		Tanana Chiefs Conference, Legal Department, 122 First Avenue, Suite 600, Fairbanks, AK 99701.	(907) 452-8251 Ext. 3178.	(907) 459-3953.	
Belkofski Native Village of .....	Amanda McAdoo, ICWA Coordinator; Ozzy E. Escarate, Director, Department of Family & Community Development.	Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, 1131 East International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK 99518-1408.	(907) 276-2700	(907) 222-9735	<i>icwa@apiak.org</i>
Bethel (see Orutsarmuit Native Council).					
Bettles Field (see Evansville Village).					
Bill Moore's Slough, Village of	Nancy C. Andrews, ICWA Worker; Philomena Keyes, Tribal Administrator.	P.O. Box 20288, Kotlik, AK 99620.	(907) 899-4232; (907) 899-4236.	(907) 899-4002	<i>nacnadrews123@gmail.com; bms99620@gmail.com</i>
Birch Creek Tribe .....	Jackie Balaam, Tribal Family Youth Specialist.	3202 Shell Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701.	(907) 378-1573	(907) 374-9925.	
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Saint George (see St. George).					
Saint Michael (see St. Michael).					
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Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation.	Tammy Sweeney, ICW Supervisor.	11400 158 Road, Mayetta, KS 66509.	(785) 966-8325,	(785) 966-8378.	
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Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma ..	Christi Gonzalez, ICW Director.	P.O. Box 70, Tonkawa, OK 74653.	(580) 628-7025.		
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### 11. Southwest Region

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Ohkay Owingeh .....	Rochelle Thompson, ICWA Manager.	P.O. Box 1187, Ohkay Owingeh, NM 87566.	(575) 852-4400	(505) 692-0333	rochelle.thompson@ohkayowingeh-nsn.org
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Pueblo of Isleta .....	Caroline Dailey, Social Services Director and Jacqueline Yalch, ICWA Coordinator.	P.O. Box 1270, Isleta, NM 87022.	(505) 869-2772 or (505) 869-5283.	(505) 869-7575	poi05001@isletapueblo.com
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## 12. Western Region

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Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation.	Debbie McCollum, ICWA Coordinator.	HC61 Box 6104, Ibabah, UT 84034.	(435) 234-1178	(435) 234-1162	ctgricwa@gmail.com
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White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation.	Cora Hinton, ICWA Representative/CPS Supervisor.	P.O. Box 1870, Whiteriver, AZ 85941.	(928) 338-4164	(928) 338-1469	<a href="mailto:chinton@wmat.us">chinton@wmat.us</a>
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## B. Tribal Agents by Tribal Affiliation

See: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/HumanServices/index.htm>.

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*Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meeting for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council, Lands With Wilderness Characteristics Subcommittee

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

(RAC), Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC) Subcommittee will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Southeast Oregon RAC, LWC Subcommittee will hold a public meeting via teleconference on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The final agenda will be released online no later than March 7, 2017, at <https://www.blm.gov/site-page/get-involved-resource-advisory-council-near-you-oregon-washington-southeast-oregon-rac%20>.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public can call in to the meeting using the telephone conference line number 1-866-524-6456, Participant Code: 608605. They may also listen in at the Lakeview BLM District Office, 1301 S. G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630. Written comments should be addressed to Don

Gonzalez, RAC DFO, BLM Vale District Office, 100 Oregon St., Vale, OR 97918.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larisa Bogardus, Public Affairs Officer, BLM Lakeview District Office, 1301 S. G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630, (541) 947-6237 or [lbogardus@blm.gov](mailto:lbogardus@blm.gov).

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Southeast Oregon RAC consists of 15 members chartered and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Their diverse perspectives are represented in commodity, conservation, and general interests. They provide advice to BLM resource managers regarding management plans and proposed resource actions on public land in southeast Oregon. This meeting will be open to the public. If you wish to distribute information to the LWC Subcommittee, please provide it in advance of the meeting to Mr. Gonzales at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Agenda items for this meeting include discussing possible management approaches for areas identified by the BLM as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics for a subsequent recommendation to the full Southeast Oregon RAC as part of the Vale and Lakeview districts' respective Resource Management Plan Amendment(s) process. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the Southeast Oregon RAC LWC Subcommittee may also be addressed.

A public comment period will be available during the meeting at a time to be posted in the final agenda. Unless otherwise approved by the Southeast Oregon RAC, LWC Subcommittee chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the Southeast Oregon RAC LWC Subcommittee for a maximum of 5 minutes. Meeting times and the duration scheduled for public comment periods may be extended or altered when the authorized representative considers it necessary to accommodate necessary business and all who seek to be heard regarding matters before the Southeast Oregon RAC, LWC Subcommittee.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your

comments, please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Shane DeForest,**

*Vale District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) will host a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday, March 17, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting may end early if all business items are accomplished ahead of schedule, or may be extended if discussions warrant more time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the BLM's Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara Thissell, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, (541) 573-4519, or email [tthissell@blm.gov](mailto:tthissell@blm.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SMAC was established on August 14, 2001, pursuant to the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-399). The

SMAC provides counsel and advice to the BLM regarding new and unique approaches to management of the land within the boundaries of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA), recommends cooperative programs and incentives for landscape management that meet human needs, and advises the BLM on maintenance and improvement of the ecological and economic integrity of the area.

Agenda items for the March 16-17, 2017, session include, but are not limited to: An update from the Designated Federal Official; discussion of access to private inholdings in the CMPA; presentations and discussion on prescribed fire and post-fire rehabilitation in the Steens Mountain area, the North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project, and the Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan amendments; a subcommittee report and discussion on public access at Pike Creek Canyon; and regular business items, such as approving the previous meeting's minutes, a member round-table, and planning the next meeting's agenda. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be included, such as program status updates and follow up items from previous meetings.

A public comment period will be available on both meeting days. Unless otherwise approved by the SMAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the SMAC for a maximum of five minutes.

**Rhonda Karges,**

*Andrews/Steens Resource Area Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meeting; Western Montana Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.



**DATES:** The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council meeting will be held on March 16, 2017, in Butte, Montana. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the BLM's Butte Field Office conference room. There will be a 30-minute public comment period starting at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will adjourn at 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The BLM's Butte Field Office is located at 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Abrams, Western Montana Resource Advisory Council Coordinator, Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701, 406-533-7617, [dabrams@blm.gov](mailto:dabrams@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of issues associated with public land management in Montana. During this meeting, the council will discuss several topics, including updates from the BLM's Butte, Missoula, and Dillon field offices. All RAC meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. The RAC meeting will also allow time for oral public comments. Depending on the number of persons who wish to comment and the amount of time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 1784.4-2.

**Richard M. Hotaling,**  
District Manager, Western Montana District.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1091 (Second Review)]

### Artists' Canvas From China

#### Determination

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject five-year review, the United States International Trade Commission ("Commission") determines, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) ("the Act"), that revocation of the antidumping duty order on artists' canvas from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.<sup>2</sup>

#### Background

The Commission, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, instituted this review on October 3, 2016 (81 FR 68049) and determined on January 6, 2017 that it would conduct an expedited review (82 FR 8208, January 24, 2017).

The Commission made this determination pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)). It completed and filed its determination in this review on March 2, 2017. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4674 (March 2017), entitled *Artists' Canvas from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-1091 (Second Review)*.

By Order of the Commission.

Issued: March 2, 2017.

**Katherine M. Hiner,**  
Acting Supervisory Attorney.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-17-008]

### Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** United States International Trade Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** March 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

<sup>2</sup> Commissioner Dean A. Pinkert did not participate.

## MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agendas for future meetings: None
2. Minutes
3. Ratification List
4. Vote in Inv. Nos. 701-TA-475 and 731-TA-1177 (Review) (Certain Aluminum Extrusions from China). The Commission is currently scheduled to complete and file its determinations and views of the Commission by March 27, 2017.
5. Outstanding action jackets: None

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: March 3, 2017.

**William R. Bishop,**  
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-17-009]

### Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** United States International Trade Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** March 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

## MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agendas for future meetings: None
2. Minutes
3. Ratification List
4. Vote in Inv. No. 731-TA-696 (Fourth Review) (Pure Magnesium (ingot) from China). The Commission is currently scheduled to complete and file its determination and views of the Commission by March 29, 2017.
5. Outstanding action jackets: None

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: March 3, 2017.

**William R. Bishop,**  
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****[OMB Number 1121–NEW]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection; eComments Requested; New Collection; State and Local Justice Agencies Serving Tribal Lands (SLJASTL): Survey of State and Local Prosecutor Offices Serving Tribal Lands (SSLPOSTL)****AGENCY:** Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.**ACTION:** 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** Department of Justice (DOJ), Criminal Division will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** at 81 FR 94420, on December 23, 2016, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional 30 day until April 7, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Suzanne Strong, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh St. NW., Washington, DC 20531 (email: [Suzanne.M.Strong@usdoj.gov](mailto:Suzanne.M.Strong@usdoj.gov); telephone: 202–616–3666). Written comments and/or suggestions can also be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503 or sent to [OIRA\\_submissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submissions@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Survey of State and Local Prosecutor Offices Serving Tribal Lands/State and Local Justice Agencies Serving Tribal Lands.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Agency form number: No agency form number at this time. Sponsoring component: Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary respondents will be state and local prosecutor offices located in the 16 Public Law 83–280 states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin). *Abstract:* Among other responsibilities, the Bureau of Justice Statistics is charged with collecting data regarding crimes occurring on tribal lands. The SLJASTL is the first effort by BJS to include state and local justice agencies responsible for policing and prosecuting crimes that occur on tribal lands. Specifically, the SSLPOSTL will collect information that will help fill the gaps we have in our understanding of the nature of crime on tribal lands. There are two survey instruments: One for Alaska and one for the remaining fifteen Public Law 280 states. The data collection instruments are designed to capture administrative, operational and caseload data from prosecutor offices that investigate and prosecute crimes that occur on tribal lands in Public Law 280 states. The information collected includes the staffing and budget of the prosecutor office, the types of agreements prosecutor offices have with tribal governments, where prosecutors try crimes occurring on tribal lands (i.e., in tribal or state courts), non-prosecutorial services provided on tribal lands (such as victim services and community outreach services), information sharing with tribal governments, training

received by prosecutors about tribal lands, joint training opportunities with state prosecutors and tribes, and the number and types of referrals to and cases prosecuted by state prosecutors. This survey is the first of its kind to describe the role that state and local prosecutor offices play in charging and prosecuting crimes that occur on tribal lands in Public Law 280 states.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* An agency-level survey will be sent to approximately 582 respondents, including 267 prosecutor offices located in counties that contain tribal lands and a sample of the 515 offices located in counties without tribal lands. BJS expects an 80% response rate, or 466 respondents. It is estimated that 466 respondents will complete each form within approximately 1 hour. Follow-up burden is estimated at 30 minutes per respondent, and includes nonresponse follow-up and follow-up to respondents in order to clarify problematic responses. The total burden per respondent is estimated at 90 minutes.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are an estimated 699 total burden hours associated with this collection.

*If additional information is required contact:* Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Suite 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Melody Braswell,**

*Department Clearance Officer, PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****[OMB Number 1121–0356]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection; eComments Requested; Reinstatement to a Previously Approved Collection: State and Local Justice Agencies Serving Tribal Lands (SLJASTL): Survey of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies Serving Tribal Lands (SSLLEASTL)****AGENCY:** Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.**ACTION:** 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** Department of Justice (DOJ), Criminal Division will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** at 81 FR 94419, on December 23, 2016, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional 30 day until April 7, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Suzanne Strong, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh St. NW., Washington, DC 20531 (email: [Suzanne.M.Strong@usdoj.gov](mailto:Suzanne.M.Strong@usdoj.gov); telephone: 202-616-3666). Written comments and/or suggestions can also be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503 or sent to [OIRA\\_submissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submissions@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

## Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement, with change, to a previously approved collection (previous approval recalled to redesign the effort as a survey rather than a census).

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Survey of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies Serving Tribal Lands/State and Local Justice Agencies Serving Tribal Lands.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Agency form number: No agency form number at this time. Sponsoring component: Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Respondents will be general purpose state and local law enforcement agencies (LEAs) that are responsible for policing tribal lands in the sixteen Public Law 280 (PL-280) states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin). General purpose law enforcement agencies include state police departments, sheriff's offices, and local law enforcement agencies. The survey will also include village public safety coordinating officer (VPSO) non-profit coordinating agencies. *Abstract:* Among other responsibilities, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is charged with collecting data regarding crimes occurring on tribal lands. The SLJASTL is the first effort by BJS to include state and local justice agencies responsible for policing and prosecuting crimes that occur on tribal lands in PL-280 states. Specifically, the SSLLEASTL will collect information that will help fill the gaps we have in our understanding of the nature of crime on tribal lands. There are two survey instruments: one for Alaska and one for the remaining fifteen PL-280 states. The data collection instruments are designed to capture administrative, operational and caseload data from respondents. Information requested includes the staffing and budgets of the state and local law enforcement agencies, the types of agreements state and local law enforcement agencies have with tribal governments, types of patrol services, traffic services, and detention services provided to tribal lands, information sharing between state and local law enforcement and tribal governments, training provided by state and local law enforcement to tribal law enforcement

(including cross-deputization agreements), training received by state and local law enforcement agencies on tribal jurisdiction, tribal law and tribal culture, and the number and types of incidents policed by state and local law enforcement agencies. This survey is the first of its kind to describe the role that state and local law enforcement play in policing crime on tribal lands in PL-280 states.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* The survey will be sent to 1,741 respondents. BJS expects an 80% response rate, or 1,393 total respondents. It is estimated that each respondent will take 1 hour to complete the form. An additional 30 minutes burden is estimated for nonresponse follow-up, as well as outreach to respondents that provided problematic data. The total burden per respondent is 90 minutes.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are an estimated 2,090 total burden hours associated with this collection.

*If additional information is required contact:* Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Suite 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Melody Braswell,**

*Department Clearance Officer, PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Employer's First Report of Injury or Occupational Disease, Employer's Supplementary Report of Accident or Occupational Illness**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Employer's First Report of Injury or Occupational Disease, Employer's Supplementary Report of Accident or Occupational Illness," to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201611-1240-004](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201611-1240-004) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-OWCP, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Employer's First Report of Injury or Occupational Disease (Form LS-202), Employer's Supplementary Report of Accident or Occupational Illness (Form LS-210) information collection. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (Longshore Act) section 30(a) provides that a covered employer having knowledge of a disease or injury related to an employee's employment must file a report of the disease or injury to the Secretary of Labor within 10 days after the date of injury or death. The employer would use Form LS-202 to make the initial

report. Longshore Act section 30(b) requires the employer to furnish additional necessary reports regarding an employee's injury, and the employer would use Form LS-210 as a supplementary report after the employer's first report to report additional periods of lost-time from work. Proper filing of Forms LS-202 and LS-210 meets the statutory requirements. Longshore Act section 30 authorizes this information collection. See 33 U.S.C. 930.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1240-0003.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2017. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 23, 2016 (81 FR 84622).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1240-0003. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate 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;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL-OWCP.

*Title of Collection:* Employer's First Report of Injury or Occupational Disease, Employer's Supplementary Report of Accident or Occupational Illness.

*OMB Control Number:* 1240-0003.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 24,631.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 24,631.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 6,158 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$11,143.

Dated: March 2, 2017.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (17-011)]

### NASA Advisory Council; Technology, Innovation and Engineering Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Technology, Innovation and Engineering (TI&E) Committee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This committee reports to the NAC.

**DATES:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Local Time.

**ADDRESSES:** NASA Headquarters, Room MIC 3A/B, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mike Green, Executive Secretary, NAC

TI&E Committee, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-4710, or [g.m.green@nasa.gov](mailto:g.m.green@nasa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. This meeting is also available telephonically and by WebEx. You must use a touch-tone phone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may call the USA toll-free conference number 1-844-467-6272, and then the numeric passcode: 102421 followed by the # sign. To join via WebEx, the link is <https://nasa.webex.com/>, the meeting number is 990 061 454, and the password is "Technology17!" (case sensitive).

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) Update
- Update on STMD Strategic Implementation Plan
- NASA's Barriers to Innovation and Chief Technologist Update
- Space Technology Research Institutes Overview
- Small Spacecraft Technology Study Final Report
- Entry, Descent, and Landing Update

Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA Headquarters security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID to Security before access to NASA Headquarters. Due to the Real ID Act, Public Law 109-13, any attendees with driver's licenses issued from non-compliant states/territories must present a second form of ID. [Federal employee badge; passport; active military identification card; enhanced driver's license; U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card; Native American tribal document; school identification accompanied by an item from LIST C (documents that establish employment authorization) from the "List of the Acceptable Documents" on Form I-9]. Non-compliant states/territories are: Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, and Washington. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide a copy of their passport and visa in addition to providing the following information no less than 10 days prior to the meeting: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; passport information (number, country, telephone); visa information (number, type, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee. To expedite admittance, attendees that are U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents (green card holders) are requested to

provide full name and citizenship status 3 working days in advance. Information should be sent to Ms. Anyah Dembling via email at [anyah.dembling@nasa.gov](mailto:anyah.dembling@nasa.gov). It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

**Patricia D. Rausch,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

**SUMMARY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is soliciting public comments on the proposed information collection described below. The proposed information collection will be sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection must be submitted on or before May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic comments to Mr. Joel Schwartz, Chief Guidelines Officer at [jschwartz@neh.gov](mailto:jschwartz@neh.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NEH will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 35). This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies. NEH is particularly interested in comments which help the agency to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate 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; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of electronic submissions of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Type of Review:* New Collection.  
*Agency:* National Endowment for the Humanities.

*Title of Proposal:* General Clearance Authority to Develop Evaluation Instruments for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

*OMB Number:* N/A.

*Affected Public:* NEH grantees.

*Total Respondents:* 1160.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 1160.

*Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 580 hours.

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

Dated: March 1, 2017.

**Margaret F. Plympton,**

*Deputy Chairman.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271; NRC-2015-0157]

### Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the issuance of two exemptions in response to a January 6, 2015 request from Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy or the licensee), representing itself and the other owners of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VY). The exemptions allow the licensee to use funds from the VY decommissioning funds trust (the Trust) for irradiated fuel management activities without prior notice to the NRC.

**DATES:** Submit comments by April 7, 2017. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2015–0157. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to*: Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN–12–H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jack D. Parrott, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–6634; email: [Jack.Parrott@nrc.gov](mailto:Jack.Parrott@nrc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

#### *A. Obtaining Information*

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#### *B. Submitting Comments*

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comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

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### **II. Introduction**

On June 23, 2015 (80 FR 35992), the NRC issued exemptions from §§ 50.82(a)(8)(i)(A) and 50.75(h)(2) of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) to Entergy, for VY’s Facility Operating License No. DPR–28. The VY facility is located in Windham County, Vermont. The licensee requested the exemptions by letter dated January 6, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15013A171). The exemptions allow the licensee to use funds from the Trust for irradiated fuel management activities without prior notice to the NRC, in the same manner that funds from the Trust are used under § 50.82(a)(8) for decommissioning activities.

At the time of issuance, the NRC’s approval of the exemptions referenced the categorical exclusion criteria under § 51.22(c)(25). However, on November 4, 2015, the State of Vermont, the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, and Green Mountain Power Corporation (together, Petitioners) filed a petition (ADAMS Accession No. ML16137A554) with the Commission that, in part, challenged that the NRC staff had not conducted a NEPA-compliant analysis in conjunction with the exemption request. The Commission directed, in their October 27, 2016 decision on the petition (ADAMS Accession No. ML16301A083) that the staff conduct an EA to examine the environmental impacts, if any, associated with the exemptions. Therefore, consistent with

Commission direction and with § 51.21, the NRC has prepared this draft EA to document its environmental review for the exemption requests. Based on the results of the EA, the NRC has determined it is not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement and is therefore issuing this draft FONSI.

### **III. Draft Environmental Assessment**

#### *Description of the Action*

The exemption request by Entergy on January 6, 2015, and granted by the NRC on June 23, 2015, exempts Entergy from the requirements set forth in §§ 50.82(a)(8)(i)(A) and 10 CFR 50.75(h)(2). Specifically, the exemptions allow Entergy to use funds from the Trust for irradiated fuel management activities, not associated with radiological decontamination, and exempt Entergy from meeting the requirement for prior notification to the NRC for these disbursements.

#### *Need for the Action*

By letter dated January 12, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15013A426), Entergy informed the NRC that it had permanently ceased power operations at VY and that the VY reactor vessel had been permanently defueled.

Entergy stated that it needed access to the funds in the Trust, in excess of those needed for radiological decontamination, to support irradiated fuel management activities not associated with radiological decontamination. As required by § 50.82(a)(8)(i)(A), decommissioning trust funds may be used by the licensee if the withdrawals are for legitimate decommissioning activity expenses, consistent with the definition of decommissioning in § 50.2. This definition addresses radiological decontamination and does not include activities associated with irradiated fuel management. Similarly, the requirements of § 50.75(h)(2) restrict the use of decommissioning trust fund disbursements (other than for ordinary and incidental expenses) to decommissioning expenses until final decommissioning has been completed. Therefore, Entergy needed exemptions from §§ 50.82(a)(8)(i)(A) and 50.75(h)(2) to allow the use of funds from the Trust for irradiated fuel management activities without prior notice of disbursement.

Entergy stated that the Trust contains funds for decommissioning that are commingled with funds intended for irradiated fuel management activities not associated with radiological decontamination. The VY Annual Decommissioning Financial Status

Report (ADAMS Accession No. ML15092A141) submitted by Entergy on March 30, 2015, to the NRC supports the adequacy of funds in the Trust to cover the costs of activities associated with irradiated fuel management and radiological decontamination through license termination.

The requirements of § 50.75(h)(2) further provide that, except for decommissioning withdrawals being made under § 50.82(a)(8), or for payments of ordinary administrative costs and other incidental expenses of the Trust, no disbursement may be made from the Trust until written notice of the intention to make a disbursement has been given to the NRC at least 30 working days in advance of the intended disbursement. Therefore, an exemption from § 50.75(h)(2) was needed to allow Entergy to use funds from the Trust for irradiated fuel management activities without prior NRC notification.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Action*

The exemptions from requirements related to use and notification of Trust funds are of a financial nature and allow Entergy to pay for irradiated fuel management activities with Trust funds. The exemptions do not authorize any additional regulatory or land-disturbing activities, but do allow Entergy to finance irradiated fuel management activities, which support decommissioning.

In granting the exemptions, the NRC completed its safety evaluation and concluded that there was reasonable assurance that adequate funds are available in the Trust to complete all activities associated with decommissioning and irradiated fuel management activities. There is no decrease in safety associated with the use of the Trust to fund activities associated with irradiated fuel management.

The licensee has a comprehensive, regulation-based decommissioning funding oversight program to provide reasonable assurance that sufficient funding will be available for radiological decommissioning. After submitting its site-specific Decommissioning Cost Estimate and until the licensee has completed its final radiation survey and demonstrated that residual radioactivity has been reduced to a level that permits termination of its license, § 50.82(a)(8)(v) requires a licensee to annually submit a financial assurance status report. The report must include, among other things, amounts spent on decommissioning, remaining Trust balance, and estimated costs to complete radiological decommissioning.

If the remaining balance, plus expected rate of return, plus any other financial surety mechanism does not cover the estimated costs to complete the decommissioning, the § 50.82(a)(8)(vi) specifies that additional financial assurance must be provided. These annual reports provide a means for the NRC to monitor the adequacy of available funding.

Additionally, in accordance with the VY Renewed Facility Operating License (ADAMS Accession No. ML15117A551), Condition 3.J.a.(iii), the decommissioning trust agreement must provide that no disbursements or payments from the Trust, other than for ordinary administrative expenses, shall be made by the trustee until the trustee has first given thirty days prior written notice to the NRC. Article IV, Section 4.05 of the Master Decommissioning Trust Agreement (ADAMS Accession No. ML15111A086), by and between Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, and The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee, provides that no disbursements or payments shall be made by the Trustee, other than administrative expenses, in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Master Trust Agreement, until the Trustee has first given the NRC 30 days prior written notice of payment; provided, however, that no disbursement or payment from the Trust shall be made if the Trustee receives prior written notice of objection from the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

The second exemption, which was also granted, exempted Entergy from § 50.75(h)(2). This exemption did not apply to VY at the time of the request because license condition 3.J.a.(iii) was still in effect. Section 50.75(h)(2) would have applied if Entergy's the September 2014 license amendment request to remove the license condition had been approved (ADAMS Accession No. ML14254A405). Entergy withdrew that license amendment request on September 22, 2015 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML15267A074 and ML15265A583, respectively), therefore the second exemption request has not been implemented. License condition 3.J.a.(iii) is still in effect and VY remains subject to the disbursement notification condition in the license.

The environmental impacts of decommissioning have been generically evaluated by the NRC and documented in NUREG-0586, Supplement 1 (Decommissioning Generic Environmental Impact Statement [GEIS]). Entergy's Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activity Report (ADAMS Accession No. ML14357A110) stated that impacts from planned

decommissioning activities at VY are less than and bounded by the impacts considered in the Decommissioning GEIS and NUREG-1496, *Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities*. The NRC agreed with Entergy's conclusion that VY decommissioning activities were bounded by previous analyses (ADAMS Accession No. ML15343A210).

The exemptions do not authorize Entergy to perform new land-disturbing activities that could affect land use, soils and geology, water resources, ecological resources, or historic and cultural resources. The exemptions do not authorize Entergy to conduct additional regulatory activities, outside those already licensed by the NRC, therefore there are no incremental effects to air quality, traffic and transportation, socioeconomic, environmental justice, or accidents. The exemptions will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents. As a result of the exemptions, there are no changes in the types or amounts of effluents that are, or may be, released offsite. Entergy must continue to comply with all appropriate NRC regulations related to occupational and public radiation exposure and thus the exemptions will not result in an increase to occupational or public doses. Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no potential environmental impacts as a result of the granted exemptions.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Action*

As an alternative to the action, the NRC staff could have denied Entergy's exemption request. Denial of the exemption request would have resulted in Entergy operating the facility as licensed, thus the environmental impacts would be the same as those already considered by the previous environmental review in NUREG-1437, Supplement 30 regarding renewal of VY's operating license.

#### *Agencies or Persons Consulted*

On December 15, 2016, the NRC notified the State of Vermont of the draft EA and FONSI. The NRC staff has determined that the exemptions would have no impact on historic and cultural resources or ecological resources and therefore no consultations are necessary under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, respectively.

On November 4, 2015, the Petitioners filed a petition with the Commission



that challenged the NRC staff's approval of Entergy's exemption requests. The Petitioners raised concerns about the use of Trust fund for costs associated with irradiated fuel management, citing that a potential shortfall in the Fund would result in radiological and environmental consequences as well as economic risk to the Vermont taxpayers. As discussed earlier, the NRC has determined that there is reasonable assurance that adequate funds are available in the Trust to complete all activities associated with decommissioning and irradiated fuel management activities. Further, the NRC has concluded in this EA that there are no environmental impacts as a result of the exemptions.

#### IV. Finding of No Significant Impact

Entergy proposed exemptions from §§ 50.82(a)(8)(i)(A) and 50.75(h)(2) to allow the licensee to use funds from the Trust for irradiated fuel management activities, without prior written notification to the NRC. The NRC granted the exemptions on June 23, 2015.

Consistent with § 51.21, the NRC conducted the environmental assessment for the exemptions included in Section II of this document and incorporated by reference in this finding. On the basis of this environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the exemptions did not, and will not, have significant effects on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has decided not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the action.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of March, 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Bruce Watson,**

*Chief, Reactor Decommissioning Branch,  
Division of Decommissioning, Uranium  
Recovery and Waste Programs, Office of  
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-333 and 72-012; License  
No. DPR-59; NRC-2016-0195]

**In the Matter of Entergy Nuclear  
FitzPatrick, LLC, Entergy Nuclear  
Operations, Inc., and Exelon  
Generation Company, LLC; James A.  
FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Direct transfer of license; order.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an order approving the transfer of the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-59, and the transfer of the generally licensed FitzPatrick Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation from Entergy Nuclear FitzPatrick, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. to Exelon Generation Company, LLC.

**DATES:** The Order was issued on March 1, 2017, and is effective for one year.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2016-0195 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2016-0195. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; e-mail: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Diane L. Render, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3629; e-mail: [Diane.Render@nrc.gov](mailto:Diane.Render@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the Order is attached.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of March 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Diane L. Render,**

*Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch I,  
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing,  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

#### Attachment—Order Approving Direct Transfer of License and Approving Conforming Amendment

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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License No. DPR-59; NRC-2016-0195]

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FitzPatrick, LLC, Entergy Nuclear  
Operations, Inc., and Exelon  
Generation Company, LLC; James A.  
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#### ORDER APPROVING DIRECT TRANSFER OF LICENSE AND APPROVING CONFORMING AMENDMENT

##### I.

Entergy Nuclear FitzPatrick, LLC (ENF) and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) (collectively, Entergy) are the owner and operator, respectively, of the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (FitzPatrick) and are the co-holders of Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-59 and the general license for the FitzPatrick Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). FitzPatrick is a General Electric boiling-water reactor located in Oswego County, New York.

##### II.

By application dated August 18, 2016, as supplemented by letter dated November 29, 2016, Entergy and Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) jointly requested, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), section 50.80 (10 CFR 50.80), that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) consent to the direct transfer of the FitzPatrick renewed facility operating license and the FitzPatrick ISFSI general license from Entergy to Exelon. Future references to FitzPatrick include the general license for the FitzPatrick ISFSI.

In response to the request by Entergy and Exelon for consent to the direct transfer of the FitzPatrick renewed facility operating license and the FitzPatrick ISFSI general license, the NRC published a notice entitled, "James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant; Consideration of Approval of Transfer of License and Conforming Amendment,"



in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 2016 (81 FR 63500). The NRC received 22 comments and no hearing requests. All comments were in support of the proposed action.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the NRC shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application, and other information before the NRC, and relying upon the representations and agreements contained in the application, the NRC staff has determined that Exelon is qualified to hold the FitzPatrick renewed facility operating license and the FitzPatrick ISFSI general license. The NRC staff has also determined that the transfer of these licenses is otherwise consistent with the applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the NRC, pursuant thereto, subject to the condition set forth below.

Upon review of the application for a conforming license amendment to reflect this transfer, the NRC staff has determined that the application for the conforming license amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR chapter I; the facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission; there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations; the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and the issuance of this amendment will be in accordance with 10 CFR part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements will have been satisfied.

The findings set forth above are supported by an NRC safety evaluation dated March 1, 2017, and available under Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17041A196.

### III.

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), 42 USC §§ 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* that the application regarding

the proposed direct license transfer is approved, subject to the following condition:

Prior to the completion of the license transfer, Exelon Generation Company, LLC shall provide satisfactory documentary evidence to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation that it has obtained the appropriate amount of insurance required of a licensee under 10 CFR part 140 and 10 CFR part 50.

*It is further ordered* that, consistent with 10 CFR 2.1315(b), the license amendment that makes changes, as indicated in Enclosure 2 to the cover letter forwarding this Order, to conform the license to reflect the subject direct license transfer is approved. The amendment shall be issued and made effective at the time the proposed direct license transfer is completed.

*It is further ordered* that, after receipt of all required regulatory approvals of the proposed direct license transfer, Exelon shall inform the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in writing of such receipt, and of the date of closing of the transfer, no later than 2 business days prior to the date of the closing of the direct license transfer. Should the proposed direct license transfer not be completed within 1 year of this Order's date of issuance, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, upon written application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended by order. This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the application dated August 18, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16235A081), as supplemented by letter dated November 29, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16335A104), and the NRC's nonproprietary Safety Evaluation dated March 1, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17041A196), which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are accessible electronically through ADAMS in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of March 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
William M. Dean,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2017-0047]

### Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License amendment request; notice of opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene; order imposing procedures.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received and is considering approval of three amendment requests. The amendment requests are for LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2; Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3; and Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4. For each amendment request, the NRC proposes to determine that they involve no significant hazards consideration. Because each amendment request contains sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information (SUNSI), an order imposes procedures to obtain access to SUNSI for contention preparation.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by April 7, 2017. A request for a hearing must be filed by May 8, 2017. Any potential party as defined in § 2.4 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), who believes access to SUNSI is necessary to respond to this notice must request document access by March 20, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- **Federal Rulemaking Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2017-0047. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN-12-H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Janet Burkhardt, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-1384, email: [Janet.Burkhardt@nrc.gov](mailto:Janet.Burkhardt@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

*A. Obtaining Information*

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**II. Background**

Pursuant to Section 189a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the NRC is publishing this notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This notice includes notices of amendments containing SUNSI.

**III. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing**

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received

within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue the license amendment before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. In addition, the Commission may issue the amendment prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period if circumstances change during the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility. If the Commission takes action prior to the expiration of either the comment period or the notice period, it will publish a notice of issuance in the **Federal Register**. If the Commission makes a final no significant hazards consideration determination, any hearing will take place after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

*A. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene*

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any persons (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by this action may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to the action. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.309. The NRC's regulations are accessible electronically from the NRC Library on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/>. Alternatively, a copy of the regulations is available at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Room O1-F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852. If a petition is filed, the Commission or a presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of a hearing will be issued.

As required by 10 CFR 2.309(d) the petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following general requirements for standing: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; (2) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the

proceeding; (3) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (4) the possible effect of any decision or order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(f), the petition must also set forth the specific contentions which the petitioner seeks to have litigated in the proceeding. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner must provide a brief explanation of the bases for the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to the specific sources and documents on which the petitioner intends to rely to support its position on the issue. The petition must include sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant or licensee on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions must be limited to matters within the scope of the proceeding. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to satisfy the requirements at 10 CFR 2.309(f) with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene. Parties have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing with respect to resolution of that party's admitted contentions, including the opportunity to present evidence, consistent with the NRC's regulations, policies, and procedures.

Petitions must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Petitions and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i) through (iii). The petition must be filed in accordance with the filing instructions in the "Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)" section of this document.

If a hearing is requested, and the Commission has not made a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to

establish when the hearing is held. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing would take place after issuance of the amendment. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, then any hearing held would take place before the issuance of the amendment unless the Commission finds an imminent danger to the health or safety of the public, in which case it will issue an appropriate order or rule under 10 CFR part 2.

A State, local governmental body, Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h)(1). The petition should state the nature and extent of the petitioner's interest in the proceeding. The petition should be submitted to the Commission by May 8, 2017. The petition must be filed in accordance with the filing instructions in the "Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)" section of this document, and should meet the requirements for petitions set forth in this section, except that under 10 CFR 2.309(h)(2) a State, local governmental body, or Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof does not need to address the standing requirements in 10 CFR 2.309(d) if the facility is located within its boundaries. Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

If a hearing is granted, any person who is not a party to the proceeding and is not affiliated with or represented by a party may, at the discretion of the presiding officer, be permitted to make a limited appearance pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.315(a). A person making a limited appearance may make an oral or written statement of his or her position on the issues but may not otherwise participate in the proceeding. A limited appearance may be made at any session of the hearing or at any prehearing conference, subject to the limits and conditions as may be imposed by the presiding officer. Details regarding the opportunity to make a limited appearance will be provided by the presiding officer if such sessions are scheduled.

#### *B. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)*

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including a

request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition), any motion or other document filed in the proceeding prior to the submission of a request for hearing or petition to intervene, and documents filed by interested governmental entities that request to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with the NRC's E-Filing rule (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007, as amended at 77 FR 46562; August 3, 2012). The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the Internet, or in some cases to mail copies on electronic storage media. Detailed guidance on making electronic submissions may be found in the Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC and on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>. Participants may not submit paper copies of their filings unless they seek an exemption in accordance with the procedures described below.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at [hearing.docket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearing.docket@nrc.gov), or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the hearing in this proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html>. Once a participant has obtained a digital ID certificate and a docket has been created, the participant can then submit adjudicatory documents. Submissions must be in Portable Document Format (PDF). Additional guidance on PDF submissions is available on the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html>. A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC's E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59

p.m. Eastern Time on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email notice confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email notice that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed so that they can obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC's adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC's Electronic Filing Help Desk through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>, by email to [MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov), or by a toll-free call at 1-866-672-7640. The NRC Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding government holidays.

Participants who believe that they have a good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted by: (1) First class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; or (2) courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service to the Office of the Secretary, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving the document on all other participants. Filing is considered complete by first-class mail as of the time of deposit in the mail, or by courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service upon depositing the document with the provider of the service. A presiding officer, having granted an exemption request from using E-Filing, may require a participant or party to use E-Filing if the presiding officer subsequently determines that the

reason for granting the exemption from use of E-Filing no longer exists.

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket which is available to the public at <https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd>, unless excluded pursuant to an order of the Commission or the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as described above, click cancel when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing dockets where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information, such as social security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings, unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. For example, in some instances, individuals provide home addresses in order to demonstrate proximity to a facility or site. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants are requested not to include copyrighted materials in their submission.

*Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374, LaSalle County Station (LSCS), Units 1 and 2, LaSalle County, Illinois*

*Date of amendment request:* October 27, 2016. A publicly-available version is in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16305A291.

*Description of amendment request:* This amendment request contains sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information (SUNSI). The proposed changes revise the suppression pool swell design analysis. The new analysis utilizes a different computer code and incorporates different analysis assumptions than the current analysis. The changes are necessary because the current design analysis determining the suppression pool swell response to a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) was determined to be non-conservative. These changes to the suppression pool swell design analysis do not require any changes to the LSCS Technical Specifications. Changes to the LSCS' updated final safety analysis report related to changes to the suppression pool swell design analysis will be made in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

*Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination:* As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the

issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Do the proposed changes involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed changes involve the reanalysis of the suppression pool swell phenomenon that results from the postulated DBA [design-basis accident] LOCA. The proposed changes resolve a non-conforming condition involving historical design analyses performed to demonstrate the adequacy of items subject to loads resulting from the suppression pool swell phenomena. The proposed changes do not affect plant operations or any design function. The probability of the DBA LOCA or any other accident occurring is not altered as the pool swell phenomenon occurs after a design basis accident or transient and therefore does not impact any accident initiators.

The changes revising the suppression pool swell design analysis will not affect radiological dose consequence analyses. The consequences of accidents previously evaluated will not be increased by the proposed changes. The consequences of the pool swell event remain within acceptable margins.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Do the proposed changes create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated because they do not involve the addition of any new components or systems. The proposed changes do not alter the design function of components or systems that could initiate a new or different kind of accident. The proposed changes do not alter how components or systems are controlled or utilized.

The suppression pool swell phenomenon is one transient that results from the postulated LOCA event, which has previously been evaluated. The impact upon analyses is limited to those associated with the pool swell phenomena.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

3. Do the proposed changes involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

The changes revising the suppression pool swell design analysis do not represent a significant change in a margin of safety.

Following main vent clearing, an air/steam bubble forms at the vent exit. This causes a hydrostatic pressure increase in the pool water resulting in a loading condition on the pool boundaries. The steam condenses in the pool. However, the continued addition and expansion of the drywell air causes the pool

volume to swell, resulting in the rise of the pool surface and associated drag and impact loads on surrounding structures.

The proposed changes to the suppression pool swell design analysis do not alter any design basis or safety limit established in the license. The proposed changes to the suppression pool swell design analysis were evaluated to the NRC acceptance criteria, and the changes comply with established criteria and do not significantly reduce a margin of safety.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the requested amendments involve no significant hazards consideration.

*Attorney for licensee:* Tamra Domeyer, Associate General Counsel, Exelon Generation Company, 4300 Winfield Road, Warrenville, Illinois 60555.

*NRC Branch Chief:* David J. Wrona.

*South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and South Carolina Public Service Authority, Docket Nos. 52-027 and 52-028, Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3, Fairfield County, South Carolina*

*Date of amendment request:* November 21, 2016. A publicly-available version is in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16326A394.

*Description of amendment request:* This amendment request contains sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information (SUNSI). The amendment request proposes changes to plant-specific Tier 1 information and corresponding changes to Combined License (COL) Appendix C, plant-specific Design Control Document (DCD) Tier 2\* and associated Tier 2 material incorporated into the updated final safety analysis report, by revising the design details for the shield building roof, tension ring, and air inlets and removing tie rods. An exemption request relating to the proposed changes to the AP1000 DCD Tier 1 is included with the request.

*Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination:* As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The design functions of the nuclear island structures are to provide support, protection,

and separation for the seismic Category I mechanical and electrical equipment located in the nuclear island. The nuclear island structures are structurally designed to meet seismic Category I requirements as defined in Regulatory Guide 1.29.

The change of the design details for the shield building roof, tension ring, and air inlets and removal of the tie rods do not have an adverse impact on the response of the nuclear island structures to safely shutdown earthquake ground motions or loads due to anticipated transients or postulated accident conditions. The changes do not impact the support, design, or operation of mechanical and fluid systems. There is no change to plant systems or the response of systems to postulated accident conditions. There is no change to the predicted radioactive releases due to normal operation or postulated accident conditions. The plant response to previously evaluated accidents or external events is not adversely affected, nor does the change described create any new accident precursors.

Therefore, the proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed amendment create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change is to revise design details for the shield building roof, tension ring, and air inlets and remove tie rods. The clarification and changes to the design details for the shield building roof, tension ring, and air inlets do not change the design requirements of the nuclear island structures. The changes do not change the design function, support, design, or operation of mechanical and fluid systems. The changes do not result in a new failure mechanism for the nuclear island structures or new accident precursors. As a result, the design function of the nuclear island structures is not adversely affected by the proposed change.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different type of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

No safety analysis or design basis acceptance limit/criterion is challenged or exceeded by the proposed changes, thus, no margin of safety is reduced. The acceptance limits for the design of seismic Category I structures are included in the codes and standards used for the design, analysis, and construction of the structures. The two primary codes for the seismic Category I structures are American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) N690 and American Concrete Institute (ACI) 349. The design of the shield building roof with the changes to the reinforcement and roof beams satisfies applicable provisions of AISC N690 and ACI 349. The welding of the plate girders used for roof beams meets the requirements of AISC N690 and [American Welding Society (AWS)] D1.1.

Therefore, the proposed amendment does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

*Attorney for licensee:* Kathryn M. Sutton, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLC, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004-2514.

*NRC Branch Chief:* Jennifer Dixon-Herrity.

*Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4, Burke County, Georgia*

*Date of amendment request:* November 30, 2016. A publicly-available version is in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16335A453.

*Description of amendment request:* This amendment request contains sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information (SUNSI). The amendment request proposes changes to plant-specific Tier 1 information and corresponding changes to Combined License (COL) Appendix C, plant-specific Design Control Document (DCD) Tier 2\* and associated Tier 2 material incorporated into the updated final safety analysis report, by revising the design details for the shield building roof, tension ring, and air inlets and removing tie rods. An exemption request relating to the proposed changes to the AP1000 DCD Tier 1 is included with the request.

*Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination:* As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The design functions of the nuclear island structures are to provide support, protection, and separation for the seismic Category I mechanical and electrical equipment located in the nuclear island. The nuclear island structures are structurally designed to meet seismic Category I requirements as defined in Regulatory Guide 1.29. The change of the design details for the shield building roof, tension ring, and air inlets and removal of the tie rods do not have an adverse impact on the response of the nuclear island structures to safely shutdown earthquake ground motions or loads due to anticipated transients or

postulated accident conditions. The changes do not impact the support, design, or operation of mechanical and fluid systems. There is no change to plant systems or the response of systems to postulated accident conditions. There is no change to the predicted radioactive releases due to normal operation or postulated accident conditions. The plant response to previously evaluated accidents or external events is not adversely affected, nor does the change described create any new accident precursors.

Therefore, the proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed amendment create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change is to revise design details for the shield building roof, tension ring, and air inlets and remove tie rods. The clarification and changes to the design details for the shield building roof, tension ring, and air inlets do not change the design requirements of the nuclear island structures. The changes do not change the design function, support, design, or operation of mechanical and fluid systems. The changes do not result in a new failure mechanism for the nuclear island structures or new accident precursors. As a result, the design function of the nuclear island structures is not adversely affected by the proposed change.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different type of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

No safety analysis or design basis acceptance limit/criterion is challenged or exceeded by the proposed changes, thus, no margin of safety is reduced. The acceptance limits for the design of seismic Category I structures are included in the codes and standards used for the design, analysis, and construction of the structures. The two primary codes for the seismic Category I structures are American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) N690 and American Concrete Institute (ACI) 349. The design of the shield building roof with the changes to the reinforcement and roof beams satisfies applicable provisions of AISC N690 and ACI 349. The welding of the plate girders used for roof beams meets the requirements of AISC N690 and [American Welding Society (AWS)] D1.1.

Therefore, the proposed amendment does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

*Attorney for licensee:* M. Stanford Blanton, Balch & Bingham LLP, 1710

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*NRC Branch Chief:* Jennifer Dixon-Herrity.

#### **Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation**

*Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Docket Nos. 50–373 and 50–374, LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, LaSalle County, Illinois*

*South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and South Carolina Public Service Authority, Docket Nos. 52–027 and 52–028, Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3, Fairfield County, South Carolina*

*Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Docket Nos. 52–025 and 52–026, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4, Burke County, Georgia*

A. This Order contains instructions regarding how potential parties to this proceeding may request access to documents containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI).

B. Within 10 days after publication of this notice of hearing and opportunity to petition for leave to intervene, any potential party who believes access to SUNSI is necessary to respond to this notice may request access to SUNSI. A “potential party” is any person who intends to participate as a party by demonstrating standing and filing an admissible contention under 10 CFR 2.309. Requests for access to SUNSI submitted later than 10 days after publication of this notice will not be considered absent a showing of good cause for the late filing, addressing why the request could not have been filed earlier.

C. The requester shall submit a letter requesting permission to access SUNSI to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and provide a copy to the Associate General Counsel for Hearings, Enforcement and Administration, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001. The expedited delivery or courier mail address for both offices is: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The email address for the Office of the Secretary and the Office of the General Counsel are [Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov](mailto:Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov) and

[OGCmailcenter@nrc.gov](mailto:OGCmailcenter@nrc.gov), respectively.<sup>1</sup> The request must include the following information:

(1) A description of the licensing action with a citation to this **Federal Register** notice;

(2) The name and address of the potential party and a description of the potential party's particularized interest that could be harmed by the action identified in C.(1); and

(3) The identity of the individual or entity requesting access to SUNSI and the requester's basis for the need for the information in order to meaningfully participate in this adjudicatory proceeding. In particular, the request must explain why publicly available versions of the information requested would not be sufficient to provide the basis and specificity for a proffered contention.

D. Based on an evaluation of the information submitted under paragraph C.(3) the NRC staff will determine within 10 days of receipt of the request whether:

(1) There is a reasonable basis to believe the petitioner is likely to establish standing to participate in this NRC proceeding; and

(2) The requestor has established a legitimate need for access to SUNSI.

E. If the NRC staff determines that the requestor satisfies both D.(1) and D.(2) above, the NRC staff will notify the requestor in writing that access to SUNSI has been granted. The written notification will contain instructions on how the requestor may obtain copies of the requested documents, and any other conditions that may apply to access to those documents. These conditions may include, but are not limited to, the signing of a Non-Disclosure Agreement or Affidavit, or Protective Order<sup>2</sup> setting forth terms and conditions to prevent the unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure of SUNSI by each individual who will be granted access to SUNSI.

F. Filing of Contentions. Any contentions in these proceedings that are based upon the information received as a result of the request made for SUNSI must be filed by the requestor no later than 25 days after receipt of (or access to) that information. However, if more than 25 days remain between the

<sup>1</sup> While a request for hearing or petition to intervene in this proceeding must comply with the filing requirements of the NRC's “E-Filing Rule,” the initial request to access SUNSI under these procedures should be submitted as described in this paragraph.

<sup>2</sup> Any motion for Protective Order or draft Non-Disclosure Affidavit or Agreement for SUNSI must be filed with the presiding officer or the Chief Administrative Judge if the presiding officer has not yet been designated, within 30 days of the deadline for the receipt of the written access request.

petitioner's receipt of (or access to) the information and the deadline for filing all other contentions (as established in the notice of hearing or opportunity for hearing), the petitioner may file its SUNSI contentions by that later deadline.

#### G. Review of Denials of Access.

(1) If the request for access to SUNSI is denied by the NRC staff after a determination on standing and requisite need, the NRC staff shall immediately notify the requestor in writing, briefly stating the reason or reasons for the denial.

(2) The requester may challenge the NRC staff's adverse determination by filing a challenge within 5 days of receipt of that determination with: (a) The presiding officer designated in this proceeding; (b) if no presiding officer has been appointed, the Chief Administrative Judge, or if he or she is unavailable, another administrative judge, or an Administrative Law Judge with jurisdiction pursuant to 10 CFR 2.318(a); or (c) if another officer has

been designated to rule on information access issues, with that officer.

(3) Further appeals of decisions under this paragraph must be made pursuant to 10 CFR 2.311.

H. Review of Grants of Access. A party other than the requester may challenge an NRC staff determination granting access to SUNSI whose release would harm that party's interest independent of the proceeding. Such a challenge must be filed within 5 days of the notification by the NRC staff of its grant of access and must be filed with: (a) The presiding officer designated in this proceeding; (b) if no presiding officer has been appointed, the Chief Administrative Judge, or if he or she is unavailable, another administrative judge, or an Administrative Law Judge with jurisdiction pursuant to 10 CFR 2.318(a); or (c) if another officer has been designated to rule on information access issues, with that officer.

If challenges to the NRC staff determinations are filed, these procedures give way to the normal process for litigating disputes

concerning access to information. The availability of interlocutory review by the Commission of orders ruling on such NRC staff determinations (whether granting or denying access) is governed by 10 CFR 2.311.<sup>3</sup>

I. The Commission expects that the NRC staff and presiding officers (and any other reviewing officers) will consider and resolve requests for access to SUNSI, and motions for protective orders, in a timely fashion in order to minimize any unnecessary delays in identifying those petitioners who have standing and who have propounded contentions meeting the specificity and basis requirements in 10 CFR part 2. The attachment to this Order summarizes the general target schedule for processing and resolving requests under these procedures.

*It is so ordered.*

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd of March 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Annette L. Vietti-Cook,**  
*Secretary of the Commission.*

#### ATTACHMENT 1—GENERAL TARGET SCHEDULE FOR PROCESSING AND RESOLVING REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO SENSITIVE UNCLASSIFIED NON-SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION IN THIS PROCEEDING

Day	Event/activity
0 .....	Publication of FEDERAL REGISTER notice of hearing and opportunity to petition for leave to intervene, including order with instructions for access requests.
10 .....	Deadline for submitting requests for access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) with information: Supporting the standing of a potential party identified by name and address; describing the need for the information in order for the potential party to participate meaningfully in an adjudicatory proceeding.
60 .....	Deadline for submitting petition for intervention containing: (i) Demonstration of standing; and (ii) all contentions whose formulation does not require access to SUNSI (+25 Answers to petition for intervention; +7 petitioner/requestor reply).
20 .....	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff informs the requester of the staff's determination whether the request for access provides a reasonable basis to believe standing can be established and shows need for SUNSI. (NRC staff also informs any party to the proceeding whose interest independent of the proceeding would be harmed by the release of the information.) If NRC staff makes the finding of need for SUNSI and likelihood of standing, NRC staff begins document processing (preparation of redactions or review of redacted documents).
25 .....	If NRC staff finds no "need" or no likelihood of standing, the deadline for petitioner/requester to file a motion seeking a ruling to reverse the NRC staff's denial of access; NRC staff files copy of access determination with the presiding officer (or Chief Administrative Judge or other designated officer, as appropriate). If NRC staff finds "need" for SUNSI, the deadline for any party to the proceeding whose interest independent of the proceeding would be harmed by the release of the information to file a motion seeking a ruling to reverse the NRC staff's grant of access.
30 .....	Deadline for NRC staff reply to motions to reverse NRC staff determination(s).
40 .....	(Receipt +30) If NRC staff finds standing and need for SUNSI, deadline for NRC staff to complete information processing and file motion for Protective Order and draft Non-Disclosure Affidavit. Deadline for applicant/licensee to file Non-Disclosure Agreement for SUNSI.
A .....	If access granted: Issuance of presiding officer or other designated officer decision on motion for protective order for access to sensitive information (including schedule for providing access and submission of contentions) or decision reversing a final adverse determination by the NRC staff.
A + 3 .....	Deadline for filing executed Non-Disclosure Affidavits. Access provided to SUNSI consistent with decision issuing the protective order.
A + 28 .....	Deadline for submission of contentions whose development depends upon access to SUNSI. However, if more than 25 days remain between the petitioner's receipt of (or access to) the information and the deadline for filing all other contentions (as established in the notice of opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene), the petitioner may file its SUNSI contentions by that later deadline.
A + 53 .....	(Contention receipt +25) Answers to contentions whose development depends upon access to SUNSI.
A + 60 .....	(Answer receipt +7) Petitioner/Intervenor reply to answers.
>A + 60 .....	Decision on contention admission.

<sup>3</sup>Requesters should note that the filing requirements of the NRC's E-Filing Rule (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007, as amended at 77 FR

46562; August 3, 2012) apply to appeals of NRC staff determinations (because they must be served on a presiding officer or the Commission, as

applicable), but not to the initial SUNSI request submitted to the NRC staff under these procedures.



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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on APR1400; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on APR1400 will hold a meeting on March 21–23, 2017, 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T-2B1, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The meeting will be open to public attendance with the exception of portions that may be closed to protect information that is proprietary pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4). The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Tuesday, March 21, 2017—1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 22, 2017—8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, March 23, 2017—8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.*

The Subcommittee will review the APR1400 Design Control Document and Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items Chapter 6 (“Engineered Safety Features”), Chapter 13 (“Conduct of Operations”), and Chapter 16 (“Technical Specifications”). The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the NRC staff and Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Company regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Christopher Brown (Telephone 301-415-7111 or Email: [Christopher.Brown@nrc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Brown@nrc.gov)) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were

published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 2016, (81 FR 71543).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the Web site cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. After registering with Security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (Telephone 240-888-9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: March 1, 2017.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Advance Notice To (1) Implement the Margin Proxy and (2) Modify the Calculation of the Coverage Charge in Circumstances Where the Margin Proxy Applies

March 2, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of Title VIII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act entitled the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010 (“Clearing Supervision Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4(n)(1)(i) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Act”),<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 2, 2017, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the advance notice SR-FICC-2017-801 (“Advance Notice”) as

described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been primarily prepared by the clearing agency.<sup>3</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the Advance Notice from interested persons.

### I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Advance Notice

This Advance Notice consists of amendments to the FICC Government Securities Division (“GSD”) Rulebook (“GSD Rules”)<sup>4</sup> in order to include a minimum volatility calculation called the “Margin Proxy.” Under the proposed rule change, FICC would apply the greater of the amount calculated by the current model-based volatility (“Current Volatility Calculation”) calculation and the Margin Proxy when determining a GSD Netting Member’s (“Netting Member’s”) daily VaR Charge,<sup>5</sup> as further described below. In addition, FICC would modify the calculation of the Coverage Charge<sup>6</sup> in circumstances where the Margin Proxy applies, as further described below.

In order to effectuate the proposed rule changes described above, FICC proposes to (1) add a new defined term for Margin Proxy in Rule 1 (Definitions); (2) amend the definition of VaR Charge in Rule 1 to reference the Margin Proxy; and (3) amend Section 1b of Rule 4 (Clearing Fund and Loss Allocation) to modify the calculation of the Coverage Charge when the Margin Proxy is applied.

### II. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Advance Notice

In its filing with the Commission, the clearing agency included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the Advance Notice and discussed any comments it received on the Advance Notice. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The clearing agency has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A and B below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

<sup>3</sup> On February 2, 2017, FICC filed this Advance Notice as a proposed rule change (SR-FICC-2017-001) with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), and Rule 19b-4, 17 CFR 240.19b-4. A copy of the proposed rule change is *available at*.

<sup>4</sup> Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the GSD Rules *available at* [www.dtcc.com/legal/rules-and-procedures.aspx](http://www.dtcc.com/legal/rules-and-procedures.aspx).

<sup>5</sup> The Margin Proxy would be calculated as part of the determination of the VaR Charge that occurs twice daily, based on start-of-day positions and noon positions.

<sup>6</sup> See description of Coverage Charge in GSD Rule 1, Definitions, *supra* note 4.

<sup>1</sup> See 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1).

<sup>2</sup> See 17 CFR 240.19b-4(n)(1)(i).



*(A) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Advance Notice Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

In connection with this proposed rule change, FICC received a written letter from Ronin Capital LLC ("Ronin Capital").<sup>7</sup> A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 2. The aspects of this letter that relate to the proposed rule change are described below.

**Abbreviated Rule Approval Process**

A. The new backup model is being rushed into production.

*Ronin Capital has questioned whether the risk to FICC from the current full evaluation approach is so dire that a new backup model is required to be rushed into production.*

FICC believes that the Current Volatility Calculation did not respond effectively to volatile market conditions and that it must implement the proposed Margin Proxy as described in this proposed rule change as soon as possible to effectively mitigate the market price risk of each Netting Member's Margin Portfolio. As described in Item II(B) below, FICC believes that the proposed changes associated with the Margin Proxy and the Coverage Charge would help to ensure that each Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit achieves a 99 percent confidence level and the proposed changes would mitigate potential losses to FICC and non-defaulting Netting Members associated with the liquidation of a defaulted Netting Member's portfolio. As described in Item II(B) below, the proposed changes would support FICC's compliance with Rule 17Ad-22(e)(4) because the Margin Proxy is designed to effectively identify, measure, monitor, and manage FICC's credit exposures to participants and those exposures arising from its payment, clearing, and settlement processes.<sup>8</sup>

B. An abbreviated rule approval process may not be appropriate when there are known flaws with the Margin Proxy.

*Ronin Capital has questioned whether an abbreviated rule approval process is appropriate when there are known flaws with the Margin Proxy. Ronin Capital notes that an example of a flaw is the inability of the Margin Proxy to reflect risk offsets among portfolio positions.*

As described in II(B) below, FICC has identified a deficiency in the Current Volatility Calculation and FICC believes that it has a responsibility to rectify this deficiency as soon as possible. With this in mind, FICC is requesting that the Commission notify FICC that it has no objection to the proposed changes as expeditiously as possible in order to address the impact that market volatility has had on the GSD VaR Charge. FICC believes that this request is appropriate because the proposed changes associated with the Margin Proxy and the Coverage Charge would help to protect FICC and its Netting Members by ensuring that FICC collects sufficient Required Fund Deposits in the event that the Current Volatility Calculation does not perform as expected during volatile market conditions.

Ronin Capital's assertion that the Margin Proxy does not provide for risk offsets is incorrect. As described in Item II(B) below, the proposed Margin Proxy accounts for risk offsets by including a correlation adjustment to provide risk diversification across tenor buckets that have been historically observed across the U.S. Treasury benchmarks. The VaR Charge would preserve the same diversification between U.S. Treasury and MBS asset classes that is provided by the Current Volatility Calculation. FICC is not aware of any flaws with the proposed Margin Proxy and thus FICC believes that it is prudent to request that the Commission accelerate the effectiveness of the proposed change associated with the Margin Proxy and Coverage Charge.

C. The deployment of the Margin Proxy for an extended time may further burden competition.

*Ronin Capital has expressed concern that GSD's expedited need for a new VaR model may result in the deployment of the backup Margin Proxy methodology for an extended amount of time which may burden competition.*

FICC acknowledges that the proposed rule change associated with the Margin Proxy and Coverage Charge may burden competition, however, FICC believes that this burden would be necessary and appropriate in furtherance of the Act.

The proposed rule change associated with the Margin Proxy and the Coverage Charge could burden competition because the proposed change would result in larger Required Fund Deposit amounts for Netting Members when the

Margin Proxy calculates a VaR Charge that is greater than the amount calculated pursuant to the Current Volatility Calculation. When application of the Margin Proxy increases Required Fund Deposits for Netting Members that have lower operating margins or higher costs of capital compared to other Netting Members, the proposed rule change could burden competition. However, FICC does not believe that the proposed rule change associated with the Margin Proxy and Coverage Charge would impose a significant burden on competition because the increase in the Required Fund Deposit would be in direct relation to the market risk presented by each Netting Member's Margin Portfolio. Moreover, the Required Fund Deposit would be calculated with the same parameters and at the confidence level for all Netting Members. Therefore, Netting Members that present similar Margin Portfolios would have similar impacts on their Required Fund Deposit amounts.

FICC believes that the burden on competition would be necessary and appropriate in furtherance of the Act because the proposed changes associated with the Margin Proxy and the Coverage Charge would support FICC's compliance with Rule 17Ad-22(b)(1) under the Act. Specifically, the proposed changes would be reasonably designed to (x) measure FICC's credit exposures to its participants at least once a day and (y) limit FICC's exposures to potential losses from defaults by its participants under normal market conditions.<sup>9</sup> The proposed changes would also support FICC's compliance with Rule 17Ad-22(b)(2) under the Act because the proposed changes would reflect FICC's use of risk-based models and parameters to set margin requirements which would be reviewed monthly.<sup>10</sup> The proposed Margin Proxy would also support FICC's compliance with Rule 17Ad-22(e)(4) and (e)(6) under the Act because the Margin Proxy would be subject to a performance review by FICC and the Margin Proxy is a risk based margin system that would be monitored, regularly reviewed, tested and verified on an ongoing basis.<sup>11</sup>

For these reasons, FICC believes that any burden on competition as a result of the proposed changes associated with the Margin Proxy and Coverage Charge would be necessary in furtherance of the Act as cited above.

<sup>7</sup> See Letter from Ronin Capital LLC to Messrs. Murray Pozmanter and Timothy Cuddihy dated January 20, 2017. This letter expressed a wide range of concerns, which FICC has and will continue to consider. The aspects of this letter which do not relate to the proposed rule change will be addressed by FICC outside of the context of this filing.

<sup>8</sup> The Commission adopted amendments to Rule 17Ad-22, including the addition of new section 17Ad-22(e), on September 28, 2016. The amendments to Rule 17Ad-22 became effective on December 12, 2016. FICC is a "covered clearing agency" as defined in Rule 17Ad-22(a)(5) and must comply with new section (e) of Rule 17Ad-22 by April 11, 2017. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78961 (September 28, 2016), 81 FR 70786 (October 13, 2016) (S7-03-14).

<sup>9</sup> See 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(b)(1).

<sup>10</sup> See 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(b)(2).

<sup>11</sup> *Supra* note 8.

D. The Margin Proxy should be tested before filing a rule change and Netting Members should have the opportunity to prepare for the temporary model.

*Ronin Capital expressed concern about whether FICC conducted a study of the Margin Proxy's impact prior to filing a rule change. Ronin Capital also noted that Netting Members have experience with the idiosyncrasies of the current model and that it does not make sense to rush to a new temporary model without giving Netting Members any length of time to prepare.*

FICC believes that it conducted sufficient analysis prior to the submission of this proposed rule change to the Commission. FICC evaluated the sufficiency of the proposed changes for a period that exceeded 2 months. FICC's study included historical analysis of the backtesting sufficiency of the Margin Proxy. In addition, FICC reviewed the impact that the Margin Proxy would have on each Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit. In an effort to help Netting Members prepare for this proposed rule change, FICC outlined the rationale for the Margin Proxy and provided each Netting Member with reports that reflect the impact that the proposed change would have on such Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit. Thus, FICC believes that it has provided Netting Members with sufficient information and advance notice regarding the proposed changes. FICC recognizes that Netting Members may have experience with the idiosyncrasies of the Current Volatility Calculation, FICC nonetheless believes that the proposed rule change must be employed to help ensure that FICC collects sufficient Required Fund Deposit amounts at all times, particularly during volatile market conditions.

#### Lack of Transparency

A. Netting Members should have access to prospective rule changes before rules are filed.

*Ronin Capital acknowledged that it appreciates FICC's communication with Netting Members about sensitive topics before submitting rules for commentary; however, Ronin Capital also noted that it is important for Netting Members to have access to prospective rules changes before such rules are filed with regulatory authorities.*

In response to the above, FICC notes that it has and continues to engage in ongoing discussion with Netting Members about how proposals would impact them. With respect to this proposed change, FICC's outreach to Netting Members included discussions regarding GSD's Clearing Fund

calculation as well as the VaR Charge methodology. As described above, in an effort to help Netting Members prepare for this proposed rule change, FICC outlined the rationale for the Margin Proxy and provided each Netting Member with reports that reflect the impact that the proposed change would have on such Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit. FICC staff has always made itself available to answer all questions or concerns raised by Netting Members. FICC believes that it has provided Netting Members with an appropriate level of disclosure regarding this proposed rule change and such disclosure gives Netting Members the ability to manage their obligations under the proposed rule change.

B. FICC should provide Netting Members with the ability to conduct scenario analysis and FICC's inability to do so could be anticompetitive.

*Ronin Capital noted that FICC should give Netting Members the ability to conduct margin based scenario analysis. Ronin Capital also noted that given the differing costs of capital across the membership, FICC's inability to provide Netting Members with the ability to conduct such analysis could be anticompetitive.*

FICC does not have technology that would allow Netting Members to conduct margin based scenario analysis. While FICC recognizes that there may be additional benefits that Netting Members could derive from the provision of such technology by FICC, FICC does not believe that the lack of availability of such technology is anticompetitive. FICC has provided sufficient disclosure regarding the proposed change to its Netting Members and each Netting Member has been provided with the same level of disclosure. In addition, FICC staff has made itself available to answer all questions regarding the proposed change. Thus, FICC believes that all Netting Members have the ability to manage their obligations based on the information that FICC has provided in connection with this proposed change. FICC recognizes there may be additional benefits that Netting Members could derive from margin based scenario analysis thus FICC will endeavor to explore the development of this technology in the future.

While FICC recognizes that there may be additional benefits that Netting Members could derive from the provision of such technology by FICC, FICC does not believe that the lack of availability of such technology is anticompetitive.

#### *(B) Advance Notice Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act*

##### Nature of the Proposed Change

FICC is proposing to introduce the Margin Proxy, which would constitute a Netting Member's daily VaR Charge in circumstances where the Margin Proxy would be greater than the Current Volatility Calculation. In circumstances where the Margin Proxy is applied by FICC, FICC also proposes to reduce the Coverage Charge by the amount that the Margin Proxy exceeds the sum of the Current Volatility Calculation and Coverage Charge, but not by an amount greater than the total Coverage Charge, as further described below.

##### A. Overview of the Required Fund Deposit and Clearing Fund Calculation

A key tool that FICC uses to manage market risk is the daily calculation and collection of Required Fund Deposits from Netting Members. The objective of a Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit is to mitigate potential losses to FICC associated with liquidation of such Netting Member's Margin Portfolio in the event that FICC ceases to act for such Netting Member (hereinafter referred to as a "default").<sup>12</sup>

A Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit consists of several components, including the VaR Charge and Coverage Charge. The VaR Charge comprises the largest portion of a Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit amount. The VaR Charge is calculated using a risk-based margin methodology that is intended to cover the market price risk associated with the securities in a Netting Member's Margin Portfolio.

The Coverage Charge is calculated based on the Netting Member's daily backtesting results. FICC employs daily backtesting to determine the adequacy of each Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit. The backtesting compares the Required Fund Deposit for each Netting Member with actual price changes in the Netting Member's Margin Portfolio. The Margin Portfolio values are calculated using the actual positions in such Netting Member's Margin Portfolio on a given day and the observed security price changes over the following three days. These backtesting results are reviewed as part of FICC's VaR model performance monitoring and assessment of the adequacy of each Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit.

The Coverage Charge is incorporated in the Required Fund Deposit for each Netting Member to increase the

<sup>12</sup>GSD Rule 22A.

Required Fund Deposit so that the Netting Member's backtesting coverage may achieve the 99 percent confidence level (*i.e.*, no <sup>13</sup> greater than two backtesting deficiency days in a rolling twelve-month period).

#### B. Proposed Change to the Existing VaR Charge Calculation

During the fourth quarter of 2016, FICC's Current Volatility Calculation did not respond effectively to the level of market volatility at that time, and the VaR Charge amounts that were calculated using the profit and loss scenarios generated by the Current Volatility Calculation did not achieve backtesting coverage at a 99 percent confidence level. As a result, the Required Fund Deposit yielded backtesting deficiencies beyond FICC's risk tolerance. Therefore, FICC proposes to use the Margin Proxy as the VaR Charge when the Margin Proxy calculation would exceed the Current Volatility Calculation.

The Margin Proxy would cover circumstances where the Current Volatility Calculation is lower than market price volatility from corresponding U.S. Treasury and to-be-announced ("TBA") <sup>14</sup> securities benchmarks.

More specifically, the Margin Proxy would reflect separate calculations for U.S. Treasury securities and agency pass-through mortgage backed securities ("MBS"). The purpose of the separate calculations would be to cover the historical market prices of each of those asset classes to a 99 percent confidence level, on a standalone basis, because the historical price changes of the two asset classes are different due to market factors, such as credit spreads and prepayment risk. This separate calculation would also allow FICC to monitor the performance of each of those asset classes individually.

The Margin Proxy would be calculated per Netting Member. Each security in a Netting Member's Margin Portfolio would be mapped to a respective benchmark based on the security's asset class and maturity.<sup>15</sup> All securities within each benchmark would be aggregated into a net

exposure.<sup>16</sup> Next, FICC would apply an applicable haircut <sup>17</sup> to the net exposure per benchmark to determine the net price risk for each benchmark ("Net Price Risk"). Finally, FICC would determine the asset class price risk ("Asset Class Price Risk") for U.S. Treasury and MBS benchmarks separately by aggregating the respective Net Price Risk, and for the U.S. Treasury benchmarks, the calculation includes a correlation adjustment, to provide risk diversification across tenor buckets, that has been historically observed across the U.S. Treasury benchmarks. The Margin Proxy would represent the sum of the U.S. Treasury and MBS Asset Class Price Risk. FICC would compare the Margin Proxy to the Current Volatility Calculation. FICC would apply the greater of the Margin Proxy or the Current Volatility Calculation for each asset class as the VaR Charge for each Netting Member's Margin Portfolio.

FICC believes that this proposal would provide the adequate Required Fund Deposit per Netting Member because the backtesting coverage including the Margin Proxy has been above the 99 percent confidence level for the past four years. Additionally, the Margin Proxy would be transparent to Netting Members because it would use industry standard benchmarks that can be observed by Netting Members.

The Margin Proxy methodology would be subject to performance reviews by FICC. Specifically, FICC would monitor each Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit and the aggregate Clearing Fund requirements versus the requirements calculated by the Margin Proxy. Consistent with the current GSD Rules,<sup>18</sup> FICC would review the robustness of the Margin Proxy by comparing the results versus the three-day profit and loss of each Netting Member's Margin Portfolio based on actual market price moves. If the Margin Proxy's backtesting results do not meet FICC's 99 percent confidence level, FICC would consider adjustments to the Margin Proxy, including increasing the look-back period and/or applying a historical stressed period to the Margin Proxy calibration, as appropriate.

#### C. Proposed Modification to the Coverage Charge When the Margin Proxy Is Applied

FICC also proposes to modify the calculation of the Coverage Charge when the Margin Proxy is applied as the VaR Charge. Specifically, FICC would reduce the Coverage Charge by the amount that the Margin Proxy exceeds the sum of the Current Volatility Calculation and Coverage Charge, but not by an amount greater than the total Coverage. FICC's backtesting analysis demonstrates that the proposed Margin Proxy would provide sufficient margin coverage without the addition of the Coverage Charge because FICC backtest results inclusive of the Margin Proxy achieve the 99 percent confidence level without the inclusion of the Coverage Charge.

FICC would not modify the Coverage Charge if the Margin Proxy is not applied as the VaR Charge.

#### Anticipated Effect on and Management of Risks

FICC believes that the proposed changes to establish the Margin Proxy and to adjust the Coverage Charge when the Margin Proxy is applied would enable FICC to better limit its exposure to Netting Members arising out of the activity in their Margin Portfolios.

The proposal to establish the Margin Proxy would affect FICC's management of risk because it would help to address deficiencies observed in the Current Volatility Calculation by establishing the Margin Proxy as a minimum volatility calculation for each Netting Member's Margin Portfolio based on historical price changes of a set of reference securities. The proposed methodology would enhance FICC's risk management capabilities by establishing a volatility floor based on the composition of each Netting Member's Margin Portfolio, enabling FICC to establish a VaR Charge that provides better backtesting coverage than the Current Volatility Calculation.

FICC's proposal to modify the calculation of the Coverage Charge would affect FICC's management of risk by removing unnecessary components from the Required Fund Deposit calculation. As described above, the Coverage Charge is based on historical portfolio activity, which may not be indicative of a Netting Member's current risk profile. As part of FICC's development of the Margin Proxy, FICC performed backtesting to validate model performance, and conducted analyses to determine the impact of the proposed changes to the Netting Members. Results of FICC's backtesting performance when

<sup>13</sup> On February 16, 2017, staff of the Commission's Division of Trading and Markets had a conversation with FICC's legal counsel to confirm that the word "no" should precede the word "greater" in this sentence.

<sup>14</sup> Specified pool trades are mapped to the corresponding positions in TBA securities for determining the VaR Charge.

<sup>15</sup> U.S. Treasury and agency securities would be mapped to a U.S. Treasury benchmark security/index. Mortgage-backed securities would be mapped to a TBA security/index.

<sup>16</sup> Net exposure is the aggregate market value of securities to be purchased by the Netting Member minus the aggregate market value of securities to be sold by the Netting Member.

<sup>17</sup> The haircut is calculated using historical market price changes of the respective benchmark to cover the expected market price volatility at 99 percent confidence level.

<sup>18</sup> See definition of VaR Charge in GSD Rule 1, Definitions, *supra* note 4.

the Margin Proxy is applied indicate that the backtesting coverage is higher when the VaR Charge includes the Margin Proxy and the Coverage Charge has been adjusted, as compared to the VaR Charge including the Current Volatility Calculation and the unadjusted Coverage Charge. Given an improvement in model coverage that achieves coverage above the 99 percent confidence level, FICC believes that it is appropriate to reduce the Coverage Charge by the amount that the Margin Proxy exceeds the sum of the Current Volatility Calculation and Coverage Charge, but not by an amount greater than the total Coverage Charge, as further described below.

FICC has also managed the effect of the overall proposal by conducting outreach with Netting Members regarding the proposed changes and informing such Members as to the reasons for these proposed changes. FICC has provided each Netting Member with an individual impact study. In addition, FICC's Market Risk Management team and Relationship Management team have been available to answer all questions.

#### Consistency With the Clearing Supervision Act

FICC believes the proposed changes, described above, are consistent with Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act<sup>19</sup> because these changes would promote robust risk management by giving GSD the ability to better cover its exposure to Netting Members arising out of the activity of such Members' Margin Portfolios.

In addition, FICC believes that the proposed changes associated with the Margin Proxy and Coverage Charge are consistent with the requirements of Rules 17Ad-22(b)(1) and (b)(2) under the Act.<sup>20</sup> Rule 17Ad-22(b)(1) requires a registered clearing agency that performs central counterparty services to establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to measure its credit exposures to its participants at least once a day and limit its exposures to potential losses from defaults by its participants under normal market conditions so that the operations of the clearing agency would not be disrupted and non-defaulting participants would not be exposed to losses that they cannot anticipate or control.<sup>21</sup> The proposed changes associated with the Margin Proxy and Coverage Charge would continue FICC's practice of

measuring its credit exposures at least once a day and would enhance GSD's risk-based margining framework, the objective of which is to calculate each Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit such that, in the event of a Netting Member's default, the defaulting Netting Member's own Required Fund Deposit would mitigate potential losses to FICC and non-defaulting Netting Members associated with the liquidation of such defaulted Netting Member's portfolio. Therefore, FICC believes that these proposed changes are consistent with Rule 17Ad-22(b)(1) under the Act.

Rule 17Ad-22(b)(2) under the Act requires a registered clearing agency that performs central counterparty services to establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to use margin requirements to limit its credit exposures to participants under normal market conditions and use risk-based models and parameters to set margin requirements and review such margin requirements and the related risk-based models and parameters at least monthly.<sup>22</sup> The proposed changes associated with the Margin Proxy and Coverage Charge would enhance the risk-based model and parameters that establish margin requirements for Netting Members. This enhancement to the risk-based model and parameters would use margin requirements to limit FICC's credit exposure to its Netting Members. Since the proposed changes are designed to calculate each Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit at a 99 percent confidence level, FICC believes each Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit could mitigate its own losses in the event that such Netting Member defaults under normal market conditions. Therefore, FICC believes that these proposed changes are consistent with Rule 17Ad-22(b)(2) under the Act.

FICC also believes that the proposed changes are consistent with Rules 17Ad-22(e)(4) and (e)(6) of the Act, which were recently adopted by the Commission.<sup>23</sup> Rule 17Ad-22(e)(4) will require FICC to establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to effectively identify, measure, monitor, and manage its credit exposures to participants and those exposures arising from its payment, clearing, and settlement processes.<sup>24</sup> The Margin Proxy methodology would be subject to performance reviews by FICC. If the

Margin Proxy's backtesting results do not meet FICC's 99 percent confidence level, FICC would consider adjustments to the Margin Proxy, including increasing the look-back period and/or applying a historical stressed period to the Margin Proxy calibration, as appropriate. Therefore, the proposed changes associated with the Margin Proxy and Coverage Charge would enhance FICC's ability to identify, measure, monitor and manage its credit exposures to Netting Members and those exposures arising from its payment, clearing, and settlement processes by maintaining financial resources to cover a wide range of foreseeable price moves under both normal and stressed market conditions. Therefore, FICC believes the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-22(e)(4), promulgated under the Act.

Rule 17Ad-22(e)(6) will require FICC to establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to cover its credit exposures to its participants by establishing a risk-based margin system that is monitored by management on an ongoing basis and regularly reviewed, tested, and verified.<sup>25</sup> The proposed changes associated with the Margin Proxy enhance GSD's risk-based margin system that would continue to be monitored by FICC management on an ongoing basis and regularly reviewed, tested, and verified. Therefore, FICC believes that the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-22(e)(6), promulgated under the Act.

#### Accelerated Commission Action Requested

Pursuant to Section 806(e)(1)(I) of the Clearing Supervision Act,<sup>26</sup> FICC requests that the Commission notify FICC that it has no objection to the proposed changes as expeditiously as possible. FICC requests accelerated Commission action in order to address the impact of recent volatility in the financial markets on the GSD VaR Charge. GSD's VaR Charge did not achieve backtesting coverage at a 99 percent confidence level, as described herein. The proposed changes would enhance the risk-based model and parameters that establish margin requirements for Netting Members. These enhancements to the risk-based model and parameters are designed to calculate each Netting Member's Required Fund Deposit at a 99 percent confidence level and would mitigate potential losses to FICC and non-

<sup>19</sup> See 12 U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>20</sup> See 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(b)(1) and (b)(2).

<sup>21</sup> See 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(b)(1).

<sup>22</sup> See 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(b)(2).

<sup>23</sup> *Supra* note 8.

<sup>24</sup> *Id.*

<sup>25</sup> *Id.*

<sup>26</sup> See 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1)(I).

defaulting Netting Members associated with the liquidation of a defaulted Netting Member's portfolio.

### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Advance Notice and Timing for Commission Action

The proposed change may be implemented if the Commission does not object to the proposed change within 60 days of the later of (i) the date that the proposed change was filed with the Commission or (ii) the date that any additional information requested by the Commission is received. The clearing agency shall not implement the proposed change if the Commission has any objection to the proposed change.

The Commission may extend the period for review by an additional 60 days if the proposed change raises novel or complex issues, subject to the Commission providing the clearing agency with prompt written notice of the extension. A proposed change may be implemented in less than 60 days from the date the advance notice is filed, or the date further information requested by the Commission is received, if the Commission notifies the clearing agency in writing that it does not object to the proposed change and authorizes the clearing agency to implement the proposed change on an earlier date, subject to any conditions imposed by the Commission.

The clearing agency shall post notice on its Web site of proposed changes that are implemented.

The proposal shall not take effect until all regulatory actions required with respect to the proposal are completed.

### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the Advance Notice is consistent with the Clearing Supervision Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-FICC-2017-801 on the subject line.

#### Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FICC-2017-801. This file

number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the Advance Notice that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the Advance Notice between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FICC and on DTCC's Web site (<http://dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings.aspx>). All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FICC-2017-801 and should be submitted on or before March 23, 2017.

By the Commission.

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-80141; File No. SR-NYSEMKT-2017-07]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Renaming NYSE OptX

March 2, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) <sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") <sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on February 23, 2017, NYSE MKT LLC (the "Exchange" or "NYSE MKT") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to rename NYSE OptX, an order entry platform that would allow for the submission of Qualified Contingent Cross ("QCC") <sup>4</sup> Orders and orders executed in the Exchange's Customer Best Execution ("CUBE") <sup>5</sup> Auction by ATP Holders, to NYSE Options IMprint™. The proposed change is available on the Exchange's Web site at [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com), at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

#### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

##### 1. Purpose

The Exchange recently introduced NYSE OptX, <sup>6</sup> an order entry platform

<sup>4</sup> A QCC order is comprised of an originating order to buy or sell at least 1,000 contracts, or 10,000 mini-options contracts, that is identified as being part of a qualified contingent trade, as that term is defined in Commentary .01 to Rule 900.3NY, coupled with a contra-side order or orders totaling an equal number of contracts. See Rule 900.3NY(y).

<sup>5</sup> CUBE is the Exchange's price improvement auction mechanism that allows an ATP Holder to electronically submit a limit order it represents as agent on behalf of a public customer, broker dealer, or any other entity ("CUBE Order") provided that the Initiating Participant guarantees the execution of the CUBE Order by submitting a contra-side order representing principal interest or interest it has solicited to trade with the CUBE Order at a specified price or by utilizing auto-match or auto-match limit features provided in the Rule. See Rule 971.1NY.

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79720 (January 3, 2017), 82 FR 2427 (January 9, 2017)

that would allow for the submission of QCC Orders and CUBE Orders by ATP Holders.<sup>7</sup> The purpose of this filing is to rename NYSE OptX to NYSE Options IMprint. The Exchange is not proposing any change to the service established in the NYSE OptX Rule Filing.

The Exchange has not yet introduced the service established in the NYSE OptX Rule Filing to ATP Holders. As stated in the NYSE OptX Rule Filing, the Exchange will announce the effective date of the rebranded service in a Trader Update no later than 90 days following approval of the NYSE OptX Rule Filing. The NYSE OptX Rule Filing was approved on January 3, 2017. The Exchange notes it will publish the Trader Update announcing the effective date of the re-branded service, NYSE Options IMprint, no later than April 3, 2017. As represented in the NYSE OptX Rule Filing, the effective date of NYSE Options IMprint will be no later than 270 days following publication of the Trader Update.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)<sup>8</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5),<sup>9</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system. The Exchange asserts that the proposed rule change, which is intended to rebrand an approved service, will serve the Act’s goals by ensuring that the Exchange’s rules use current terminology. The Exchange further believes the proposed change is ministerial and is intended to eliminate any potential investor confusion related to the service when it is introduced under a new name,

thereby removing impediments to and perfecting the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protecting investors and the public interest.

For these reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition*

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Moreover, the Exchange believes that proposed rule change does not impact competition in any respect, since it is designed to rename a previously approved service.

### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

## **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

This filing is made pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>11</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(5)<sup>12</sup> thereunder.

This filing relates solely to effecting a change in an existing order-entry or trading system of a self-regulatory organization that (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition, and (iii) does not have the effect of limiting the access to or the availability of the system, and as such takes effect upon filing under Subsection (iii) of Paragraph (A).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)<sup>13</sup> of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

## **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSEMKT-2017-07 on the subject line.

### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEMKT-2017-07. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEMKT-2017-07, and should be submitted on or before March 29, 2017.

(Order Approving Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Introducing NYSE OptX) (SR-NYSEMKT-2016-102) (“NYSE OptX Rule Filing”). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79328 (November 16, 2016), 81 FR 83888 (November 22, 2016) (Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Introducing NYSE OptX) (SR-NYSEMKT-2016-102).

<sup>7</sup> The term “ATP Holder” refers to a natural person, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other organization, in good standing, that has been issued an ATP. An ATP Holder must be a registered broker or dealer pursuant to Section 15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. See Rule 900.2NY.(5).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(5).

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-80140; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2017-15]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Renaming NYSE OptX

March 2, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on February 23, 2017, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “NYSE Arca”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to rename NYSE OptX, an order entry platform that would allow for the submission of Qualified Contingent Cross orders (“QCC Orders”)<sup>4</sup> by OTP Holders and OTP Firms, to NYSE Options Imprint™. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com), at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change

and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

#### A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

##### 1. Purpose

The Exchange recently introduced NYSE OptX, an order entry platform that would allow for the submission of QCC Orders by OTP Holders<sup>5</sup> and OTP Firms<sup>6</sup> (collectively, “OTPs”).<sup>7</sup> The purpose of this filing is to rename NYSE OptX to NYSE Options Imprint. The Exchange is not proposing any change to the service established in the NYSE OptX Rule Filing.

The Exchange has not yet introduced the service established in the NYSE OptX Rule Filing to OTPs. As stated in the NYSE OptX Rule Filing, the Exchange will announce the effective date of the rebranded service in a Trader Update no later than 90 days following approval of the NYSE OptX Rule Filing. The NYSE OptX Rule Filing was approved on January 3, 2017. The Exchange notes it will publish the Trader Update announcing the effective date of the re-branded service, NYSE Options Imprint, no later than April 3, 2017. As represented in the NYSE OptX Rule Filing, the effective date of NYSE Options Imprint will be no later than 270 days following publication of the Trader Update.

<sup>5</sup> The term “OTP Holder” refers to a natural person, in good standing, who has been issued an OTP, or has been named as a Nominee. An OTP Holder must be a registered broker or dealer pursuant to Section 15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or a nominee or an associated person of a registered broker or dealer that has been approved by the Exchange to conduct business on the Exchange’s Trading Facilities. See Rule 1.1(q).

<sup>6</sup> The term “OTP Firm” refers to a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other organization in good standing who holds an OTP or upon whom an individual OTP Holder has conferred trading privileges on the Exchange’s Trading Facilities pursuant to and in compliance with Exchange Rules. An OTP Firm must be a registered broker or dealer pursuant to Section 15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. See Rule 1.1(r).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79719 (January 3, 2017), 82 FR 2417 (January 9, 2017) (Order Approving Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Introducing NYSE OptX) (SR-NYSEArca-2016-143) (“NYSE OptX Rule Filing”). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79327 (November 16, 2016), 81 FR 83890 (November 22, 2016) (Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Introducing NYSE OptX) (SR-NYSEArca-2016-143).

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)<sup>8</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5),<sup>9</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system. The Exchange asserts that the proposed rule change, which is intended to rebrand an approved service, will serve the Act’s goals by ensuring that the Exchange’s rules use current terminology. The Exchange further believes the proposed change is ministerial and is intended to eliminate any potential investor confusion related to the service when it is introduced under a new name, thereby removing impediments to and perfecting the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protecting investors and the public interest.

For these reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

#### B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Moreover, the Exchange believes that proposed rule change does not impact competition in any respect, since it is designed to rename a previously approved service.

#### C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>4</sup> A QCC order is comprised of an originating order to buy or sell at least 1,000 contracts, or 10,000 mini-options contracts that is identified as being part of a qualified contingent trade, as that term is defined in Commentary .02 to Rule 6.62, coupled with a contra-side order or orders totaling an equal number of contracts. See Rule 6.62(bb).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).



### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

This filing is made pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>11</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(5)<sup>12</sup> thereunder.

This filing relates solely to effecting a change in an existing order-entry or trading system of a self-regulatory organization that (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition, and (iii) does not have the effect of limiting the access to or the availability of the system, and as such takes effect upon filing under Subsection (iii) of Paragraph (A).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)<sup>13</sup> of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2017-15 on the subject line.

#### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2017-15. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/>

[rules/sro.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml)). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2017-15, and should be submitted on or before March 29, 2017.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-80142]

### Order Granting Limited Exemptive Relief, Pursuant to Rule 608(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, From the Clock Synchronization Compliance Deadline Specified in Section 6.7(a)(ii) of the National Market System Plan Governing the Consolidated Audit Trail

March 2, 2017.

By letter dated January 17, 2017, Bats BYZ Exchange, Inc., Bats BZX Exchange, Inc., Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc., Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc., BOX Options Exchange, LLC, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), International Securities Exchange, Inc., Investors' Exchange, LLC, ISE Gemini, LLC, ISE Mercury, LLC, Miami International Securities Exchange LLC, NASDAQ BX, Inc.,

NASDAQ PHLX LLC, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, National Stock Exchange, Inc., New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., and NYSE MKT, LLC (collectively, the "Participants" to the National Market System ("NMS") Plan Governing the Consolidated Audit Trail ("CAT NMS Plan")) requested that the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") grant limited exemptive relief to the Participants, pursuant to its authority under Rule 608(e) of Regulation NMS under the Securities Exchange Act ("Exchange Act"),<sup>1</sup> from the clock synchronization compliance deadline set forth in Section 6.7(a)(ii) of the CAT NMS Plan.<sup>2</sup>

Rule 608(c) of Regulation NMS under the Exchange Act requires that each self-regulatory organization ("SRO") comply with and, absent reasonable justification or excuse, enforce compliance by its members with, the terms of any effective NMS plan of which it is a sponsor or a participant.<sup>3</sup> Section 6.7(a)(ii) of the CAT NMS Plan states that "[u]nless otherwise ordered by the SEC: . . . within four (4) months after the Effective Date, each Participant shall, and through its Compliance Rule shall require its Industry Members to, synchronize its or their Business Clocks as required by Section 6.8 and certify to the Chief Compliance Officer (in the case of Participants) or the applicable Participant (in the case of Industry Members) that such Participant has met this requirement."<sup>4</sup>

The Participants request that the Commission extend the clock synchronization compliance date set forth in Section 6.7(a)(ii) from within four months after the effective date of CAT NMS Plan, or March 15, 2017, to February 19, 2018 only with respect to Industry Members with Business Clocks that do not capture time in milliseconds as of the date of this order. The Participants note that the existing clock synchronization compliance date under Section 6.7(a)(ii) of March 15, 2017 would remain in effect for those Industry Members with Business Clocks that capture time in milliseconds.<sup>5</sup> In support of their Exemption Request, the Participants state, generally, that the request is narrowly tailored and would

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(e).

<sup>2</sup> See letter from the Participants to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, dated January 17, 2017 ("Exemption Request"). Unless otherwise noted, capitalized terms are used as defined in Rule 613, in the CAT NMS Plan, or in this letter.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(c).

<sup>4</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79318 (Nov. 15, 2016), 81 FR 84696, 84963 (Nov. 23, 2016) (Order Approving CAT NMS Plan) Ex. A, Sec. 6.7(a)(ii).

<sup>5</sup> See Exemption Request at 1 n.4.

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(5).

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).



provide significant costs savings to Industry Members with Business Clocks that do not capture time in milliseconds, without having any adverse effect on the consolidated audit trail under the CAT NMS Plan.<sup>6</sup> The following outlines the Participants' claims in support of their exemptive request.

*First*, the Participants note that their requested alternative compliance date of February 19, 2018 is consistent with FINRA's compliance date for FINRA Rule 4590, which was approved last year and imposed a new clock synchronization standard of 50 milliseconds applicable to business clocks that are used to record certain events in NMS securities or OTC equity securities.<sup>7</sup> Among other things, FINRA member firms that do not capture time in milliseconds have until February 19, 2018 to synchronize their business clocks to the new 50 millisecond standard.<sup>8</sup> The Participants believe that it is appropriate to have the CAT NMS Plan clock synchronization requirements also take effect by February 19, 2018 for those Industry Members that do not capture time in milliseconds as FINRA member firms currently are preparing for the implementation of clock synchronization requirements comparable to those set forth in the CAT NMS Plan by February 19, 2018.<sup>9</sup>

*Second*, the Participants state that Industry Members are not required to begin reporting information to the Central Repository for at least 20 months after the current March 15, 2017 deadline imposed by the CAT NMS Plan for clock synchronization.<sup>10</sup> Specifically, large Industry Members are required to begin reporting to the Central Repository on November 15, 2018 (20 months after the CAT NMS Plan clock synchronization deadline),<sup>11</sup>

and Small Industry Members are required to begin reporting on November 15, 2019 (32 months after the CAT NMS Plan deadline).<sup>12</sup> The Participants believe that allowing Industry Members that do not capture time in milliseconds until February 19, 2018 to synchronize their Business Clocks will result in significant cost savings for such firms.<sup>13</sup> The Participants state that during these 20 and 32 month periods they would not be required to incur the substantial costs of complying with the more rigorous clock synchronization requirements, such as updating and testing their clock technology, documenting and following clock synchronization procedures that would include performing regular clock synchronizations and preparing a log that documents each clock synchronization event, far in advance of the start of reporting obligations.<sup>14</sup>

*Third*, the Participants also believe that a compliance date of February 19, 2018 for Industry Members that do not capture time in milliseconds will provide Industry Members with sufficient preparation time to ensure the required level of clock synchronization is achieved prior to the commencement of their obligations to report to the Central Repository.<sup>15</sup> The Participants note that a compliance date of February 19, 2018 provides a comparable clock synchronization deadline to that imposed by Rule 613 on the Participants themselves, who are required to synchronize their own Business Clocks eight months before they commence reporting data to the Central Repository.<sup>16</sup> Under the requested exemption, large Industry Members that do not capture time in milliseconds would be required to synchronize their Business Clocks nine months before reporting to the Central Repository, and Small Industry Members would be required to do so 21 months before reporting.<sup>17</sup>

Rule 608(e) of Regulation NMS provides that the Commission may exempt from the provisions of an NMS plan, either unconditionally or on specified terms and conditions, any SRO or its members, if the Commission determines that such exemption is consistent with the public interest, the protection of investors, the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, and the removal of impediments to, and

perfection of the mechanisms of, a national market system.<sup>18</sup>

The Commission finds that the requested exemption is consistent with the requirements set forth in Rule 608(e). The Commission notes that the Participants have narrowly tailored their exemptive request to seek such relief for a limited period of time and only with respect to those Industry Members with Business Clocks that do not capture time in milliseconds. Given that these Industry Members' obligations to report to the Central Repository do not commence until November 2018 or November 2019 (depending on the size of the firm), the Commission believes that the requested exemption should not result in any adverse effect on the implementation or operation of the consolidated audit trail. In addition, because any changes to these Industry Members' current Business Clocks would require modifications to their firm's systems and processes, this exemption will allow those Industry Members with Business Clocks that do not already capture time in milliseconds additional time to identify and implement the most cost effective clock synchronization solution to achieve compliance with the new standard. Further, the Commission believes that allowing less automated Industry Members to synchronize their clocks by February 19, 2018 is also consistent with the phased implementation approach set forth by FINRA in its Rule 4590.<sup>19</sup> Thus, the exemption would serve the Participants' stated goal of achieving significant cost savings (from not incurring ongoing costs from March 15, 2017 to February 19, 2018 as well as a potential reduction in eventual costs if the delay allows for identification of lower costs solutions) for certain Industry Members. Accordingly, the Commission believes that imposing the more aggressive deadline required by Section 6.7(a)(ii) of CAT NMS Plan on those Industry Members with Business Clocks that do not capture time in milliseconds would not otherwise facilitate implementation of the consolidated audit trail.

Therefore, the Commission believes that this exemption is consistent with the public interest, the protection of investors, the maintenance of fair and

<sup>6</sup> See Exemption Request at 1.

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77565 (April 8, 2016), 81 FR 22136 (April 14, 2016) (SR-FINRA-2016-005) (order approving FINRA's proposed rule change to reduce the synchronization tolerance for computer clocks that are used to record events in NMS securities and OTC equity securities).

<sup>8</sup> See FINRA Regulatory Notice 16-23 (July 2016) (establishing for FINRA Rule 4590 a Phase 1 implementation date of February 20, 2017 for systems that capture time in milliseconds and a Phase 2 implementation date of February 19, 2018 systems that do not capture time in milliseconds).

<sup>9</sup> See Exemption Request at 2. Because FINRA's compliance date for those firms that capture time in milliseconds (February 20, 2017) is one month prior to the CAT clock synchronization compliance date (March 15, 2017), the Participants are not requesting exemptive relief with regard to Industry Members that capture time in milliseconds.

<sup>10</sup> See Exemption Request at 2-3.

<sup>11</sup> See Order Approving CAT NMS Plan, Ex. A, Sec. 6.7(a)(v), 81 FR at 84963.

<sup>12</sup> See Order Approving CAT NMS Plan, Ex. A, Sec. 6.6(a)(v), 81 FR at 84962.

<sup>13</sup> See Exemption Request at 2-3.

<sup>14</sup> See *id.* at 3.

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

<sup>16</sup> See *id.* (citing 17 CFR 242.613(a)(3)(ii)).

<sup>17</sup> See Exemption Request at 3.

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(e).

<sup>19</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77196 (Feb. 19, 2016), 81 FR 9550, 9553 n.35 (Feb. 25, 2016) (SR-FINRA-2016-005) (noting that, in FINRA's view, "a phased implementation could allow firms, particularly smaller or less automated firms, a greater time period over which they can identify and implement the most cost effective clock synchronization solution that meets the standard required by this proposal").

orderly markets and the removal of impediments to, and the perfection of a national market system because it is narrowly tailored, may provide cost savings to those Industry Members that do not capture time in milliseconds, allows such Industry Members additional time to develop cost efficient ways to achieve clock synchronization and will not adversely affect the implementation of the consolidated audit trail.

Accordingly, *it is hereby ordered*, pursuant to Rule 608(e) of the Exchange Act,<sup>20</sup> that the Participants are granted a limited exemption extending the clock synchronization compliance date set forth in Section 6.7(a)(ii) of CAT NMS Plan from within four months after the effective date of CAT NMS Plan, or March 15, 2017, to February 19, 2018 with respect to Industry Members with Business Clocks that do not capture time in milliseconds as of the date of this order.

By the Commission.

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-80143; File No. SR-OCC-2017-801]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of No Objection To Advance Notice Filing Concerning the Options Clearing Corporation's Margin Coverage During Times of Increased Volatility

March 2, 2017.

The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed on January 4, 2017 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") advance notice SR-OCC-2017-801 ("Advance Notice") pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010 ("Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4(n)(1)(i)<sup>2</sup> under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") to modify its process

for systematically monitoring market conditions and performing adjustments to its margin coverage when market volatility increases beyond historically observed levels. The Advance Notice was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on February 7, 2017.<sup>3</sup> The Commission has not received any comments on the Advance Notice to date. This publication serves as notice of no objection to the Advance Notice.

#### I. Background

OCC protects itself against potential losses that could result from the default of a clearing member by requiring margin to be posted in connection with each member's positions. The amount of margin calculated and collected from OCC's clearing members, along with mutualized clearing-fund resources, is intended to make available to OCC sufficient financial resources for the orderly transfer or liquidation of a defaulting clearing member's positions. OCC's proprietary risk management system, the System for Theoretical Analysis and Numerical Simulations ("STANS"), calculates each clearing member's margin requirement by utilizing Monte Carlo simulations to forecast price movements related to the positions in each clearing member's portfolio. The STANS margin requirement is intended to be sufficient to collateralize the member's losses across its portfolio over a two-day period, under normal market conditions.

To determine margin requirements, STANS utilizes time-series data, including pricing data on assets underlying the options contracts that OCC clears, and performs calculations related to, among other things, the volatilities of these underliers. The margin amount collected from each clearing member also accounts for expected changes in the value of collateral posted in connection with that member's portfolio.

One of the primary risk drivers in the STANS methodology relates to the volatility of individual equity securities, which is derived from pricing data imported monthly into STANS. Between data feeds, the STANS margin

methodology relies on a process that adjusts the individual volatility measures of equity-based option underliers (e.g., GE or IBM) by a multiplier derived from the volatility of the Standard & Poor's® 500 index ("SPX"). OCC refers to that multiplier as the uniform scale factor. To account for intra-month changes in volatility, the uniform scale factor adjusts individual volatilities of applicable underliers by a factor tied to the relationship between the short-term and long term volatility of the SPX. Specifically, the uniform scale factor is used as a proxy to "scale up" volatilities of equity-based option underliers<sup>4</sup> when near-term volatility estimates fall below a certain ratio relative to long-term average volatility, based on the volatility of the SPX. OCC asserts that, by applying a scale factor in this way, margin requirements better account for intra-month volatility risks for individual equity-based option underliers and thereby better ensure that clearing members maintain sufficient margin assets in connection with option positions based upon those underliers.

#### II. Description of the Advance Notice

OCC proposes a number of enhancements to its STANS margin methodology to more accurately compute its clearing member margin requirements. Specifically, OCC proposes the following: (1) To change the length of time-series data used to calculate the uniform scale factor; (2) to introduce new equity index-based scale factors; (3) to anchor individual risk factor volatilities to longer-term averages; and (4) to implement daily data updates of risk factors in OCC's statistical models used to value U.S. Treasury securities for collateral and margin purposes. Each proposed change is discussed in greater detail below.

First, OCC proposes to change the time-series data period and thereby the data set used to calculate the uniform scale factor. One aspect of the uniform scale factor calculation relies on pricing information, or time-series data, relating to the individual components of the S&P 500 index dating back to 1946, which pre-dates the 1957 introduction of SPX. Because the time-series data pre-dates the SPX's publication, OCC's current practice is to supplement the published SPX data with additional pricing information that relies upon assumptions about what theoretically

<sup>20</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(e).

<sup>1</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1). The Financial Stability Oversight Council designated OCC a systemically important financial market utility on July 18, 2012. See Financial Stability Oversight Council 2012 Annual Report, Appendix A, <http://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/fsoc/Documents/2012%20Annual%20Report.pdf>. Therefore, OCC is required to comply with the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act and file advance notices with the Commission.

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(n)(1)(i).

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79915 (February 1, 2017), 82 FR 9613 (February 7, 2017) (File No. SR-OCC-2017-801). OCC also filed a proposed rule change with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Exchange Act and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, seeking approval of changes to its rules necessary to implement the Advance Notice. 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) and 17 CFR 240.19b-4, respectively. This proposed rule change was published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 2017. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79818 (January 18, 2017), 82 FR 8455 (January 25, 2017) (SR-OCC-2017-001).

<sup>4</sup> The uniform scale factor applies to the volatility measures for single-name and index underliers. It does not apply to exchange-traded funds, futures, or volatility-based underliers. For the latter types of options, STANS uses a constant volatility measure calculated from monthly data feeds.

could have been the index's composition prior to 1957. OCC proposes to discontinue that practice going forward, and instead rely on post-1957 information only. According to OCC, this change would improve the quality of data used in the uniform scale factor calculation.

Second, OCC proposes to introduce four new scale factors for equity-based options. As noted above, the uniform scale factor is derived from SPX pricing information and currently serves as OCC's sole volatility proxy applicable to equity-based option underliers. According to OCC, the new scale factors are based upon indices whose volatility characteristics more closely correlate with the volatility characteristics of the underliers to which they will be applied; thus the new scale factors will serve as more appropriate volatility proxies for those products. More specifically, OCC proposes to introduce new scale factors based upon the following indices: (1) The Russell 2000® Index (12/29/1978); (2) the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index (9/23/1997); (3) the NASDAQ-100 Index (2/4/1985); and (4) the S&P 100 Index (1/2/1976).<sup>5</sup> Although the SPX-based uniform scale factor will continue to serve as the default scale factor for most equity-based products, the new scale factors will apply to a number of index options and options on exchange-traded funds and exchange-traded notes that more closely correlate to the indices used in the proposed scale factor calculations.

Third, OCC proposes to anchor risk factor volatilities to longer-term trends by applying either the uniform scale factor or the applicable proposed new scale factor, to the greater of two volatility estimates: (i) An observed, historical average; or (ii) a forecasted volatility measure. This proposal would modify the current practice of applying the uniform scale factor solely to the forecasted volatility measure for applicable underliers. OCC states that in those cases where observed, historical average volatilities exceed forecasted volatility measures, OCC's revised methodology would better ensure that short-term or temporary decreases in forecasted volatility do not result in significant margin reductions, thereby improving risk management.

Finally, OCC proposes to implement daily updates to risk factors used to construct the U.S. Treasury yield curve and value U.S. Treasury securities for collateral and margin purposes. According to OCC, daily updates to the

U.S. Treasury yield curve would better ensure that the STANS margin calculations accurately reflect the current state of the U.S. Treasury market, particularly during periods of heightened volatility, which would lead to more accurate margin calculations.

### III. Discussion and Commission Findings

Although the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act does not specify a standard of review for an advance notice, the stated purpose of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act is instructive.<sup>6</sup> The stated purpose of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act is to mitigate systemic risk in the financial system and promote financial stability by, among other things, promoting uniform risk management standards for systemically important financial market utilities and strengthening the liquidity of systemically important financial market utilities.<sup>7</sup>

Section 805(a)(2) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act<sup>8</sup> authorizes the Commission to prescribe risk management standards for the payment, clearing, and settlement activities of designated clearing entities and financial institutions engaged in designated activities for which it is the supervisory agency or the appropriate financial regulator. Section 805(b) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act<sup>9</sup> states that the objectives and principles for the risk management standards prescribed under Section 805(a) shall be to:

- Promote robust risk management;
- promote safety and soundness;
- reduce systemic risks; and
- support the stability of the broader financial system.

The Commission has adopted risk management standards under Section 805(a)(2) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act ("Clearing Agency Standards") and the Exchange Act.<sup>10</sup> The Clearing Agency Standards became effective on January 2, 2013, and require registered clearing agencies to establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to meet certain minimum requirements for their operations and risk management practices on an ongoing basis. As such, it is appropriate for the Commission to review advance notices against these

Clearing Agency Standards, and the objectives and principles of these risk management standards as described in Section 805(b) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act.<sup>11</sup>

The Commission finds the proposed change is consistent with the objectives and principles described in Section 805(b) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act, as described below.<sup>12</sup>

#### *Consistency With Section 805(b) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act*

The Commission finds that OCC's proposal is consistent with promoting robust risk management, promoting safety and soundness, reducing systemic risk, and supporting the stability of the broader financial system, and is therefore consistent with the objectives and principles described in Section 805(b) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act.<sup>13</sup>

First, the Commission finds that the proposed change to the SPX time-series data period used in connection with the uniform scale factor is consistent with promoting robust risk management. As described above, OCC is changing the manner in which it calculates the uniform scale factor by limiting SPX time-series data to only those dates subsequent to the introduction of the SPX in 1957. According to OCC, by relying on the published index, instead of assumptions about the SPX's constituents prior to its publication, the proposed change would improve the quality of data used in the uniform scale factor calculation, which is critical to managing certain intra-month volatility risks through OCC's risk management system, STANS. The Commission finds that OCC's proposed reliance on published index data throughout the time-series data period rather than assumptions to calculate the uniform scale factor is an appropriate improvement to the process for performing intra-month volatility adjustments in STANS. The Commission therefore finds the proposed change is consistent with the objective of promoting robust risk management.

Second, the Commission finds that OCC's proposed change to introduce four new scale factors for exchange-traded funds and other equity-based option underliers that correlate more closely with the indices used in the proposed scale factor calculations is consistent with promoting robust risk

<sup>6</sup> See 12 U.S.C. 5461(b).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5464(a)(2).

<sup>9</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68080 (October 22, 2012), 77 FR 66220 (November 2, 2012) (S7-08-11).

<sup>11</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

<sup>13</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>5</sup> The dates in parentheses are the dates from which OCC has historical data on the specified index.

management. According to OCC, the proposed change would more accurately approximate intra-month volatility risks in STANS calculations for applicable equity-based options products and thereby more accurately reflect the risks associated with such underliers in margin calculations. Correspondingly, margin calculations should more closely reflect potential losses in clearing members' portfolios containing products to which the new scale factors would be applied, in furtherance of promoting robust risk management.

Third, the Commission finds that the proposed change to apply the uniform scale factor and each proposed scale factor to the greater of the historical and forecasted volatility measure for applicable instruments is consistent with promoting robust risk management. According to OCC, the proposed change to anchor volatilities in observed, historical averages mitigates procyclical reductions in margin requirements.<sup>14</sup> In particular, the proposed methodology is intended to protect against circumstances in which a decrease in the forecasted volatilities of option underliers would result in commensurate reductions in associated margin requirements, though such forecasts may be inconsistent with historical average volatilities based on longer-term, observed pricing behaviors. The Commission finds that by mitigating procyclical decreases in margin requirements, OCC's proposal is consistent with promoting robust risk management.

Lastly, the Commission finds that the proposed change to incorporate daily updates into time-series data used to construct the U.S. Treasury yield curve for collateral and margin purposes is consistent with promoting robust risk management. According to OCC, the proposed change is designed to better ensure that the STANS margin calculations accurately reflect the value of U.S. Treasuries posted as collateral, especially during periods of heightened volatility. This, in turn, would better ensure that clearing members post sufficient collateral in support of their options portfolios and remain within OCC's risk tolerance. More accurate valuation of U.S. Treasuries for collateral and margin purposes should improve OCC's ability to monitor and

manage its risks and therefore is consistent with promoting robust risk management.

For the reasons stated above, the Commission finds that OCC's proposal promotes robust risk management through improvements to the data, scale factors, and methodology used in STANS margin calculations. The Commission also finds that the proposal thereby promotes the safety and soundness of OCC and its members by better capturing volatility risks in margin requirements, which, in turn, should serve to reduce systemic risks and support the stability of the broader financial system. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the stated objectives and principles of Section 805(b) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act.<sup>15</sup>

*Consistency With Rules 17Ad-22(b)(1) and (b)(2) Under the Exchange Act*

The Commission finds that OCC's proposal is consistent with the Clearing Agency Standards, specifically Rules 17Ad-22(b)(1) and (b)(2) under the Exchange Act.<sup>16</sup> Rule 17Ad-22(b)(1) under the Exchange Act requires OCC to establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to, among other things, limit its exposures to potential losses from defaults by its participants under normal market conditions so that the operations of the clearing agency would not be disrupted and non-defaulting participants would not be exposed to losses that they cannot anticipate or control.<sup>17</sup> Rule 17Ad-22(b)(2) under the Exchange Act requires OCC to establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to, among other things, use margin requirements to limit its credit exposures to participants under normal market conditions and use risk-based models and parameters to set such margin requirements.<sup>18</sup>

The Commission finds that OCC's proposal is consistent with Rules 17Ad-22(b)(1) and (b)(2) under the Exchange Act. The proposal would better enable OCC to limit its potential losses from clearing-member defaults under normal market conditions by improving the data, scale factors, and methodology used to derive certain volatility and other estimates for purposes of margin

calculations. By improving these estimates, the STANS margin requirements would better ensure that OCC's members post sufficient collateral in connection with their options positions, thereby protecting OCC against the potential losses from a clearing-member default. Furthermore, by limiting OCC's exposure to such losses, the proposal better ensures that OCC would continue operations without disruption and that non-defaulting clearing members would not be exposed to losses they cannot anticipate or control.

The proposal also would improve the risk-based models and parameters that OCC uses to set margin requirements and limit its credit exposures to clearing members under normal market conditions. STANS, as discussed above, is a risk-based, forecasting tool that OCC currently uses to calculate margin requirements that would be sufficient to collateralize each clearing member's losses over a two-day period under normal market conditions. The proposal incrementally enhances STANS by improving the data, scale factors, and methodology used to derive certain volatility and other estimates relevant to risk-based margin calculations. The proposal would improve the quality of data used to estimate risk drivers in the STANS margin calculations, for example, by relying solely on published index data throughout the uniform scale factor time-series data period. In addition, the four new scale factors would more accurately reflect intra-month volatility risks associated with applicable option underliers in the STANS margin calculations. The proposal also would better ensure that the STANS margin requirements remain anchored to historical average volatilities, and would thereby mitigate pro-cyclical reductions in margin requirements, by applying the uniform scale factor and each proposed scale factor to the greater of an observed, historical average and a forecasted volatility measure. Finally, incorporating daily updates into time-series data used to construct the U.S. Treasury yield curve would improve valuation of U.S. Treasury collateral and thereby the accuracy of STANS margin calculations, because margin requirements account for expected changes in the value of posted U.S. Treasury collateral.

For the reasons stated above, the Commission finds that OCC's proposal is consistent with the Clearing Agency Standards, specifically Rules 17Ad-22(b)(1) and (b)(2) under the Exchange Act.

<sup>14</sup> The term "procyclicality" as it relates to margin requirements in this context is intended to describe positive correlation between margin requirements associated with an options portfolio and the volatilities of individual constituents Murphy *et al.*, *Staff Working Paper No. 597: A comparative analysis of tools to limit the procyclicality of initial margin requirements*, Bank of England (April 2016), <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/research/Documents/workingpapers/2016/swp597.pdf>.

<sup>15</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(b)(1) and (b)(2). For purposes of these provisions, OCC is a registered clearing agency that performs central counterparty services.

<sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(b)(1).

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(b)(2).

#### IV. Conclusion

*It is therefore noticed*, pursuant to Section 806(e)(1)(G) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act,<sup>19</sup> that the Commission DOES NOT OBJECT to Advance Notice (SR-OCC–2017–801) and that OCC is AUTHORIZED to implement the proposed change.

By the Commission.

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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#### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

##### 30-day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval: Information Collection Activities (Complaints, Petitions for Declaratory Orders, and Petitions for Relief Not Otherwise Specified)

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

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

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of an extension of the information collections required for (1) complaints filed under 49 U.S.C. 10701–10707, 11101–11103, 11701–11707 (rail), 14701–14707 (motor, water & intermediaries), and 15901–15906 (pipelines) and 49 CFR part 1111; (2) petitions for declaratory orders under 5 U.S.C. 554(e) and 49 U.S.C. 1321; and (3) catch-all petitions (for relief not otherwise specified) under 49 U.S.C. 1321 and 49 CFR part 1117. Under these statutory and regulatory sections, the Board provides procedures for persons to make a broad range of claims and to seek a broad range of remedies before the Board. The information collections relevant to these complaints and petitions are described separately below. The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the *Federal Register*. 81 FR 86061 (Nov. 29, 2016). That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be identified as “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board: Information Collection Activities.” These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Chad Lallemand, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, by email at [OIRA.SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA.SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV); by fax at (202) 395–6974; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Please also direct a copy of comments to Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001, or to [pra@stb.gov](mailto:pra@stb.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding this collection, contact Michael Higgins, Deputy Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0284 or at [Michael.Higgins@stb.gov](mailto:Michael.Higgins@stb.gov). [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For each collection, comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board’s burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board’s request for OMB approval.

#### Description of Collections

##### Collection Number 1

**Title:** Complaints under 49 CFR part 1111.

**OMB Control Number:** 2140–0029.

**STB Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension with change.

**Respondents:** Affected shippers, railroads and communities that seek redress for alleged violations related to unreasonable rates, unreasonable practices, service issues, and other statutory claims.

**Number of Respondents:** Approximately five.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In this notice, the Board has updated its estimate of the number of respondents and responses based on the number of complaints filed with the Board

**Estimated Time per Response:** 467 hours.

**Frequency:** On occasion. In calendar years 2014–2016, respondents filed approximately five complaints per year with the Board.

**Total Burden Hours** (annually including all respondents): 2,335 (estimated hours per complaint (467) × total number of complaints (5)).

**Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost:** \$7,310 (estimated non-hour burden cost per complaint (\$1,462) × total number of complaints (5)).

**Needs and Uses:** Under the Board’s regulations, persons may file complaints before the Board pursuant to 49 CFR part 1111 seeking redress for alleged violations of provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended by the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Public Law 104–88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995). The required content of a complaint is outlined at 49 CFR 1111(a). In the last few years, the most significant complaints filed at the Board allege that railroads are charging unreasonable rates or that they are engaging in unreasonable practices in violation of 49 U.S.C. 10701, 10704, or 11701. The collection by the Board of these complaints, and the agency’s action in conducting proceedings and ruling on the complaints, enables the Board to meet its statutory duty to regulate the rail industry.

##### Collection Number 2

**Title:** Petitions for declaratory orders.

**OMB Control Number:** 2140–0031.

**STB Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension with change.

**Respondents:** Affected shippers, railroads and communities that seek a declaratory order from the Board to terminate a controversy or remove uncertainty.

**Number of Respondents:**

Approximately 15.<sup>2</sup>

**Estimated Time per Response:** 183 hours.

**Frequency:** On occasion. In calendar years 2014–2016, respondents filed approximately 15 petitions for declaratory orders per year with the Board.

in calendar years 2014–2016. Staff believes this more accurately reflects future filings. Accordingly, its estimate of the number of respondents and responses has changed from three, as set forth in its 60-day notice, to five.

<sup>2</sup> In this notice, the Board has updated its estimate of the number of respondents and responses based on the number of petitions for declaratory orders filed with the Board in calendar years 2014–2016. Staff believes this more accurately reflects future filings. Accordingly, its estimate of the number of respondents has changed from 11, as set forth in the 60-day filing, to 15, and the number of responses has changed from 12 to 15.

<sup>19</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1)(G).

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 2,745 hours (183 estimated hours per petition × total number of petitions (15)).

*Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost:* \$18,540 (estimated non-hour burden cost per petition (\$1,236) × total number of petitions (15)).

*Needs and Uses:* Under 5 U.S.C. 554(e) and 49 U.S.C. 1321, the Board may issue a declaratory order to terminate a controversy or remove uncertainty. Because petitions for declaratory orders cover a broad range of requests, the Board does not prescribe specific instructions for the filing of them. The collection by the Board of petitions for declaratory orders enables the Board to meet its statutory duty to regulate the rail industry.

#### Collection Number 3

*Title:* Petitions for relief not otherwise provided.

*OMB Control Number:* 2140–0030.

*STB Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension with change.

*Respondents:* Affected shippers, railroads and communities that seek to address transportation-related issues under the Board’s jurisdiction that are not otherwise specifically provided for under the Board’s other regulatory provisions.

*Number of Respondents:*

Approximately four.<sup>3</sup>

*Estimated Time per Response:* 24.5 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion. In calendar years 2014–2016, approximately four petitions of this type were filed with the Board.

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 98 (estimated hours per petition (24.5) × total number of petitions (4)).

*Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost:* \$280 (estimated non-hour burden cost per petition (\$70) × total number of petitions (four)).

*Needs and Uses:* Under 49 U.S.C. 1321 and 49 CFR part 1117 (the Board’s catch-all petition provision), shippers, railroads, and the public in general may seek relief (such as petitions seeking waivers of the Board’s regulations) not otherwise specifically provided for under the Board’s other regulatory provisions. Under section 1117.1, such petitions should contain three items: (a)

A short, plain statement of jurisdiction, (b) a short, plain statement of petitioner’s claim, and (c) request for relief. The collection by the Board of these petitions enables the Board to more fully meet its statutory duty to regulate the rail industry.

Under the PRA, a Federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Section 3507(b) of the PRA requires, concurrent with an agency’s submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36071]

### Delmarva Central Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption With Interchange Commitment—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

On November 17, 2016, Delmarva Central Railroad Company (DCR), at that time a noncarrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease and operate approximately 161.59 miles of rail line (the Line) owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 2016 (81 FR 87,122).<sup>1</sup>

On December 14, 2016, SMART/TD Delaware State Legislative Board (SMART/TD) petitioned the Board to revoke the lease and operation exemption.<sup>2</sup> SMART/TD asserts that the DCR’s lease and operation has economic

and safety considerations that should be investigated by the Board. In particular, SMART/TD claims that DCR, a company with fewer resources than NSR, cannot adequately maintain the Line’s rails and bridges as they have been maintained by NSR. SMART/TD notes that the Line crosses three bridges, two of those bridges are 100 years old and the remaining bridge is 60 years old. It notes that one of the bridges was recently out of service for 30 days and questions whether DCR could have restored the bridge in the same expeditious manner as NSR, given DCR’s “limited finances.” It further asserts that the Line is deteriorating and maintenance will become increasingly expensive. SMART/TD also claims that there are no insurance minimums in place for smaller carriers and that it fears that local taxpayers might be forced to carry the burden in case of a disaster.

SMART/TD also asserts that the lease will result in replacing a “qualified, experienced, and knowledgeable” labor force with “untrained and unfamiliar” employees, which, according to SMART/TD, raises safety concerns. According to SMART/TD, these concerns implicate the national rail transportation policy (RTP) goal of “operat[ing] transportation facilities and equipment without detriment to the public health and safety.” 49 U.S.C. 10101(8). Moreover, citing the RTP policy goal of “encourag[ing] fair wages and safe and suitable working conditions in the railroad industry,” 49 U.S.C. 10101(11), SMART/TD asserts that DCR will employ “an inferior, unqualified labor force that is willing to accept less money because they are less qualified,” and that DCR’s employees’ wages and benefits will be inferior to those of Class I railroad employees.

DCR filed a reply on December 27, 2016. In response to SMART/TD’s suggestion that DCR cannot safely operate the Line, DCR notes that it is under the control of Carload, a noncarrier holding company that owns and operates other Class III carriers. *See, e.g., Carload Express, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Ohio Terminal Ry.*, FD 35704 (STB served Jan. 11, 2013). As such, DCR states that its owners, managers, and personnel are already familiar with the safety regulations administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). DCR states that it will operate the Line in accordance with FRA regulations.

DCR further explains that the concerns about bridge maintenance are unwarranted. DCR states that NSR has maintained the bridges in full compliance with FRA standards and safe operating practices. DCR notes that,

<sup>3</sup> In this notice, the Board has updated its estimate of the number of respondents and responses based on the number of catch-all petitions filed with the Board in calendar years 2014–2016. Staff believes this more accurately reflects future filings. Accordingly, its estimate of the number of respondents and responses has changed from five, as set forth in its 60-day notice, to four.

<sup>1</sup> DCR’s parent, Carload Express, Inc. (Carload), filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of DCR upon DCR’s becoming a Class III carrier. *See Carload Express, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Delmarva Cent. R.R.*, Docket No. FD 36072. Notice of that exemption was also served and published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 2016. (81 FR 87,123).

<sup>2</sup> No stay was sought or imposed. Because the effective date was not stayed, the exemption became effective on December 17, 2016. DCR later notified the Board that it has since consummated the transaction.

although one of the bridges was closed for 30 days, this was for routine maintenance and resulted from construction delays caused by weather conditions. DCR adds that it has inspected the bridges and has the knowledge and resources to maintain them.

As to concerns about wages and benefits, DCR asserts that it offers some of the best wages and benefits of any employer on the Delmarva Peninsula. DCR notes that it received more applications for employment than there are available positions. It adds that it requires all its employees to abide by all applicable safety rules and offers suitable working conditions.

### Discussion and Conclusions

Because DCR's lease and operation exemption has gone into effect, SMART/TD's request will be treated as a petition to reopen and revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d).<sup>3</sup> Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d), an exemption may be revoked, in whole or in part, if the Board finds that regulation of the transaction is necessary to carry out the RTP of 49 U.S.C. 10101. Under 49 CFR 1115.3(b), the petition must state in detail whether revocation is supported by material error, new evidence, or substantially changed circumstances. *See N.Y. Cent. Lines—Aban. Exemption—in Montgomery & Schenectady Cts., N.Y.*, AB 565 (Sub-No. 14X) (STB served Jan. 22, 2004). The party seeking revocation has the burden of showing that regulation is necessary to carry out the RTP, 49 CFR 1121.4(f), and petitions to revoke must be based on reasonable, specific concerns demonstrating that revocation of the exemption is warranted and more detailed scrutiny of the transaction is necessary. *See Consol. Rail Corp.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Mo. Pac. R.R.*, FD 32662 (STB served June 18, 1998).

Here, SMART/TD fails to establish that revocation of the exemption is necessary to carry out the RTP. Although SMART/TD has cited the RTP goals of operating without detriment to the public health and safety (49 U.S.C. 10101(8)) and encouraging fair wages and suitable working conditions (49 U.S.C. 10101(11)), it has not shown that regulation is necessary to carry out these goals.

The Board takes safety concerns seriously; however, SMART/TD's concerns here are vague and speculative and do not arise from any demonstrated shortcomings specific to DCR. DCR has expressed a commitment to abide by FRA regulations, and its parent, Carload, is familiar with FRA's requirements. As to maintenance, DCR states that it has already inspected the bridges and has explained the one extended bridge closure cited by SMART/TD. Furthermore, NSR's contract with DCR obligates DCR to comply with FRA standards of operation, to maintain the tracks at standards specified by NSR, and to carry certain insurance policies covering incidents that might occur while operating the Line.

SMART/TD's concern about DCR's having fewer resources than NSR, the Line's Class I owner, also does not warrant revocation. Class I carriers routinely spin-off lines to newly formed Class III carriers, and SMART/TD has not demonstrated that DCR will be any less prepared to assume the responsibility to maintain and operate the Line that any other new Class III carrier would be. Moreover, as DCR notes, its parent company, Carload, is an experienced shortline operator. DCR explains that Carload's railroads "have strong safety records and there have been no FRA or STB reported allegations that its shortline employees have been treated unfairly or required to operate in unsafe conditions;" SMART/TD has offered no evidence to the contrary. SMART/TD has also failed to show that the labor impact here is different from, or greater than, the impacts typically associated with the acquisition of a rail line by any new carrier.

For the foregoing reasons, SMART/TD has not shown that reopening and revocation are supported by material error, new evidence, or substantially changed circumstances, or that applying the Board's regulation to the transaction is necessary to carry out the RTP. Accordingly, the Board finds no basis to revoke DCR's exemption or begin a revocation proceeding.

#### It is ordered:

1. SMART/TD's petition to revoke DCR's exemption is denied.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

Decided: March 1, 2017.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Elliott, and Miller.

**Raina S. Contee,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### 60-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval: Information Collection Activities (Report of Fuel Cost, Consumption, and Surcharge Revenue)

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

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

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an extension of approval for the collection of the Report of Fuel Cost, Consumption, and Surcharge Revenue.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, PRA Officer, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to [pra@stb.gov](mailto:pra@stb.gov). When submitting comments, please refer to "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Report of Fuel Cost, Consumption, and Surcharge Revenue."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding this collection, contact Michael Higgins, Deputy Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0284 or at [Michael.Higgins@stb.gov](mailto:Michael.Higgins@stb.gov). Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For each collection, comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board's request for OMB approval.

### Description of Collection

**Title:** Report of Fuel Cost, Consumption, and Surcharge Revenue.  
**OMB Control Number:** 2140-0014.  
**STB Form Number:** None.

<sup>3</sup> See e.g., *BNSF Ry.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 35601, slip op. at 3-4 (STB served Sept. 11, 2013); *Watco Holdings, Inc.—Acquis. of Control Exemption—Wis. & S. R.R.*, FD 35573, slip op. at 1-2 (STB served Mar. 22, 2012); *Elk River R.R.—Constr. & Operation Exemption—Clay & Kanawha Cts., W.Va.*, FD 31989, slip op. at 1 n.3 (STB served Apr. 11, 1997).



*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Class I railroads (railroads with operating revenues exceeding \$457,913,998 million).

*Number of Respondents:* Seven.

*Estimated Time per Response:* One hour.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 28.

*Total "Non-hour Burden" Cost:* None identified.

*Needs and Uses:* Under 49 U.S.C. 10702, the Board has the authority to address the reasonableness of a rail carrier's practices. This information collection permits the Board to monitor the current fuel surcharge practices of the Class I carriers. Failure to collect this information would impede the Board's ability to fulfill its statutory responsibilities. The Board has authority to collect information about rail costs and revenues under 49 U.S.C. 11144 and 11145.

Under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0382; FMCSA-2011-0383; FMCSA-2013-0194; FMCSA-2014-0012; FMCSA-2014-0013]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions of 47

individuals from its prohibition in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions enable these individuals with ITDM to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions was effective on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202-366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and/or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy Act:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

#### II. Background

On November 25, 2016, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 47 individuals from the insulin-treated diabetes mellitus prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (81 FR 85317). The public comment period ended on December 27, 2016, and no comments were received.

As stated in the previous notice, FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding diabetes found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control.

### III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

### IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 47 renewal exemption applications and that no comments were received, FMCSA confirms its' decision to exempt the following drivers from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3):

As of April 1, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 24 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (79 FR 6987; 79 FR 18388):

Dana A. Albert (NY)  
John R. Benshoff (OH)  
George A. Blanda (NY)  
Terrence K. Cannon (IL)  
Trisha J. Davis (ME)  
Paul D. Ferris (NY)  
Larry Gaskill (RI)  
Thomas H. Gaskins (NC)  
Gary A. Grant (WA)  
Brian C. Halcomb (IL)  
Gerald Lee (CA)  
Timothy R. Lewis (OR)  
Gregory J. Littlefield (MN)  
Glen H. Miller (MI)  
Ryan M. Ottis (ND)  
Steven M. Parsons (WV)  
William L. Reece (ND)  
Jay R. Rude (AZ)  
Denise D. Ruffin (MS)  
Ryan E. Stretch (MO)  
William F. Sullivan, IV (NY)  
John R. Thompson (WI)  
Everette L. Twyman (MO)  
John F. Whitesides (NC)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0194. Their exemptions are effective as of April 1, 2016, and will expire on April 1, 2018.

As of April 6, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the



following 10 individuals, have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (77 FR 10612; 77 FR 20874):

Rick J. Birdsall (NE)  
Steven L. Drake (CA)  
Benjamin J. Duea (MN)  
Steven E. Greer (MN)  
Jonathan E. Hunsaker (OR)  
William D. Larsen (SD)  
Lee A. Richardson (NC)  
William W. Simmons (FL)  
Ronald O. Snyder (OH)  
Douglas J. Wood (NY)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0382. Their exemptions are effective as of April 6, 2016, and will expire on April 6, 2018.

As of April 15, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, Maximo E. Gaytan (CO) has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (79 FR 14579; 79 FR 28590):

This driver was included in Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0013. The exemption is effective as of April 15, 2016, and will expire on April 15, 2018.

As of April 27, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 10 individuals, have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (77 FR 13686; 77 FR 25227):

Alvin Acevedo (NJ)  
Bobby D. Bennett (GA)  
Mark S. Clemence (KS)  
Elwood F. Gorom (WA)  
Mike W. Holland (IL)  
Dan M. McAllister (WI)  
Paul F. Rivers (MN)  
Marcus V. Romo (ID)  
Wayne L. Snyder (OH)  
Justin K. Zimmerschied (KS)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0383. Their exemptions are effective as of April 27, 2016, and will expire on April 27, 2018.

As of April 30, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 2 individuals, have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (79 FR 10612; 79 FR 14579; 79 FR 28590; 79 FR 27685):

Charles L. Bryant (PA)  
Christopher P. Martin (NH)

The drivers were included in Docket Nos. FMCSA–2014–0012; FMCSA–

2014–0013. Their exemptions are effective as of April 30, 2016, and will expire on April 30, 2018.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) the person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

Issued on: February 28, 2017.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2000–7363; FMCSA–2000–7918; FMCSA–2000–8398; FMCSA–2002–13411; FMCSA–2004–17984; FMCSA–2006–24015; FMCSA–2006–24783; FMCSA–2006–25246; FMCSA–2006–26066; FMCSA–2008–0266; FMCSA–2008–0292; FMCSA–2008–0340; FMCSA–2010–0201; FMCSA–2010–0385; FMCSA–2012–0337; FMCSA–2012–0338; FMCSA–2012–0339; FMCSA–2014–0296; FMCSA–2014–0299; FMCSA–2014–0301]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 62 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions was effective on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below. Comments must be received on or before April 7, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202–366–4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA–2000–7363; FMCSA–2000–7918; FMCSA–2000–8398; FMCSA–2002–13411; FMCSA–2004–17984; FMCSA–2006–24015; FMCSA–2006–24783; FMCSA–2006–25246; FMCSA–2006–26066; FMCSA–2008–0266; FMCSA–2008–0292; FMCSA–2008–0340; FMCSA–2010–0201; FMCSA–2010–0385; FMCSA–2012–0337; FMCSA–2012–0338; FMCSA–2012–0339; FMCSA–2014–0296; FMCSA–2014–0299; FMCSA–2014–0301 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

*Instructions:* Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number(s) for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online.

*Privacy Act:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments

from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

## I. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for two years if it finds “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.” The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the two-year period.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person:

Has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

The 62 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the vision standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period.

## II. Request for Comments

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

## III. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 62 applicants has

satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement (65 FR 45817; 65 FR 66286; 65 FR 77066; 65 FR 78256; 66 FR 13825; 66 FR 16311; 67 FR 71610; 67 FR 76439; 68 FR 10298; 68 FR 10300; 68 FR 13360; 69 FR 33997; 69 FR 61292; 70 FR 7545; 70 FR 7546; 70 FR 12265; 71 FR 14566; 71 FR 30227; 71 FR 32183; 71 FR 41310; 71 FR 55820; 71 FR 63379; 71 FR 63380; 72 FR 180; 72 FR 1050; 72 FR 7111; 72 FR 7812; 72 FR 9397; 72 FR 11426; 73 FR 27014; 73 FR 36955; 73 FR 51689; 73 FR 61922; 73 FR 61925; 73 FR 63047; 73 FR 74563; 73 FR 75803; 73 FR 78422; 74 FR 6209; 74 FR 6211; 74 FR 6212; 74 FR 6689; 74 FR 8302; 75 FR 36778; 75 FR 54958; 75 FR 59327; 75 FR 70078; 75 FR 77942; 75 FR 77949; 75 FR 79083; 76 FR 4413; 76 FR 5425; 76 FR 9859; 76 FR 9861; 76 FR 9865; 76 FR 11215; 77 FR 48590; 77 FR 68199; 77 FR 68200; 77 FR 70534; 77 FR 74273; 77 FR 74731; 78 FR 10250; 78 FR 11731; 78 FR 12811; 78 FR 12813; 78 FR 12817; 78 FR 12822; 78 FR 797; 78 FR 1919; 78 FR 8689; 78 FR 9772; 78 FR 14410; 79 FR 58856; 79 FR 59357; 79 FR 65760; 79 FR 72754; 79 FR 73397; 79 FR 73687; 80 FR 3305; 80 FR 3308; 80 FR 3723; 80 FR 6162; 80 FR 7678; 80 FR 7679; 80 FR 8751; 80 FR 9304; 80 FR 15859; 80 FR 20562). They have submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of July and are discussed below:

As of March 1, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 16 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (69 FR 33997; 69 FR 61292; 71 FR 32183; 71 FR 41310; 71 FR 55820; 71 FR 63379; 71 FR 63380; 72 FR 180; 72 FR 1050; 72 FR 9397; 73 FR 36955; 73 FR 61922; 73 FR 61925; 73 FR 74563; 73 FR 75803; 73 FR 78422; 74 FR 6209; 74 FR 6211; 75 FR 36778;

75 FR 54958; 75 FR 59327; 75 FR 70078; 75 FR 77949; 75 FR 79083; 76 FR 4413; 76 FR 9865; 77 FR 48590; 77 FR 68199; 77 FR 68200; 77 FR 70534; 77 FR 74273; 77 FR 74731; 78 FR 797; 78 FR 9772; 78 FR 11731; 78 FR 12811; 78 FR 12813; 78 FR 12817; 79 FR 58856; 79 FR 59357; 79 FR 65760; 79 FR 72754; 79 FR 73397; 79 FR 73687; 80 FR 3305; 80 FR 3308; 80 FR 3723; 80 FR 8751; 80 GT 9304).

Jawad K. Al-Shaibani (WA)  
Keith E. Breeding (IN)  
Robert M. Cassell, Jr. (NC)  
Steven J. Clark (GA)  
Joseph Colecchi (PA)  
Thomas A. Crowell (NC)  
David M. Hagadorn (NJ)  
Ricky G. Jacks (AL)  
William D. Koiner (TX)  
David S. Matheny (WA)  
Elmer R. Miller (IL)  
Jeffrey L. Olson (MN)  
Randall S. Surber (WV)  
Ernest W. Waff (VA)  
Curtis E. Way (TX)  
Patricia A. White (IL)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket Nos. FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2006-24783; FMCSA-2006-25246; FMCSA-2006-26066; FMCSA-2008-0292; FMCSA-2008-0340; FMCSA-2010-0201; FMCSA-2012-0337; FMCSA-2012-0338; FMCSA-2012-0339; FMCSA-2014-0296; FMCSA-2014-0299. Their exemptions are effective as of March 1, 2017, and will expire on March 1, 2019.

As of March 4, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 8 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 45817; 65 FR 77066; 67 FR 71610; 67 FR 76439; 68 FR 10298; 70 FR 7545; 72 FR 7812; 74 FR 6689; 76 FR 9859; 78 FR 8689; 80 FR 7678):

Kirk G. Braegger (UT)  
Ambrosio Calles (NM)  
Harry P. Henning (PA)  
Christopher L. Humphries (TX)  
Ralph J. Miles (OR)  
Stanley B. Salkowski, III (PA)  
Michael G. Thomas (PA)  
William H. Twardus (DE)

The drivers were included on the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA-2000-7363; FMCSA-2002-13411. Their exemptions are effective as of March 4, 2017, and will expire on March 4, 2019.

As of March 7, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 23 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 66286; 66 FR 13825; 68 FR 10300; 70 FR 7546; 72

FR 180; 72 FR 7111; 72 FR 9397; 74 FR 6211; 74 FR 6212; 75 FR 77942; 76 FR 5425; 76 FR 9861; 78 FR 10250; 80 FR 6162; 80 FR 7679; 80 FR 20562);

Jason P. Atwater (UT)  
Barry W. Borger (PA)  
William W. Dugger (KY)  
Steven D. Ellsworth (IL)  
Glen T. Garrabrant (NJ)  
Richard A. Guthrie (MT)  
Abdalla M. Jalili (IL)  
Alan L. Johnston (IL)  
David M. Krause (WI)  
Stephen C. Martin (PA)  
James E. Menz (NY)  
Ronald M. Metzger (NY)  
Gerald D. Milner (IL)  
Ali Nimer (IL)  
Richard A. Pierce (MO)  
Rance A. Powell (AL)  
Shannon E. Rasmussen (WY)  
Richard P. Rebel (ND)  
Mustafa Shahadeh (OH)  
Charles P. Smith (MO)  
Timothy R. Tedford (IL)  
Melvin L. Vaughn (WI)  
Rick L. Wood (PA)

The drivers were included on the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA–2000–7918; FMCSA–2006–25246; FMCSA–2010–0385; FMCSA–2014–0301. Their exemptions are effective as of March 7, 2017, and will expire on March 7, 2019.

As of March 23, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 15 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 66286; 65 FR 78256; 66 FR 13825; 66 FR 16311; 67 FR 76439; 68 FR 10298; 68 FR 13360; 70 FR 7545; 70 FR 12265; 71 FR 14566; 71 FR 30227; 72 FR 180; 72 FR 7812; 72 FR 9397; 72 FR 11426; 73 FR 27014; 73 FR 51689; 73 FR 63047; 73 FR 75803; 74 FR 6209; 74 FR 6689; 74 FR 8302; 75 FR 77942; 75 FR 77949; 76 FR 4413; 76 FR 5425; 76 FR 9859; 76 FR 9861; 76 FR 11215; 78 FR 8689; 78 FR 12822; 78 FR 14410; 80 FR 15859);

Howard K. Bradley (VA)  
Willie Burnett, Jr. (FL)  
Marcus L. Conner (TX)  
Thomas G. Danclovic (MO)  
Donald K. Driscoll (MA)  
William G. Holland (AR)  
Gerald D. Larson  
Thomas F. Marczewski (WI)  
Roy E. Mathews (FL)  
James T. McGraw, Jr. (PA)  
Robert S. Metcalf (AZ)  
Bobby G. Pool, Sr. (TX)  
Steve A. Reece (TN)  
Jeremichael Steele (NC)  
Wade D. Taylor (MO)

The drivers were included on the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA–

2000–7918; FMCSA–2000–8398; FMCSA–2002–13411; FMCSA–2006–24015; FMCSA–2006–25246; FMCSA–2008–0266; FMCSA–2008–0340; FMCSA–2010–0385. Their exemptions are effective as of March 23, 2017, and will expire on March 23, 2019.

#### *Conditions and Requirements*

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) Each driver must undergo an annual physical examination (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a certified Medical Examiner, as defined by 49 CFR 390.5, who attests that the driver is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) each driver must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the Medical Examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) each driver must provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

#### **IV. Preemption**

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

#### **VI. Conclusion**

Based upon its evaluation of the 62 exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above (49 CFR 391.64(b)). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA–2016–0377]

#### **Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 17 individuals for exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. They are unable to meet the vision requirement in one eye for various reasons. The exemptions will enable these individuals to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce without meeting the prescribed vision requirement in one eye. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals to qualify as drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 7, 2017. All comments will be investigated by FMCSA. The exemptions will be issued the day after the comment period closes.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA–2016–0377 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

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*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-113, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for a 2-year period if it finds “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.” FMCSA can renew exemptions at the end of each 2-year period. The 17 individuals listed in this notice have each requested such an exemption from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting an exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

##### **II. Qualifications of Applicants**

###### *Chad C. Burnett*

Mr. Burnett, 41, has had amblyopia in his left eye since childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, 20/50. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, “After careful assessment of

patient Chad Burnett for a complete eye vision and health exam on 5-3-2016, I feel Chad would be visually qualified to obtain his CMV license for driving.” Mr. Burnett reported that he has driven straight trucks for 12 years, accumulating 720,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Illinois. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

###### *Lesco R. Chubb*

Mr. Chubb, 68, has had a central retinal vein occlusion in his left eye since 2006. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, hand motion. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated that Mr. Chubb does have sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a CMV. Mr. Chubb reported that he has driven tractor-trailer combinations for 28 years, accumulating 3.5 million miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Georgia. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

###### *Stephen M. Currie*

Mr. Currie, 60, has a prosthetic right eye due to a traumatic incident in 1989. The visual acuity in his right eye is no light perception, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, “Mr. Currie has operated a commercial vehicle with his prosthetic right eye for years. Nothing has changed in his vision or peripheral vision to indicate that he cannot continue to operate in the same capacity he has been operating for the past several years.” Mr. Currie reported that he has driven straight trucks for 26 years, accumulating 1.09 million miles. He holds a Class B CDL from Texas. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

###### *Thomas C. Fitzpatrick*

Mr. Fitzpatrick, 72, has had amblyopia in his right eye since birth. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/50, and in his left eye, 20/25. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, “Mr. Fitzpatrick is able to recognize colors and has no visual deficiencies that would be any hazard to commercial driving.” Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that he has driven straight trucks for 41 years, accumulating 143,500 miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 46 years, accumulating 253,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Maine. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no

convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

###### *Robert D. Hattabaugh*

Mr. Hattabaugh, 53, has complete loss of vision in his right eye due to a traumatic incident in 2006. The visual acuity in his right eye is no light perception, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his ophthalmologist stated that Mr. Hattabaugh does have sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a CMV. Mr. Hattabaugh reported that he has driven straight trucks for 30 years, accumulating 90,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Arkansas. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

###### *Wade R. Higgins*

Mr. Higgins, 62, has complete loss of vision in his left eye due to a traumatic incident in childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, no light perception. Following an examination in 2016, his ophthalmologist stated, “Patient has sufficient vision to perform driving tasks of commercial vehicle [sic].” Mr. Higgins reported that he has driven straight trucks for 5 years, accumulating 500,000 miles. He holds an operator's license from North Carolina. His driving record for the last 3 years shows one crash and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

###### *Daniel L. Holman*

Mr. Holman, 46, has complete loss of vision in his right eye due to a traumatic incident in 1997. The visual acuity in his right eye is no light perception, and in his left eye, 20/15. Following an examination in 2016, his ophthalmologist stated, “In my medical opinion Mr. Holman has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Holman reported that he has driven straight trucks for 9 years, accumulating 180,000 miles. He holds a Class B CDL from Utah. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

###### *Don N. Hood*

Mr. Hood, 64, has had a corneal scar in his right eye since 1997. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/70, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, “In my medical opinion Mr [sic] hood has more than adequate VA [sic] to operate [sic] commercial vehicle.” Mr. Hood reported that he has driven straight trucks for 27 years,

accumulating 280,800 miles, tractor-trailer combinations for 20 years, accumulating 100,000 miles, and buses for 1 year, accumulating 60 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Arkansas. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*James S. Hummel*

Mr. Hummel, 66, has phthisis bulbi in his right eye due to a traumatic incident in childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is no light perception, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, "In summary, he has 20/20 uncorrected and corrected vision in his left eye and no vision in the right eye, a well-preserved visual field, and normal color testing that qualifies him to drive a commercial vehicle." Mr. Hummel reported that he has driven straight trucks for 41 years, accumulating 410,000 miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 3 years, accumulating 6,000 miles. He holds a Class AM CDL from Pennsylvania. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*Robert R. Martin*

Mr. Martin, 63, has a cataract in his right eye since birth. The visual acuity in his right eye is count fingers, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his ophthalmologist stated, "Mr. Martin has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Martin reported that he has driven tractor-trailer combinations for 3 years, accumulating 279,000 miles. He holds a Class AM CDL from Virginia. His driving record for the last 3 years shows one crash and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*James C. Montgomery*

Mr. Montgomery, 51, has a retinal scar in his right eye due to a traumatic incident in childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/150, and in his left eye, 20/15. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, "From a visual standpoint, my medical opinion is that that [sic] he has the ability to sufficiently perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Montgomery reported that he has driven straight trucks for 8 years, accumulating 5,600 miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 2 years, accumulating 16,800. He holds a Class A CDL from Tennessee. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*Huber N. Pena Ortega*

Mr. Pena Ortega, 32, has had amblyopia in his right eye since birth. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/200, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, "It is my medical opinion that Huber Ortega has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Pena Ortega reported that he has driven straight trucks for 10 years, accumulating 200,000 miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 5 years, accumulating 110,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Colorado. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*Garry W. Perkins*

Mr. Perkins, 58, has had amblyopia in his left eye since birth. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20, and in his left eye, 20/200. Following an examination in 2017, his optometrist stated, "It is in my professional opinion that due to the non-progressive congenital condition of refractive amblyopia in Mr. Perkins left eye and overall visual field status and corrected vision OD that there are no visual concerns for Mr. Perkins to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Perkins reported that he has driven straight trucks for 30 years, accumulating 300,000 miles. He holds an operator's license from New Hampshire. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*Charles M. Reese*

Mr. Reese, 31, has had amblyopia in his right eye since birth. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/400, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, "I do believe that Mr. Reese has sufficient vision to drive and operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Reese reported that he has driven straight trucks for 5 years, accumulating 100,000 miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 6 years, accumulating 150,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Utah. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*Wilbur Robinson, Jr.*

Mr. Robinson, 60, has complete loss of vision in his right eye due to a traumatic incident in 1975. The visual acuity in his right eye is no light perception, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, "Patient has sufficient vision to drive commercial

truck." Mr. Robinson reported that he has driven straight trucks for 10 years, accumulating 180,000 miles. He holds a Class B CDL from New Jersey. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*Thomas R. Test*

Mr. Test, 38, has had complete loss of vision in his right eye due to a traumatic incident childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is no light perception, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his optometrist stated, "In my medical opinion, Mr. Thomas R. Test has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Test reported that he has driven straight trucks for 17 years, accumulating 2.6 million miles. He holds a Class AM CDL from Virginia. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and one conviction for speeding in a CMV; he exceeded the speed limit by 10 MPH.

*Steven L. Tiefenthaler*

Mr. Tiefenthaler, 56, has a toxoplasmosis scar in his right eye since childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is 20/70, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2016, his ophthalmologist stated, "I certify that, in my medical opinion, this patient has sufficient vision to operate a commercial motor vehicle." Mr. Tiefenthaler reported that he has driven straight trucks for 10 years, accumulating 80,000 miles, tractor-trailer combinations for 25 years, accumulating 3.25 million miles, and buses for 2 years, accumulating 1,600 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Iowa. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

### III. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

#### *Submitting Comments*

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document

so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

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FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. FMCSA may issue a final determination at any time after the close of the comment period.

#### Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number FMCSA-2016-0377 in the "Keyword" box and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" button and choose the document listed to review. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

**[Docket No. FMCSA-2002-12432; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-23238; FMCSA-2006-26066; FMCSA-2008-0106; FMCSA-2008-0266; FMCSA-2008-0340; FMCSA-2009-0291; FMCSA-2009-0321; FMCSA-2010-0114; FMCSA-2010-0187; FMCSA-2010-0201; FMCSA-2010-0354; FMCSA-2010-0385; FMCSA-2012-0040; FMCSA-2012-0104; FMCSA-2012-0159; FMCSA-2012-0214; FMCSA-2012-0337; FMCSA-2012-0338; FMCSA-2012-0339; FMCSA-2014-0004; FMCSA-2014-0006; FMCSA-2014-0007; FMCSA-2014-0296; FMCSA-2014-0298; FMCSA-2014-0299; FMCSA-2014-0300]**

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 81 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions was effective on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below. Comments must be received on or before April 7, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202-366-4001, [fmcamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

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2012-0040; FMCSA-2012-0104; FMCSA-2012-0159; FMCSA-2012-0214; FMCSA-2012-0337; FMCSA-2012-0338; FMCSA-2012-0339; FMCSA-2014-0004; FMCSA-2014-0006; FMCSA-2014-0007; FMCSA-2014-0296; FMCSA-2014-0298; FMCSA-2014-0299; FMCSA-2014-0300 using any of the following methods:

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#### I. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for two years if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is

equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the two-year period.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person:

Has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of a least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

The 81 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the vision standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period.

## II. Request for Comments

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

## III. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 81 applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement (67 FR 54525; 67 FR 68719; 68 FR 2629; 68 FR 8794; 69 FR 64806; 69 FR 71100; 70 FR 2705; 70 FR 8659; 71 FR 5105; 71 FR 19600; 71 FR 63380; 72 FR 1050; 72 FR 1054; 72 FR 1056; 72 FR 5489; 73 FR 11989; 73 FR 35194; 73 FR 35197; 73 FR 48273; 73 FR 48275; 73 FR 51689; 73 FR 63047; 73 FR 75803; 73 FR 76439; 74 FR 980; 74 FR 981; 74 FR 6207; 74 FR 6209; 74 FR 65842; 75 FR 1835; 75 FR 9478; 75 FR 9482; 75 FR 13653; 75 FR 34209; 75 FR 44050; 75 FR 47883; 75 FR 47886; 75 FR 52062; 75 FR

54958; 75 FR 63255; 75 FR 70078; 75 FR 72863; 75 FR 77942; 75 FR 79083; 75 FR 79084; 76 FR 2190; 76 FR 4413; 76 FR 4414; 76 FR 5425; 76 FR 8809; 76 FR 46793; 76 FR 59245; 77 FR 7234; 77 FR 17107; 77 FR 23799; 77 FR 27847; 77 FR 33558; 77 FR 36336; 77 FR 38386; 77 FR 46795; 77 FR 52389; 77 FR 68200; 77 FR 68202; 77 FR 70534; 77 FR 74731; 77 FR 75496; 78 FR 797; 78 FR 798; 78 FR 1919; 78 FR 9772; 78 FR 12811; 78 FR 12813; 78 FR 12817; 79 FR 17641; 79 FR 18391; 79 FR 18392; 79 FR 29495; 79 FR 29498; 79 FR 35212; 79 FR 38659; 79 FR 47175; 79 FR 51642; 79 FR 53514; 79 FR 58856; 79 FR 59348; 79 FR 59357; 79 FR 65759; 79 FR 69985; 79 FR 72754; 79 FR 73397; 80 FR 2473; 80 FR 18693; 80 FR 3305; 80 FR 3308; 80 FR 3723; 80 FR 5615; 80 FR 8927; 80 FR 9304). They have submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of July and are discussed below:

As of February 5, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 26 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (71 FR 5105; 71 FR 19600; 73 FR 11989; 73 FR 35194; 73 FR 35197; 73 FR 48273; 73 FR 48275; 73 FR 75803; 74 FR 6209; 74 FR 65842; 75 FR 9478; 75 FR 13653; 75 FR 44050; 75 FR 52062; 75 FR 54958; 75 FR 70078; 76 FR 4413; 76 FR 46793; 76 FR 59245; 77 FR 7234; 77 FR 17107; 77 FR 27847; 77 FR 36336; 77 FR 38386; 77 FR 46795; 77 FR 52389; 77 FR 68200; 77 FR 68202; 78 FR 797; 79 FR 17641; 79 FR 18391; 79 FR 18392; 79 FR 29495; 79 FR 29498; 79 FR 35212; 79 FR 38659; 79 FR 47175; 79 FR 51642; 79 FR 53514; 79 FR 58856; 79 FR 59348; 79 FR 59357; 79 FR 65759; 79 FR 69985; 79 FR 72754; 79 FR 73397; 80 FR 3305; 80 FR 8927; 80 FR 9304):

Michael J. Bechta (PA)

Anatoliy A. Bogdanets (OR)  
William L. Brady (KS)  
Ricky J. Childress (AL)  
Donald S. Dickerson (WV)  
David L. Dykman (ID)  
Larry E. Emanuel (FL)  
Milan D. Frasier (ID)  
Greg E. Gage (IA)  
Eric M. Giddens, Sr. (DE)  
Harold J. Haier (NY)  
James A. Jones (MD)  
Timothy L. Kelly (TX)  
Lewis A. Kielhack (IL)  
Daniel E. Manchester (GA)  
Joe A. McLroy (NY)  
Richard L. Moreland (MO)  
Timothy W. Nappier (MI)  
Don R. Padley (MO)  
Dennis D. Pimley (CA)  
Monte L. Purciful (IN)  
Michael R. Seldomridge (FL)  
Ronald M. Scott (IN)  
Ronald B. Shafer (MI)  
Dennis Torrence (WI)  
Jeffrey T. Zuniga (CT)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket Nos. FMCSA-2005-23238; FMCSA-2008-0106; FMCSA-2008-0340; FMCSA-2009-0291; FMCSA-2010-0201; FMCSA-2012-0104; FMCSA-2012-0159; FMCSA-2012-0214; FMCSA-2014-0004; FMCSA-2014-0006; FMCSA-2014-0007; FMCSA-2014-0296; FMCSA-2014-0298; FMCSA-2014-0299. Their exemptions are effective as of February 5, 2017 and will expire on February 5, 2019.

As of February 7, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, Thomas J. Boss (IL) has satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (67 FR 68719; 68 FR 2629; 69 FR 71100; 72 FR 1054; 74 FR 980; 76 FR 4414; 78 FR 798; 80 FR 5615).

The driver was included in Docket No. FMCSA-2002-12844. The exemption is effective as of February 7, 2017, and will expire on February 7, 2019.

As of February 11, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 5 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (77 FR 70534; 78 FR 9772; 80 FR 3308):

Douglas Eamens (NY)  
Roberto Ramos (TX)  
Johnie Reed (VA)  
Sammie Soles, Jr. (MI)  
Grover C. Taylor (VA)

The drivers were included on the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0337. Their exemptions are effective as of February 11, 2017, and will expire on February 11, 2019.



As of February 18, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 30 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (80 FR 2473; 80 FR 18693):

David C. Berger (PA)  
Raymond L. Bradshaw (TX)  
Jeffrey L. Coachman (NY)  
Robert W. Cushing (NH)  
Kenneth Dionisi (MI)  
Wolfgang K. Faulkingham (ME)  
Ricky J. Franklin (OR)  
James P. Gapinski (MN)  
David N. Groff (PA)  
Robert J. Hansen (MN)  
Kevin L. Himes (CO)  
Jackie Lee (FL)  
Keith A. Looney (AR)  
Van C. Mac (IL)  
Chris D. McCance (IL)  
Michael W. McCann (VA)  
Preston Nehring (FL)  
Dennis J. Oie (MN)  
Leonardo Polonski (MA)  
Don C. Powell (NY)  
Luis Ramos (FL)  
Kevin C. Rich (NC)  
Gerardo Silva (IL)  
James A. Spittal (OR)  
Paul J. Stewart (CO)  
David A. Stinelli (PA)  
Ingrid V. Taylor (MI)  
Bobby M. Warren (KY)  
Steven E. Williams (GA)  
Vantha Yeam (PA)

The drivers were included on the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0300. Their exemptions are effective as of February 18, 2017, and will expire on February 18, 2019.

As of February 25, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 19 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (67 FR 54525; 68 FR 8794; 69 FR 64806; 70 FR 2705; 70 FR 8659; 71 FR 63380; 72 FR 1050; 72 FR 1056; 72 FR 5489; 73 FR 51689; 73 FR 63047; 73 FR 76439; 74 FR 981; 74 FR 6207; 75 FR 1835; 75 FR 9482; 75 FR 34209; 75 FR 47883; 75 FR 47886; 75 FR 63255; 75 FR 72863; 75 FR 77942; 75 FR 79083; 75 FR 79084; 76 FR 2190; 76 FR 4414; 76 FR 5425; 76 FR 8809; 77 FR 23799; 77 FR 33558; 77 FR 70534; 77 FR 74731; 77 FR 75496; 78 FR 1919; 78 FR 9772; 78 FR 12811; 78 FR 12813; 78 FR 12817; 80 FR 3723):

William Audinwood (NY)  
Kenneth L. Bowers, Jr. (MN)  
Lester W. Carter (CA)  
Matthew T. Eggers (IA)  
Dennis E. Fisher (NY)  
Andrew G. Fornsel (NY)  
Jerry Hall (KY)

Dennis R. O'Dell Jr. (OK)  
Jerry W. Parker (OH)  
Gary W. Phelps (PA)  
Charles D. Reddick (GA)  
Myriam Rodriguez (CA)  
Bobby L. Rupe (TX)  
Jules M. Sancho, Jr. (LA)  
Frank Santak (DE)  
Gary Wanek (NE)  
Keith Washington (IL)  
Kenneth J. Weaver (WY)  
Cameron R. Whitford (NY)

The drivers were included on the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA–2002–12432; FMCSA–2004–19477; FMCSA–2006–26066; FMCSA–2008–0266; FMCSA–2009–0321; FMCSA–2010–0114; FMCSA–2010–0187; FMCSA–2010–0354; FMCSA–2010–0385; FMCSA–2012–0040; FMCSA–2012–0337; FMCSA–2012–0338; FMCSA–2012–0339. Their exemptions are effective as of February 25, 2017, and will expire on February 25, 2019.

#### *Conditions and Requirements*

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) Each driver must undergo an annual physical examination (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a certified Medical Examiner, as defined by 49 CFR 390.5, who attests that the driver is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) each driver must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the Medical Examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) each driver must provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

#### **IV. Preemption**

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

#### **VI. Conclusion**

Based upon its evaluation of the 81 exemption applications, FMCSA renews

the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above (49 CFR 391.64(b)). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Issued on: February 28, 2017.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA–2016–0383]

#### **Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 41 individuals for exemption from the prohibition against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals with ITDM to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA–2016–0383 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

*Instructions:* Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket numbers for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any



personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-113, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for a 2-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The 41 individuals listed in this notice have recently requested such an exemption from the diabetes prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b) (3), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

##### II. Qualifications of Applicants

###### *Joseph A. Akers*

Mr. Akers, 24, has had ITDM since 2007. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Akers understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Akers meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has stable nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from West Virginia.

###### *Leslie R. Auger*

Mr. Auger, 58, has had ITDM since 2016. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Auger understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Auger meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Missouri.

###### *Ta Canunpa W. Banks*

Mr. Banks, 32, has had ITDM since 2015. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Banks understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Banks meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His

ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from South Dakota.

###### *Ralph E. Beard*

Mr. Beard, 53, has had ITDM since 2016. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Beard understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Beard meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class C CDL from Michigan.

###### *Darrell W. Britnell*

Mr. Britnell, 50, has had ITDM since 2015. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Britnell understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Britnell meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class B CDL from North Carolina.

###### *Paul M. Capeder*

Mr. Capeder, 56, has had ITDM since 2016. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Capeder understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV

safely. Mr. Capeder meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class B CDL from Minnesota.

*Robert D. Carnazzo*

Mr. Carnazzo, 47, has had ITDM since 2016. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Carnazzo understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Carnazzo meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class B CDL from Massachusetts.

*Randall C. Coleman*

Mr. Coleman, 64, has had ITDM since 1998. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Coleman understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Coleman meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has stable nonproliferative and stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from Washington.

*Thomas K. Coleman*

Mr. Coleman, 24, has had ITDM since 2015. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist

certifies that Mr. Coleman understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Coleman meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from North Carolina.

*Mark A. Cologne*

Mr. Cologne, 52, has had ITDM since 2016. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Cologne understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Cologne meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Louisiana.

*Christopher J. Comstock*

Mr. Comstock, 28, has had ITDM since 2000. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Comstock understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Comstock meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from Texas.

*Alexander H. Cromartie*

Mr. Cromartie, 64, has had ITDM since 2012. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12

months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Cromartie understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Cromartie meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has stable nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Pennsylvania.

*Michael R. Dark*

Mr. Dark, 36, has had ITDM since 2006. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Dark understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Dark meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from Texas.

*Joseph P. Dellavolpe*

Mr. Dellavolpe, 67, has had ITDM since 2015. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Dellavolpe understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Dellavolpe meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from New Jersey.

*Shea E. Durand*

Mr. Durand, 28, has had ITDM since 2001. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the

assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Durand understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Durand meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from New York.

*David L. Farris*

Mr. Farris, 55, has had ITDM since 1990. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Farris understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Farris meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Kansas.

*Donald D. Fown*

Mr. Fown, 58, has had ITDM since 2003. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Fown understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Fown meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has stable nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Ohio.

*Michael L. Gamache*

Mr. Gamache, 55, has had ITDM since 2014. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no

severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Gamache understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Gamache meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from New Hampshire.

*David P. Glaeser*

Mr. Glaeser, 48, has had ITDM since 2014. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Glaeser understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Glaeser meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Colorado.

*Donald J. Gray*

Mr. Gray, 58, has had ITDM since 2015. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Gray understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Gray meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class B CDL from California.

*James E. Guthrie, IV*

Mr. Guthrie, 22, has had ITDM since 2013. His endocrinologist examined him

in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Guthrie understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Guthrie meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from Kentucky.

*James F. Hamilton*

Mr. Hamilton, 60, has had ITDM since 2009. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Hamilton understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Hamilton meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from South Dakota.

*Paul R. Hanson*

Mr. Hanson, 54, has had ITDM since 2016. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Hanson understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Hanson meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Minnesota.

*Jaculyn E. Heck*

Ms. Heck, 51, has had ITDM since 1999. Her endocrinologist examined her in 2016 and certified that she has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. Her endocrinologist certifies that Ms. Heck understands diabetes management and monitoring has stable control of her diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Ms. Heck meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). Her ophthalmologist examined her in 2016 and certified that she has stable nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy. She holds an operator's license from Delaware.

*Greg J. Isom*

Mr. Isom, 31, has had ITDM since 2001. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Isom understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Isom meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has stable nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Georgia.

*Mark J. Johnson*

Mr. Johnson, 63, has had ITDM since 2014. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Johnson understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Johnson meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist

examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Washington.

*Tyson C. Johnson*

Mr. Johnson, 34, has had ITDM since 1994. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Johnson understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Johnson meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has stable nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class B CDL from Pennsylvania.

*Darrell W. Luck*

Mr. Luck, 67, has had ITDM since 2015. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Luck understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Luck meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from North Carolina.

*Gregory L. Markin*

Mr. Markin, 48, has had ITDM since 2014. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Markin understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV

safely. Mr. Markin meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Wisconsin.

*Patrick May*

Mr. May, 61, has had ITDM since 2014. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. May understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. May meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from Maryland.

*Elbert J. Means*

Mr. Means, 65, has had ITDM since 2013. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Means understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Means meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from South Carolina.

*Peter R. Meyer*

Mr. Meyer, 54, has had ITDM since 2016. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Meyer understands

diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Meyer meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Washington.

*Andrew R. Morris*

Mr. Morris, 24, has had ITDM since 2013. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Morris understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Morris meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Washington.

*Timothy A. Parks, Jr.*

Mr. Parks, 24, has had ITDM since 2010. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Parks understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Parks meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from Maryland.

*Dennis Pitt*

Mr. Pitt, 54, has had ITDM since 2015. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in

the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Pitt understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Pitt meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class B CDL from New York.

*Antonio R. Ragin*

Mr. Ragin, 43, has had ITDM since 1997. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Ragin understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Ragin meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has stable nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Connecticut.

*Matthew Reynolds*

Mr. Reynolds, 54, has had ITDM since 2012. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Reynolds understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Reynolds meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds an operator's license from Pennsylvania.

*Robert G. Smith*

Mr. Smith, 57, has had ITDM since 2015. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function

that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Smith understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Smith meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Massachusetts.

*Patricia M. Spurgeon*

Ms. Spurgeon, 63, has had ITDM since 2014. Her endocrinologist examined her in 2016 and certified that she has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. Her endocrinologist certifies that Ms. Spurgeon understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of her diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Ms. Spurgeon meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). Her ophthalmologist examined her in 2016 and certified that she does not have diabetic retinopathy. She holds a Class C CDL from New York.

*Robert M. Sybolt*

Mr. Sybolt, 54, has had ITDM since 2013. His endocrinologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Sybolt understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Sybolt meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2016 and certified that he has stable nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from West Virginia.

*Brandon R. Wedding*

Mr. Wedding, 32, has had ITDM since 2016. His endocrinologist examined him

in 2016 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Wedding understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Wedding meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2016 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A CDL from Oregon.

### III. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. We will consider all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated in the date section of the notice.

FMCSA notes that section 4129 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users requires the Secretary to revise its diabetes exemption program established on September 3, 2003 (68 FR 52441).<sup>1</sup> The revision must provide for individual assessment of drivers with diabetes mellitus, and be consistent with the criteria described in section 4018 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (49 U.S.C. 31305).

Section 4129 requires: (1) Elimination of the requirement for 3 years of experience operating CMVs while being treated with insulin; and (2) establishment of a specified minimum period of insulin use to demonstrate stable control of diabetes before being allowed to operate a CMV.

In response to section 4129, FMCSA made immediate revisions to the diabetes exemption program established by the September 3, 2003 notice. FMCSA discontinued use of the 3-year driving experience and fulfilled the requirements of section 4129 while continuing to ensure that operation of CMVs by drivers with ITDM will achieve the requisite level of safety required of all exemptions granted under 49 U.S.C. 31136 (e).

Section 4129(d) also directed FMCSA to ensure that drivers of CMVs with ITDM are not held to a higher standard

than other drivers, with the exception of limited operating, monitoring and medical requirements that are deemed medically necessary.

The FMCSA concluded that all of the operating, monitoring and medical requirements set out in the September 3, 2003 notice, except as modified, were in compliance with section 4129(d). Therefore, all of the requirements set out in the September 3, 2003 notice, except as modified by the notice in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2005 (70 FR 67777), remain in effect.

### IV. Submitting Comments

You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number FMCSA–2016–0383 and click the search button. When the new screen appears, click on the blue “Comment Now!” button on the right hand side of the page. On the new page, enter information required including the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. FMCSA may issue a final determination at any time after the close of the comment period.

### V. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number FMCSA–2016–0383 and click “Search.” Next, click “Open Docket Folder” and you will find all documents and comments related to this notice.

Issued on: February 28, 2017.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0657]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine a claimant's entitlement to educational assistance.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0657” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or FAX (202) 632–8925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the

<sup>1</sup> Section 4129(a) refers to the 2003 notice as a “final rule.” However, the 2003 notice did not issue a “final rule” but did establish the procedures and standards for issuing exemptions for drivers with ITDM.

burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools (VA Form 22–1919).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0657.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 22–1919 is used to allow schools to submit information necessary to determine if a student's programs of training are approved for the payment of VA educational assistance.

*Affected Public:* Institutions of Higher Learning.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 34 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Occasionally.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 202.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0524]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Police Officer Pre-Employment Screening Checklist

**AGENCY:** Office of Operations, Security, and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Office of Operations, Security, and Preparedness (OSP), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. It also includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0524” in any correspondence.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0524” in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.

*Title:* VA Police Officer Pre-Employment Screening Checklist (VA Form 0120).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0524.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA personnel complete VA Form 0120 to document pre-employment history and conduct background checks on applicants seeking employment as VA police officers. VA will use the data collected to determine the applicant's qualification and suitability to be hired as a VA police officer.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 81 FR 229 on November 29, 2016, pages 86073 and 86074.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 250.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1500.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0752]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: uSPEQ Consumer Survey Experience (Rehabilitation)

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. It also includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0752” in any correspondence.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0752” in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.

*Title:* uSPEQ Consumer Survey Experience (Rehabilitation).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0752.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* uSPEQ (pronounced you speak) survey will be used to gather input from veterans regarding their satisfaction with VA's rehabilitation programs. VA will use the data collected to continue quality improvement, informed programmatic development, and to identify rehabilitation program strengths and weaknesses.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to

respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 81 FR 229 on November 29, 2016, page 86073.

*Affected Public: Individuals or households.*

*Estimated Annual Burden: 32,000 hours.*

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.*

*Frequency of Response: On occasion.*

*Estimated Number of Respondents: 384,000.*

By direction of the Secretary:

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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