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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2016–9374; Airspace Docket No. 16–AGL–23]

Modification of VOR Federal Airways V–55, V–63, V–177, V–228, and V–246 in the Vicinity of Stevens Point, WI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies five VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways in the vicinity of Stevens Point, WI. The FAA is taking this action due to the planned decommissioning of the Stevens Point, WI (STE), VHF Omnidirectional Range/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) navigation aid (NAVAID) which provides navigation guidance for portions of the ATS routes amended by this action. This action will enhance the safe and efficient management of aircraft in the Stevens Point, WI, area.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, August 17, 2017. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at *http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/*. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11A at NARA, call (202) 741–6030, or go to *http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html.*

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colby Abbott, Airspace Policy Group, Office of Airspace Services, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it modifies the National Airspace System (NAS) route structure as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the NAS.

History

On February 27, 2017, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) (82 FR 11857), Docket No. FAA–2016–9374, to amend VOR Federal airways V–55, V–63, V–177, V–228, and V–246 due to the planned decommissioning of the Stevens Point, WI, VORTAC. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

VOR Federal airways are published in paragraph 6010(a) of FAA Order 7400.11A, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The VOR Federal airways listed in this document will be subsequently published in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016. FAA Order 7400.11A is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11A lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

Differences From the NPRM

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to remove the V–177 airway segment between the Madison, WI (MAD), VOR/DME and the Wausau, WI (AUW), VORTAC. That proposed amendment incorrectly listed the intended Madison, WI, NAVAID with the identifier ''MAD'' and as a VOR/DME. However, the NAVAID identifier ''MAD'' identifies the Madison, CT, VOR/DME. The correct identifier and NAVAID type for the intended Madison, WI, NAVAID is ''MSN'' and ''VORTAC''. The corrected V–177 amendment is to remove the airway segment between the Madison, WI (MSN), VORTAC and the Wausau, WI (AUW), VORTAC.

The Rule

The FAA is amending Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to modify the descriptions of VOR Federal airways V–55, V–63, V–177, V–228, and V–246 due to the planned decommissioning of the Stevens Point, WI, VORTAC. The route changes are described below.

V–55: V–55 extends between the Dayton, OH, VOR and the Bismarck, ND, VOR. The airway segment between the intersection of the Green Bay, WI, VORTAC 270° and Oshkosh, WI, VORTAC 339° radials (the BIPID fix) and the Eau Claire, WI, VORTAC is removed. The unaffected portions of the airway remain as charted.

V–63: V–63 extends between the Bowie, TX, VORTAC and the Houghton, MI, VOR/DME. The airway segment between the Oshkosh, WI, VORTAC and the Wausau, WI, VORTAC is removed. The unaffected portions of the airway remain as charted.

V–177: V–177 extends between the Joliet, IL, VORTAC and the Ely, MN, VOR/DME. The airway segment between the Madison, WI, VORTAC and

the Wausau, WI, VORTAC is removed. The unaffected portions of the airway remain as charted.

V–228: V–228 extends between the Stevens Point, WI, VORTAC and the Gipper, MI, VORTAC. The airway segment between the Stevens Point, WI, VORTAC and the Dells, WI, VORTAC is removed. The unaffected portions of the airway remain as charted.

V–246: V–246 extends between the Janesville, WI, VOR/DME and Stevens Point, WI, VORTAC. The airway segment between the intersection of the Nodine, MN, VORTAC 055° and Eau Claire, WI, VORTAC 134° radials (the MILTO fix) and the Stevens Point, WI, VORTAC is removed. The unaffected portions of the airway remain as charted.

All radials in the route descriptions below are stated relative to True north.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) Is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a ''significant rule'' under Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action of modifying five VOR Federal airways qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500, and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, Paragraph 5–6.5a, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points (see 14 CFR part 71, Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes; and Reporting Points). As such, this action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts. In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, paragraph 5–2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, The FAA has reviewed this action for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis. The FAA determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact study.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016 and effective September 15, 2016, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways.

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V–55 [Amended]

From Dayton, OH; Fort Wayne, IN; Goshen, IN; Gipper, MI; Keeler, MI; Pullman, MI; Muskegon, MI; INT Muskegon 327° and Green Bay, WI, 116° radials; Green Bay; to INT Green Bay 270° and Oshkosh, WI, 339° radials. From Eau Claire, WI; to Siren, WI. From Park Rapids, MN; Grand Forks, ND; INT Grand Forks 239° and Bismarck, ND, 067° radials; to Bismarck.

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V–63 [Amended]

From Bowie, TX; Texoma, OK; McAlester, OK; Razorback, AR; Springfield, MO; Hallsville, MO; Quincy, IL; Burlington, IA; Moline, IL; Davenport, IA; Rockford, IL; Janesville, WI; Badger, WI; to Oshkosh, WI. From Wausau, WI; Rhinelander, WI; to Houghton, MI. Excluding that airspace at and above 10,000 feet MSL from 5 NM north to 46 NM north of Quincy, IL, when the Howard West MOA is active.

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V–177 [Amended]

From Joliet, IL; Janesville, WI; to Madison, WI. From Wausau, WI; Hayward, WI; Duluth, MN; to Ely, MN.

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V–228 [Amended]

From Dells, WI; Madison, WI; INT Madison 138° and Chicago O'Hare, IL, 316° radials; INT Chicago O'Hare 316° and Northbrook, IL, 291° radials; Northbrook; INT Northbrook 110° and Gipper, MI, 290° radials; to Gipper.

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V–246 [Amended]

From Janesville, WI; Dubuque, IA; Waukon, IA; Nodine, MN; to INT Nodine 055° and Eau Claire, WI, 134° radials.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 13, 2017.

Rodger A. Dean Jr.,

Manager, Airspace Policy Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2017–0522]

Safety Zone; Chesapeake Bay, Virginia Beach, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a safety zone for a fireworks display taking place over Chesapeake Bay, Virginia Beach, VA, on July 3, 2017. This action is necessary to ensure safety of life on navigable waterways during the fireworks display. Our regulation for Recurring Marine Events within the Fifth Coast Guard District identifies the regulated area for this fireworks display event. During the enforcement period, no person or vessel may enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the regulated area without approval from the Captain of the Port or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.506 will be enforced for the location listed in the table to § 165.506(c)(6) Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads—COTP Zone from 9 p.m. through 10 p.m. on July 3, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email LCDR Barbara Wilk, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads, Waterways Management office; telephone 757–668–

5580, email *hamptonroadswaterway@uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone in 33 CFR 165.506 from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m. on July 3, 2017, for the Shore Drive Fireworks. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during the fireworks display. Our regulation for Recurring Marine Events within the Fifth Coast Guard District, § 165.506, specifies the location of the regulated area for this safety zone within a 400 yard radius of the center located at approximate position latitude 36°55′02″ N., longitude 076°03′27″ W., located at Virginia Beach, VA. As specified in § 165.506(d), during the enforcement period, no vessel may enter, remain in, or transit through the safety zone without approval from the Captain of the Port Sector Hampton Roads (COTP) or a COTP designated representative. The Coast Guard may be assisted by other Federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.506(d) and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this notice of enforcement published in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and marine information broadcasts.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Richard J. Wester,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Hampton Roads.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2017–0272]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zones; Sector Upper Mississippi River Annual and Recurring Safety Zones Update

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is amending and updating its annual and recurring safety zones that take place in the Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River Captain of the Port Zone (COTP Zone). This regulation informs the public of regularly scheduled events that require additional safety measures through establishing a safety zone. Through this final rule the current list of recurring safety zones is updated with revisions, additional events, and removal of events that no longer take place in the COTP Zone. When these safety zones are enforced, vessel traffic is restricted from specified areas. Additionally, this rulemaking project serves to provide notice of the known recurring safety zones throughout the year.

DATES: This rule is effective July 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to *http://www.regulations.gov,* type USCG–2017–0272 in the ''SEARCH'' box and click ''SEARCH.'' Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email LCDR Sean Peterson, Chief of Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 314–269–2332, email *Sean.M.Peterson@uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port Upper Mississippi River
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard preceded this final rule with a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) with request for comments. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2017, (82 FR 21339). The NPRM updated current list of recurring safety zones with revisions, additional events, and removal of events that no longer take place in Sector Upper Mississippi River's COTP Zone. During the comment period that ended June 7, 2017, we received no comments.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of the rule is unnecessary, impracticable and against public interest. To wait for the rule to become effective after the publication is impracticable and against public interest because the Coast Guard would be prevented from enforcing the safety zones this rule is meant to enforce, which would prevent the Coast Guard from providing safety to the public and property, and jeopardize public interests. It is also unnecessary to wait for 30 days because the public had been provided plenty of opportunity to comment on these safety zones, but provided no comments or disagreements.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231. The Captain of the Port (COTP) Upper Mississippi River has determined that potential hazards associated with the recurring events will cause safety concerns. The purpose of this rule is to ensure safety of vessels and the navigable waters in the safety zones, before, during, and after the scheduled events.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes, and the Rule

As noted above, during the comment period for our NPRM that published May 8, 2017, no comments were received. There are no changes in the regulatory text of this rule from the proposed rule in the NPRM.

This rule establishes recurring safety zones to restrict vessel transit into and through specified areas to protect spectators, mariners, and other persons and property from potential hazards presented during certain events taking place in Sector Upper Mississippi River's COTP Zone. This final rule amends, updates, and replaces Table 2 in 33 CFR 165.801. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zones without first obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive Orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This rule has not been designated a ''significant regulatory action,'' under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, it has not been reviewed

by the Office of Management and Budget.

This rule establishes safety zones limiting access to certain areas under 33 CFR 165 within Sector Upper Mississippi River's COTP Zone. The effect of this proposed rulemaking will not be significant because these safety zones are limited in scope and duration. Additionally, the public is given advance notification through local forms of notice, the **Federal Register**, and/or Notices of Enforcement and thus will be able to plan operations around the safety zones in advance. Entry into the safety zones established through this rulemaking may be requested from the COTP or a designated representative; requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term ''small entities'' comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard received no comments from the Small Business Administration on this rulemaking. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A. above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.lD, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves establishing safety zones limiting access to certain area under 33 CFR 165 within Sector Upper Mississippi River's COTP Zone. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(g) of Figure 2–1 of the Commandant Instruction. An environmental analysis checklist supporting this determination and a Categorical Exclusion Determination are available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. In § 165.801, revise table 2 to read as follows:

§ 165.801 Annual fireworks displays and other events in the Eighth Coast Guard District requiring safety zones.

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TABLE 2 OF § 165.801—SECTOR UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER ANNUAL AND RECURRING SAFETY ZONES

Date	Sponsor/name	Sector Upper Mississippi River location	Safety zone
1. 1 day—4th weekend in July	Marketing Minneapolis LLC/Target Aquatennial Fireworks	Minneapolis, MN	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 853.2 to 854.2.
2. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Radio Dubuque/Radio Dubuque Fireworks and Air show	Dubuque, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 581.0 to 583.0.
3. 1 day—2nd weekend of June	City of Champlin/Father Hennepin Fireworks Display	Champlin, MN	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 870.5 to 872.0.
4. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Downtown Main Street/Mississippi Alumination	Red Wing, MN	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 790.8 to 791.2.
5. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Tan-Tar-A Resort/Tan-Tar-A 4th of July Fireworks	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	Lake of the Ozarks mile marker 025.8 to 026.2.
6. 1 day—1st weekend of September.	Tan-Tar-A Resort/Tan-Tar-A Labor Day Fireworks	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	Lake of the Ozarks mile marker 025.8 to 026.2.
7. 1 day—Last Sunday in May	Tan-Tar-A Resort/Tan-Tar-A Memorial Day fireworks	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	Lake of the Ozarks mile marker 025.8 to 026.2.
8. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Lake City Chamber of Commerce/Lake City 4th of July Fireworks.	Lake City, MN	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 772.4 to 772.8.
9. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce/Muscatine 4th of July.	Muscatine, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 455.0 to 456.0.
10. 1 day—Last weekend in June/First weekend in July.	Friends of the River Kansas City/KC Riverfest	Kansas City, KS	Missouri River mile marker 364.8 to 365.2.
11. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Louisiana Chamber of Commerce/Louisiana July 4th Fireworks	Louisiana, MO	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 282.0 to 283.0.
12. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Guttenberg Development and Tourism/Stars and Stripes River Day.	Guttenberg, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 615.0 to 615.5.
13. 4 days—1st or 2nd week of July.	Riverfest, Inc./La Crosse Riverfest	La Crosse, WI	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 697.5 to 698.5 (Wisconsin).
14. 1 day—2nd weekend in July	Prairie du Chien Area Chamber of Commerce/Prairie du Chien Area Chamber Fireworks.	Prairie du Chien, WI	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 635.2 to 635.7.
15. 1 day—4th of July weekend	JMP Radio/Red White and Boom Peoria	Peoria, IL	Illinois River mile marker 162.5 to 162.1.
16. 1 day—Last weekend in June/First weekend in July.	Hudson Boosters/Hudson Booster Days	Hudson, WI	St. Croix River mile marker 016.8 to 017.2.
17. 2 days—4th of July weekend.	City of St. Charles/St. Charles Riverfest	St. Charles, MO	Missouri River mile marker 028.2 to 028.8.
18. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board/Red, White, and Boom Minneapolis.	Minneapolis, MN	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 853.5 to 854.5.
19. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Davenport One Chamber/Red White and Boom	Davenport, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 482.0 to 482.7.
20. 2 days—3rd weekend of July.	Amelia Earhart Festival Committee/Amelia Earhart Festival	Kansas City, KS	Missouri River mile marker 422.0 to 424.5.
21. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Alton Exposition Commission/Mississippi Fireworks Festival	Alton, IL	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 202.5 to 203.0.
22. 1 day—3rd Sunday in June	Burlington Steamboat Days/Burlington Steamboat Days	Burlington, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 403.5 to 404.5.
23. 1 day—Last Sunday in May	Lodge of the Four Seasons/Lodge of the Four Seasons Memorial Day Fireworks.	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	Lake of the Ozarks mile marker 013.8 to 014.2.
24. 1 day—First weekend of September.	Lodge of the Four Seasons/Labor Day Fireworks	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	Lake of the Ozarks mile marker 013.8 to 014.2.
25. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Lodge of the Four Seasons/Lodge of the Four Seasons 4th of July.	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	Lake of the Ozarks mile marker 013.8 to 014.2.
26. 2 days—3rd weekend in July.	Hasting Riverboat Days/Rivertown Days	Hasting, MN	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 813.7 to 815.2.
27. 1 day—Sunday of Father's Day weekend.	Winona Steamboat Days/Winona Steamboat Days Fireworks	Winona, MN	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 725.4 to 725.7.
28. 3 days—4th of July weekend.	Fair of St. Louis/Fair St. Louis	St. Louis, MO	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 179.2 to 180.0.
29. 1 day—Last weekend in June/First weekend in July.	Bellevue Heritage Days/Bellevue Heritage Days	Bellevue, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 556.0 to 556.5.
30. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Main Street Parkway Association/Parkville 4th of July Fireworks.	Parkville, MO	Missouri River mile marker 378.0 to 377.5.
31. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Hermann Chamber of Commerce/Hermann 4th of July	Hermann, MO	Missouri River mile marker 097.0 to 098.0 (Missouri).
32. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Grafton Chamber of Commerce/Grafton Chamber 4th of July Fireworks.	Grafton, IL	Illinois River mile marker 001.5 to 000.5 (Illinois).
33. 1 day—4th of July weekend	Salute to America Foundation, Inc./Salute to America	Jefferson City, MO	Missouri River mile marker 143.5 to 143.0 (Missouri).
34. 1 day—4th of July weekend	McGregor/Marquette Chamber Commerce/Independence Day Celebration.	McGregor, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 635.7 to 634.2.
35. 2 days—2nd weekend in August.	Tug Committee/Great River Tug	Port Byron, IL	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 497.2 to 497.6 (Illinois).
36. 1 day—4th of July weekend	City of Stillwater/St. Croix Events/Stillwater 4th of July	Stillwater, MN	St. Croix River mile marker 022.9 to 023.5 (Minnesota).
37. 2 days—3rd weekend of September.	Riverside Chamber of Commerce/Riverfest	Riverside, MO	Missouri River mile marker 371.8 to 372.2.
38. 4 days—3rd week of July	St. Croix Events/Lumberjack Days	Stillwater, MN	St. Croix River mile marker 022.9 to 023.5 (Minnesota).
39. 2 days—Weekend that precedes Labor Day Weekend.	Lake of the Ozarks Shootout, Inc./Lake of the Ozarks Shootout	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	Lake of the Ozarks mile marker 032.5 to 034.5.

TABLE 2 OF § 165.801—SECTOR UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER ANNUAL AND RECURRING SAFETY ZONES—Continued

Date	Sponsor/name	Sector Upper Mississippi River location	Safety zone
40. 2 days—1st weekend of September.	City of Keithsburg/Keithsburg Fireworks Display	Keithsburg, IL	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 427.5 to 427.3.
41. 1 day—4th of July weekend	City of East Moline/City of East Moline Fireworks	East Moline, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 490.2 to 489.8.
42. 2nd Weekend in August	Lansing Lion's Club/Lansing Fish Days Fireworks	Lansing, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 662.8–663.9.
43. 3rd Weekend in August	River Action/Floatzilla	Rock Island, Illinois	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 479.0–486.0.
44. 1 day—Weekend before Thanksgiving.	Main Street Parkway Association/Parkville Christmas on the River.	Parkville, MO	Missouri River mile marker 377.5 to 378.0.
45. 1 day—4th of July weekend	City of Marquette/Marquette Independence Day Celebration	Marquette, IA	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 634.2 to 635.7.
46. 1 day—1st Weekend in June.	St. Louis Brewers Guild Festival Fireworks	St. Louis, MO	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 179.2–180.
47. 1 day—4th Weekend in May	Lumiere Place/Memorial Day Fireworks	St. Louis, MO	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 180–180.5.
48. 1 day—1st Weekend in July	Lumiere Place/4th of July Fireworks	St. Louis, MO	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 180–180.5.
49. 1 day—1st Weekend in September.	Lumiere Place/Labor Day Fireworks	St. Louis, MO	Upper Mississippi River mile marker 180–180.5.

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Dated: June 15, 2017.

M.L. Malloy,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Upper Mississippi River.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2017–0277]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Dunkirk Lakeshore Air Show; Lake Erie, Dunkirk, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone on Lake Erie, Dunkirk, NY. This safety zone is intended to restrict vessels from a portion of Lake Erie during the Dunkirk Lakeshore Air Show on July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2017. This temporary safety zone is necessary to protect participants, spectators, and vessels from the hazards associated with aerial stunts, low flying aircraft, and aircraft maneuvers. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo (COTP).

DATES: This rule is effective from 12:45 p.m. on July 1, 2017, to 5:15 p.m. on July 2, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to *http://www.regulations.gov,* type USCG–2017–0277 in the ''SEARCH'' box and click ''SEARCH.'' Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or email LT Michael Collet, Chief of Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Buffalo; telephone 716–843–9322, email *D09-SMB-SECBuffalo-WWM@uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
Pub. L. Public Law
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency finds good cause that those procedures are ''impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.'' Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because doing so would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The final details for this event were not provided to the Coast Guard until there was insufficient time remaining before the event to publish an NPRM. Thus, delaying the effective date of this rule to wait for a comment period to run would be both impracticable and contrary to the public interest because it would inhibit the Coast Guard's ability to protect spectators and vessels from the hazards associated with an air show over a navigable waterway.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this temporary rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** because doing so would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. Delaying the effective date would be contrary to the rule's objectives of ensuring safety of life on the navigable waters and protection of persons and vessels near the event.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard issues this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231. On July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2017, between 12:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. each day, an air show will be held on the shoreline of Lake Erie in Dunkirk, NY. It is anticipated that there will be a heavy amount of recreational boating traffic present to view the air show. The Captain of the Port Buffalo has determined that potential hazards associated with an air show over a navigable waterway pose a significant risk to public safety and property within the immediate location of the show.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2017. The safety zone will encompass all waters of Lake Erie;

Dunkirk, NY starting at position 42°29′22″ N. and 079°20′30″ W. then Northwest to 42°29′37″ N. and 079°20′41″ W. then Northeast to position 42°30′11″ N. and 079°19′23″ W. then Southeast to position 42°30′05″ N. and 079°19′08″ W. and then following the shoreline and breakwall to the point of origin (NAD 83). The duration of the zone is intended to ensure the safety of spectators and vessels during the Dunkirk Lakeshore Air Show. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. Executive Order 13771 (''Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs''), directs agencies to reduce regulation and control regulatory costs and provides that ''for every one new regulation issued, at least two prior regulations be identified for elimination, and that the cost of planned regulations be prudently managed and controlled through a budgeting process.''

This rule has not been designated a ''significant regulatory action,'' under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, it has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

As this rule is not a significant regulatory action, this rule is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771. See OMB's Memorandum titled ''Interim Guidance Implementing Section 2 of the Executive Order of January 30, 2017 titled 'Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs' '' (February 2, 2017).

We conclude that this rule is not a significant regulatory action because we anticipate that it will have minimal impact on the economy, will not interfere with other agencies, will not adversely alter the budget of any grant or loan recipients, and will not raise any novel legal or policy issues. The safety zone created by this rule will be relatively small and enforced for a relatively short time. Also, the safety zone is designed to minimize its impact on navigable waters. Furthermore, the safety zone has been designed to allow vessels to transit around it. Thus, restrictions on vessel movement within that particular area are expected to be minimal. Under certain conditions, moreover, vessels may still transit through the safety zone when permitted by the Captain of the Port.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term ''small entities'' comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.lD, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that it is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule establishes a temporary safety zone. It is categorically excluded under section 2.B.2, figure 2–1, paragraph 34(g) of the

Instruction, which pertains to establishment of safety zones. A Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T09–0277 to read as follows:

§ 165.T09–0277 Safety Zone; Dunkirk Lakeshore Air Show; Lake Erie, Dunkirk, NY.

(a) *Location.* This zone will encompass all waters of Lake Erie; Dunkirk, NY starting at position 42°29′22″ N. and 079°20′30″ W. then Northwest to 42°29′37″ N. and 079°20′41″ W. then Northeast to position 42°30′11″ N. and 079°19′23″ W. then Southeast to position 42°30′05″ N. and 079°19′08″ W. and then following the shoreline and breakwall to the point of origin (NAD 83).

(b) *Enforcement period.* This regulation will be enforced from 12:45 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. on July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2017.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated on-scene representative.

(2) This safety zone is closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated on-scene representative.

(3) The ''on-scene representative'' of the Captain of the Port Buffalo is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been designated by the Captain of the Port Buffalo to act on his behalf.

(4) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone must contact the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his on-scene representative to obtain permission to do so. The Captain of the Port Buffalo or his on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the safety zone must comply with all directions given to them by the Captain of the Port Buffalo, or his on-scene representative.

Dated: June 13, 2017.

J.S. Dufresne,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Buffalo.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R09–OAR–2016–0647; FRL–9960–40–Region 9]

Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, and San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking direct final action to approve revisions to the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD), Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD), and San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDCAPCD) portions of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions concern aerospace assembly, rework, and component manufacturing operations; emissions statements and recordkeeping; and definitions, respectively. We are approving local rules that regulate these sources and issues under the Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act).

DATES: This rule is effective on August 21, 2017 without further notice, unless the EPA receives adverse comments by July 21, 2017. If we receive such comments, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** to notify the public that this direct final rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R09–OAR–2016–0647 at *http://www.regulations.gov,* or via email to Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office Chief at *Steckel.Andrew@epa.gov.* For comments submitted at *Regulations.gov*, follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be removed or edited from *Regulations.gov.* For either manner of submission, the EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit *http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arnold Lazarus, EPA Region IX, (415) 972–3024, *Lazarus.Arnold@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, ''we,'' ''us,'' and ''our'' refer to the EPA.

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I. The State's Submittal

A. What rules did the State submit?

Table 1 lists the rules addressed by this action with the dates that they were adopted by the local air agencies and

submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

TABLE 1—SUBMITTED RULES

Local agency	Rule No.	Rule title	Adopted/ amended/ revised	Submitted
MDAQMD	1118	Aerospace Assembly, Rework and Component Manufacturing Operations.	10/26/2015	4/21/2016
NSAQMD	513	Emissions Statements and Recordkeeping	6/27/2016	9/6/2016
SDCAPCD	2	Definitions	6/14/2016	8/22/2016

On September 27, 2016, the EPA determined that the submittal for SDCAPCD Rule 2 met the completeness criteria in 40 CFR part 51 Appendix V, which must be met before formal EPA review. On May 18, 2016, the EPA determined that the submittal for MDAQMD Rule 1118 met the completeness criteria. On September 28, 2016, the EPA determined that the submittal for NSAQMD Rule 513 met the completeness criteria.

B. Are there other versions of these rules?

There are no previous versions of NSAQMD Rule 513 in the SIP. We approved an earlier version of MDAQMD Rule 1118 into the SIP on August 17, 1998 (63 FR 43884). We approved an earlier version of SDAPCD Rule 2 into the SIP on September 17, 2010 (75 FR 56889).

C. What is the purpose of the submitted rule revisions?

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) help produce ground-level ozone, smog and particulate matter, which harm human health and the environment. Section 110(a) of the CAA requires states to submit regulations that control VOC emissions.

MDAQMD Rule 1118 limits VOC emissions from aerospace primers, coatings, adhesives, maskants and lubricants and from cleaning, stripping, storing and disposal of organic solvents and waste solvent materials associated with the use of aerospace coatings and adhesives. This rule also provides administrative requirements including those for recordkeeping and for the measurement of VOC emissions. Rule 1118 was revised to increase stringency and to update the coatings and practices.

CAA section 182(a)(3)(B)(i) requires ozone nonattainment areas (regardless of classification) to require certified emission statement data from sources of VOC and oxides of nitrogen (NO_X). Emission statements are intended to help the state report and analyze ambient air emissions. The CAA also requires states to periodically compile and report a comprehensive, accurate and current inventory of all air contaminant sources. The western part of Nevada County, which is part of the NSAQMD, has been classified as moderate nonattainment for the 1997 and 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). 40 CFR 81.305. NSAQMD Rule 513, ''Emissions Statements and Recordkeeping,'' is intended to comply with relevant CAA requirements regarding emission statements.

SDCAPCD Rule 2, ''Definitions,'' contains definitions for specific terms applicable to all SDCAPCD rules. Table 1 of Rule 2 was updated to add two exempt organic compounds to coincide with those that EPA has determined to have negligible photochemical reactivity as listed in 40 CFR 51.100. Rule 2 does not have a direct effect on emissions, but it improves clarity and enforceability of other SDCAPCD rules that do reduce emissions.

The EPA's technical support documents (TSDs) have more information about these rules.

II. The EPA's Evaluation and Action

A. How is the EPA evaluating the rules?

SIP rules must be enforceable (see CAA section 110(a)(2)), must not interfere with applicable requirements concerning attainment and reasonable further progress or other CAA requirements (see CAA section 110(l)), and must not modify certain SIP control requirements in nonattainment areas without ensuring equivalent or greater emissions reductions (see CAA section 193).

Generally, SIP rules must require Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for each category of sources covered by a Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) document as well as each major source of VOCs and NO_X in ozone nonattainment areas classified as moderate or above (see CAA section 182(b)(2), (f)). The MDAQMD regulates an ozone nonattainment area classified as severe nonattainment for the 1997 and 2008 ozone NAAQS (40 CFR 81.305). Therefore, Rule 1118 must implement RACT.

The other two rules addressed in this action are not submitted in satisfaction of the RACT requirements of CAA section 182(b)(2). CAA section 182(a)(3)(B)(i) requires all states with ozone nonattainment areas classified under subpart 2 (of part D of title I) as moderate or above, to submit SIP revisions that require owners and operators of stationary sources of VOCs and NO_X to provide the state with a statement showing the actual emissions from that source. Because a portion of NSAQMD is designated as moderate nonattainment areas for the 1997 and 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS, Rule 513 is a required SIP revision. Based on our evaluation of Rule 513, we find that it fulfills the relevant emission statement requirements of CAA section 182(a)(3)(B)(i).

SDCAPCD Rule 2 provides definitions that support emission controls found in other local agency requirements. In combination with the other requirements, this rule must be enforceable (see section 110(a) of the Act) and must not relax existing requirements (see sections 110(l) and 193). We believe Rule 2 fulfills these requirements.

Guidance and policy documents that we use to evaluate enforceability, revision/relaxation and rule stringency requirements for the applicable criteria pollutants include the following:

1. ''State Implementation Plans; General Preamble for the Implementation of Title I of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990,'' (57 FR 13498, April 16, 1992 and 57 FR 18070, April 28, 1992).
2. ''Issues Relating to VOC Regulation Cutpoints, Deficiencies, and Deviations'' (''the Bluebook,'' U.S. EPA, May 25, 1988; revised January 11, 1990).
3. ''Guidance Document for Correcting Common VOC & Other Rule Deficiencies'' (''the Little Bluebook'', EPA Region 9, August 21, 2001).
4. EPA's draft ''Guidance on the Implementation of an Emission Statement Program,'' Dated July 1992.

5. EPA CTG *Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Coating Operations at Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Operations* (December 1997, EPA–453/R–97–004).

6. USEPA National Emission Standards for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Facilities Risk and Technology Review; 80 FR 76152 Final Rule December 7, 2015.

B. Do the rules meet the evaluation criteria?

We believe these rule are consistent with the relevant policy and guidance regarding enforceability, RACT and SIP relaxations. The TSDs have more information on our evaluation.

C. EPA Recommendations To Further Improve the Rules

The TSDs describe additional rule revisions that we recommend for the next time the local agency modifies the rules.

D. Public Comment and Final Action

As authorized in section 110(k)(3) of the Act, the EPA is fully approving the submitted rules because we believe they fulfill all relevant requirements. We do not think anyone will object to this approval, so we are finalizing it without proposing it in advance. However, in the Proposed Rules section of this **Federal Register**, we are simultaneously proposing approval of the same submitted rules. If we receive adverse comments by July 21, 2017, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** to notify the public that the direct final approval will not take effect and we will address the comments in a subsequent final action based on the proposal. If we do not receive timely adverse comments, the direct final approval will be effective without further notice on August 21, 2017. This will incorporate these rules into the federally enforceable SIP.

Please note that if the EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, the EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

III. Incorporation by Reference

In this rule, the EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, the EPA is finalizing the incorporation by reference of the NSAQMD, MDAQMD, and SDAPCD rules described in the amendments to 40 CFR part 52 set forth below. The EPA has made, and will continue to make, these documents available through *www.regulations.gov* and at the EPA Region IX Office (please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this preamble for more information).

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the Clean Air Act, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the Act and applicable federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, the EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. Accordingly, this action merely approves state law as meeting federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this action:

- Is not a significant regulatory action subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Orders 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993) and 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011);
- does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*);
- is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*);
- does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4);
- does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);
- is not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);
- is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);
- is not subject to requirements of Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the Clean Air Act; and
- does not provide the EPA with the discretionary authority to address, as appropriate, disproportionate human health or environmental effects, using practicable and legally permissible methods, under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

In addition, the SIP is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land or in any other area where the EPA or an Indian tribe has demonstrated that a tribe has jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, the rule does not have tribal implications and will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000).

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.,* as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. The EPA will submit a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a ''major rule'' as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by August 21, 2017. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this action for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. Parties with objections to this direct final rule are encouraged to file a comment in response to the parallel notice of proposed rulemaking for this action published in the Proposed Rules section of today's **Federal Register**, rather than file an immediate petition for judicial review of this direct final rule, so that the EPA can withdraw this direct final rule and address the comment in the proposed rulemaking. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements (see section 307(b)(2)).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Ozone, Particulate matter, Emissions statements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: December 19, 2016.

Alexis Strauss,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Subpart F—California

■ 2. Section 52.220 is amended by adding paragraphs (c)(242)(i)(A)(*2*), (c)(379)(i)(B)(*2*), (c)(485)(B), (c)(487), and (c)(488) to read as follows:

§ 52.220 Identification of plan—in part.

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(*2*) Previously approved on August 17, 1998 in paragraph (c)(242)(i)(A)(*1*) of this section and now deleted with replacement in paragraph (c)(485)(B)(*1*), Rule 1118, adopted on October 28, 1996.

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(*2*) Previously approved on September 17, 2010 in paragraph (c)(379)(i)(B)(*1*) of this section and now deleted with replacement in paragraph (c)(488)(i)(A)(*1*), Rule 2, ''Definitions,'' Rev. Adopted and Effective on June 30, 1999, Table 1—Exempt Compounds: Rev. and Effective on November 4, 2009

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(485) * * *

(i) * * *

(B) Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District.

(*1*) Rule 1118, ''Aerospace Assembly, Rework and Component Manufacturing Operations,'' amended on October 26, 2015.

(*2*) [Reserved]

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(487) New and amended regulations were submitted on September 6, 2016 by the Governor's designee.

(i) Incorporation by reference.

(A) Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District.

(*1*) Rule 513, ''Emissions Statements and Recordkeeping,'' amended on June 27, 2016.

(*2*) [Reserved]

(488) New and amended regulations were submitted on April 21, 2016 by the Governor's designee.

(i) Incorporation by reference.

(A) San Diego County Air Pollution Control District.

(*1*) Regulation 1, Rule 2, ''Definitions,'' Rev. Adopted and Effective on June 30, 1999, Table 1—Exempt Compounds: Rev. and Effective on June 14, 2016.

(*2*) [Reserved]

Note: This document was received for publication by the Office of the Federal Register on June 12, 2017.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 97

[FRL–9963–26–OAR]

Allocations of Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Allowances From New Unit Set-Asides for the 2017 Compliance Year

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of data availability (NODA).

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing notice of the availability of data on emission allowance allocations to certain units under the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR). EPA has completed preliminary calculations for the first round of allocations of allowances from the CSAPR new unit set-asides (NUSAs) for the 2017 control periods and has posted spreadsheets containing the calculations on EPA's Web site. EPA will consider timely objections to the preliminary calculations (including objections concerning the identification of units eligible for allocations) and will promulgate a notice responding to any such objections no later than August 1, 2017, the deadline for recording the first-round allocations in sources' Allowance Management System accounts.

DATES: Objections to the information referenced in this notice must be received on or before July 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your objections via email to *CSAPR_NUSA@epa.gov.* Include ''2017 NUSA allocations'' in the email subject line and include your name, title, affiliation, address, phone number, and email address in the body of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning this action should be addressed to Robert Miller at (202) 343–9077 or *miller.robertl@epa.gov* or Kenon Smith at (202) 343–9164 or *smith.kenon@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under each CSAPR trading program where EPA is responsible for determining emission allowance allocations, a portion of each state's emissions budget for the program for each control period is reserved in a NUSA (and in an additional Indian country NUSA in the case of states with Indian country within their borders) for allocation to certain units that would not otherwise receive allowance allocations. The procedures for annually allocating allowances from each NUSA to eligible units are set forth in the CSAPR regulations at 40 CFR 97.411(b) and 97.412 (NO_X Annual Trading Program), 97.511(b) and 97.512 (NO_X Ozone Season Group 1 Trading Program), 97.611(b) and 97.612 (SO_2 Group 1 Trading Program), 97.711(b) and 97.712 (SO_2 Group 2 Trading Program), and 97.811(b) and 97.812 (NO_X Ozone Season Group 2 Trading Program). Each NUSA allowance allocation process involves up to two rounds of allocations to eligible units, termed ''new'' units, followed by the allocation to ''existing'' units of any allowances not allocated to new units.

This notice concerns preliminary calculations for the first round of NUSA allowance allocations for the 2017 control periods. Generally, the allocation procedures call for each eligible unit to receive a first-round 2017 NUSA allocation equal to its 2016 emissions as reported under 40 CFR part 75 unless the total of such allocations to all eligible units would exceed the amount of allowances in the NUSA, in which case the allocations are reduced on a pro-rata basis.

The detailed unit-by-unit data and preliminary allowance allocation calculations are set forth in Excel spreadsheets titled ''CSAPR_NUSA_2017_NO_X_Annual_1st_Round_Prelim_Data'', ''CSAPR_NUSA_2017_NO_X_OS_1st_Round_Prelim_Data'', and ''CSAPR_NUSA_2017_SO_2_1st_Round_Prelim_Data,'' available on EPA's Web site at *https://www.epa.gov/csapr/new-unit-set-aside-notices-data-availability-nusa-noda-cross-state-air-pollution-rule.* Each of the spreadsheets contains a separate worksheet for each state covered by that program showing, for each unit identified as eligible for a first-round NUSA allocation, (1) the unit's emissions in the 2016 control period (annual or ozone season as applicable), (2) the maximum first-round 2017 NUSA allowance allocation for which the unit is eligible (typically the unit's emissions in the 2016 control period), (3) various adjustments to the unit's maximum allocation, many of which are necessary only if the NUSA pool is

oversubscribed, and (4) the preliminary calculation of the unit's first-round 2017 NUSA allowance allocation.

Each state worksheet also contains a summary showing (1) the quantity of allowances initially available in that state's 2017 NUSA, (2) the sum of the first-round 2017 NUSA allowance allocations that will be made to new units in that state, assuming there are no corrections to the data, and (3) the quantity of allowances that would remain in the 2017 NUSA for use in second-round allocations to new units (or ultimately for allocation to existing units), again assuming there are no corrections to the data.

Objections should be strictly limited to the data and calculations upon which the NUSA allowance allocations are based and should be emailed to the address identified in **ADDRESSES**. Objections must include: (1) Precise identification of the specific data and/or calculations the commenter believes are inaccurate, (2) new proposed data and/or calculations upon which the commenter believes EPA should rely instead to determine allowance allocations, and (3) the reasons why EPA should rely on the commenter's proposed data and/or calculations and not the data referenced in this notice.

EPA notes that an allocation or lack of allocation of allowances to a given unit does not constitute a determination that CSAPR does or does not apply to the unit. EPA also notes that allocations are subject to potential correction.

Authority: 40 CFR 97.411(b), 97.511(b), 97.611(b), 97.711(b), and 97.811(b).

Dated: May 22, 2017.

Richard A. Haeuber,

Acting Director, Clean Air Markets Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket No. 02–60; FCC 17–71]

Rural Health Care Support Mechanism

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) amends the Rural Health Care (RHC) Program rule which defines ''health care provider'' to implement the provision of the Rural Healthcare Connectivity Act of 2016 amending the Communications Act of 1934 (the Act) to include skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) amongst the list of health care providers eligible to receive support.

DATES: Effective June 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regina Brown, *regina.brown@fcc.gov,* Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418–0792 or TTY: (202) 418–0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O) in WC Docket No. 02–60; FCC 17–71, adopted on June 7, 2017, and released on June 8, 2017. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY–A257, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554, or at the following Internet address: *https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-17-71A1.pdf.*

I. Discussion

1. In this MO&O, we implement the Rural Healthcare Connectivity Act of 2016, which amends section 254(h)(7)(B) of the Act, to include SNFs amongst the list of health care providers eligible to receive RHC Program support. Specifically, we amend § 54.600(a) of the Commission's rules defining ''health care provider'' under the RHC Program to include SNFs as eligible health care providers.

2. In the 1996 Act, Congress limited the types of health care providers eligible to receive support. SNFs were not included as an eligible entity type. Following the 1996 Act, the Commission established the RHC Program implementing the provisions of the 1996 Act and adopting rules for the program, including § 54.600(a) of the Commission's rules, which defines ''health care provider[s]'' supported under our RHC support programs in a manner that mirrored the terms of section 254(h)(7)(B) of the Act. This definition did not include SNFs.

3. On June 22, 2016, the President signed legislation that included SNFs amongst the list of health care providers eligible to receive RHC Program support. We interpret this law as directing the Commission to include SNFs in all programs for which health care providers are otherwise eligible and therefore amend § 54.600(a) of the Commission's rules defining ''health care provider'' under the RHC Program to mirror the current statutory definition in 47 U.S.C. 254(h)(7)(B). We find that a notice and comment rule making proceeding in this matter is unnecessary because the rule modification flows from the direction provided in the Rural Healthcare Connectivity Act of 2016 to include SNFs within the existing RHC Program. Section 1.412(c) of the Commission's rules provides that rule changes may be adopted without prior notice where the Commission for good cause finds that notice and comment procedures are unnecessary, so long as the basis for the good cause finding is published with the rule changes. The final rule adopted in this MO&O does not involve discretionary action on our part, but rather simply effectuates the Act according to the specific terms set forth in the legislation, which became effective on December 19, 2016. Accordingly, we conclude that this change constitutes a ministerial, noncontroversial amendment to our rules and thus this action falls within the ''good cause'' exception of the Administrative Procedure Act. We therefore forgo notice and comment in this limited context.

4. We also find good cause to make this rule change effective upon publication in the **Federal Register.** Specifically, making this rule change effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** enables SNFs to benefit expeditiously, consistent with Congress's goal of including SNFs as an eligible health care provider type under the RHC Program. No additional time is needed for affected parties to prepare for the rule's effectiveness because Commission staff, USAC, and interested parties have already had a chance to do so; the associated RHC Program application forms incorporating SNFs into the RHC Program have already been prepared, put out for notice and comment, and approved. Additionally, while the rule change enables SNFs to benefit from the RHC Program, it does not immediately oblige them to take any particular action unless they choose to do so. Thus, we find good cause to make this rule change effective upon publication in the **Federal Register.**

II. Procedural Matters

A. Paperwork Reduction Act Analysis

2. Because approval has already been obtained for the addition of SNFs to the category of eligible health care providers pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13, this document does not contain any new or modified information collection requirements subject to PRA. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business

Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

B. Final Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

3. The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended (RFA) requires that a regulatory flexibility analysis be prepared for rulemaking proceedings, unless the agency certifies that ''the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.'' The RFA generally defines ''small entity'' as having the same meaning as the terms ''small business,'' ''small organization,'' and ''small governmental jurisdiction.'' In addition, the term ''small business'' has the same meaning as the term ''small business concern'' under the Small Business Act. A small business concern is one which: (1) Is independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the Small Business Administration (SBA). Because the implementation of this provision entails no exercise of our administrative discretion, notice and comment procedures are unnecessary and, therefore, the Final RFA does not apply.

C. Congressional Review Act

4. The Commission will send a copy of this MO&O to Congress and the Government Accountability Office, pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

III. Ordering Clauses

5. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to sections 1, 2, 4(i)–(j), 201(b), and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i)–(j), 201(b), 254, and the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, Title II—Rural Healthcare Connectivity, Public Law 114–182, sec. 202, this MO&O *is adopted.*

6. *It is further ordered* that Part 54 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR part 54, is *amended,* and such rule *shall become effective* June 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) and § 54.600(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 54.600(a).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

Final Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 54 as follows:

PART 54—UNIVERSAL SERVICE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 54 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 201, 205, 214, and 254 unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Amend § 54.600 by revising paragraph (a)(6), redesignating paragraph (a)(7) as (a)(8), adding new paragraph (a)(7), and revising newly redesignated paragraph (a)(8) to read as follows:

§ 54.600 Terms and definitions.

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(6) Rural health clinic;

(7) Skilled nursing facility; or

(8) Consortium of health care providers consisting of one or more entities described in paragraphs (a)(1) through (7) of this section.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 101

[WT Docket No. 09–114; RM–11417; FCC 10–109]

Amendment of the Commission's Rules To Accommodate 30 Megahertz Channels in the 6525–6875 MHz Band; and To Provide for Conditional Authorization on Additional Channels in the 21.8–22.0 GHz and 23.0–23.2 GHz Band

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) published a document in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2010 (75 FR 41767), revising Commission rules. This document was subsequently corrected by the FCC in the **Federal Register** published on August 3, 2010 (75 FR 45496). Both documents inadvertently failed to add footnote 2 to the correct entries in the table in § 101.147(s)(7). In addition, certain entries are incorrect. This document corrects the final regulations by revising this section.

DATES: Effective June 21, 2017.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Schauble, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Broadband Division, at 202–418–0797 or by email to *John.Schauble@fcc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Report and Order (R&O),* FCC 10–109, adopted on June 7, 2010, and released on June 11, 2010, and published in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2020 (75 FR 41767). Subsequently, this document was corrected by FCC's Erratum, published in the **Federal Register** on August 3, 2010 (75 FR 45496). This document augments the corrections which were published in both publications in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2010 and on August 3, 2010.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 101

Communications equipment, Radio, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

Accordingly, 47 CFR part 101 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 101—FIXED MICROWAVE SERVICES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 101 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303.

■ 2. In § 101.147, amend the table in paragraph (s)(7) as follows:

■ a. In the eighth row from the bottom of the table, add note [2] at the end of entries ''22025'' and ''23225''.

■ b. In the seventh row from the bottom of the table, add note [2] at the end of entries ''22075'' and ''23275''.

■ c. In the fourth row from the bottom of the table, correct the entries ''22025 [2]'' and ''23225 [2]'' to read as ''22225'' and ''23425''.

■ d. In the third row from the bottom of the table, correct the entries ''22075 [2]'' and ''23275 [2]'' to read as ''22275'' and ''23475''.

§ 101.147 Frequency Assignments.

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Transmit (receive) (MHz)	Receive (transmit) (MHz)
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(7) 50 MHz bandwidth channels:	
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22025 [2]	23225 [2]
22075 [2]	23275 [2]

Transmit (receive) (MHz)	Receive (transmit) (MHz)
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22225	23425
22275	23475
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[2] These frequencies may be assigned to low power systems, as defined in paragraph (8) of this section.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 541

[Docket No. NHTSA–2016–0073]

Final Theft Data; Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Publication of 2014 final theft data.

SUMMARY: This document publishes the final data on thefts of model year (MY) 2014 passenger motor vehicles that occurred in calendar year (CY) 2014, including theft rates for existing passenger motor vehicle lines manufactured in model year (MY) 2014.

DATES: *Effective date:* June 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Deborah Mazyck, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Mazyck's telephone number is (202) 366–4139. Her fax number is (202) 493–2990.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA administers a program for reducing motor vehicle theft. The central feature of this program is the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard, 49 CFR part 541. The standard specifies performance requirements for inscribing and affixing vehicle identification numbers (VINs) onto certain major original equipment and replacement parts of high-theft lines of passenger motor vehicles.

The agency is required by 49 U.S.C. 33104(b)(4) to periodically obtain, from the most reliable source, accurate and timely theft data and publish the data for review and comment. To fulfill this statutory mandate, NHTSA has published theft data annually beginning with MYs 1983/84. Continuing to fulfill the section 33104(b)(4) mandate, this document reports the final theft data for CY 2014, the most recent calendar year for which data are available.

In calculating the 2014 theft rates, NHTSA followed the same procedures it used in calculating the MY 2013 theft rates. (For 2013 theft data calculations, see 80 FR 72929, November 23, 2015). As in all previous reports, NHTSA's data were based on information provided to NHTSA by the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The NCIC is a government system that receives vehicle theft information from nearly 23,000 criminal justice agencies and other law enforcement authorities throughout the United States. The NCIC data also include reported thefts of self-insured and uninsured vehicles, not all of which are reported to other data sources.

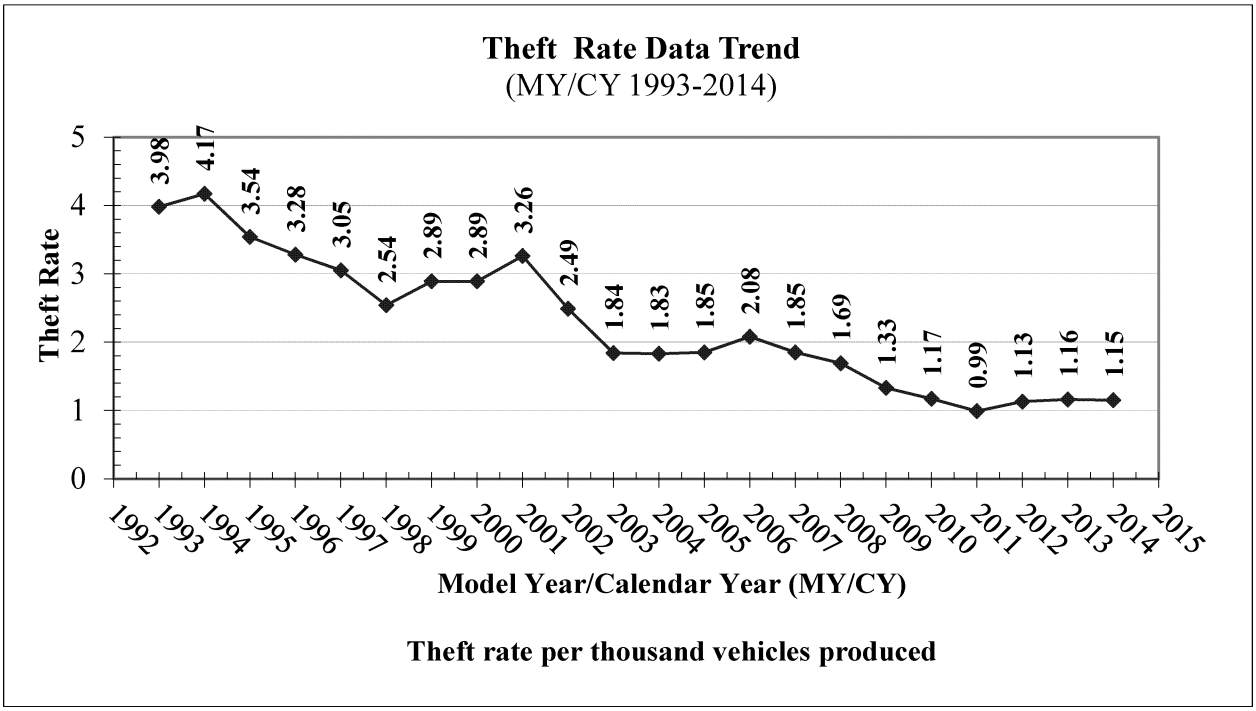
The 2014 theft rate for each vehicle line was calculated by dividing the number of reported thefts of MY 2014 vehicles of that line stolen during calendar year 2014 by the total number of vehicles in that line manufactured for MY 2014, as reported to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The final 2014 theft data show a slight decrease in the vehicle theft rate when compared to the theft rate experienced in MY/CY 2013. The final theft rate for MY 2014 passenger vehicles stolen in calendar year 2014 decreased to 1.1512 thefts per thousand vehicles produced, a decrease of 0.43 percent from the rate of 1.1562 thefts per thousand vehicles experienced by MY 2013 vehicles in CY 2013.

For MY 2014 vehicles, out of a total of 235 vehicle lines, five lines had a theft rate higher than 3.5826 per thousand vehicles, the established median theft rate for MYs 1990/1991. (See 59 FR 12400, March 16, 1994). Of the five vehicle lines with a theft rate higher than 3.5826, four are passenger car lines, one is a multipurpose passenger vehicle line, and none are light-duty truck lines.

The MY 2014 theft rate reduction is consistent with the general decreasing trend of theft rates over the past several years as indicated by Figure 1. A statistical compilation of stolen vehicle data from various vehicle theft monitoring agencies show that passenger motor vehicle theft is trending downward. A similar decreasing trend in vehicle thefts was reported in the FBI 2014 Uniform Crime Report showing a 1.5% reduction in motor vehicle thefts (automobiles, trucks, buses and other vehicles) from 2013 to 2014. Overall, as indicated by Figure 1, theft rates have continued to show a downward trend since MY/CY 1993, with periods of very moderate increases from one year to the next.

Figure 1: Theft Rate Data Trend (MY/CY 1993-2014)



On Tuesday, September 20, 2016, NHTSA published the preliminary theft rates for CY 2014 passenger motor vehicles in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 46930). The agency tentatively ranked each of the MY 2014 vehicle lines in descending order of theft rate. The public was requested to comment on the accuracy of the data and to provide final production figures for individual vehicle lines. As a result of the adjustments, some of the final theft rates and rankings of vehicle lines changed from those published in the September 2015 notice. The agency received a written comment from Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen).

In its comment, Volkswagen informed the agency that the production volume listed for the Volkswagen Tiguan was incorrect. In response to this comment, the production volume for the Volkswagen has been corrected and the final theft data has been revised accordingly. As a result of the correction, the Volkswagen Tiguan previously ranked No. 38 with a theft rate of 1.7563 is now ranked No. 99 with a theft rate of 0.8068.

Further review of the preliminary theft list revealed that the numbering sequence of the vehicle lines was incorrect. Specifically, the listing erroneously omitted the sequence row for vehicle No. 234. The final theft data has been revised to reflect the correct numbering sequence. As a result of the changes in the numbering sequence, the theft data reflects 235 vehicles instead of 236 vehicles for MY 2014.

The following list represents NHTSA's final calculation of theft rates for all 2014 passenger motor vehicle lines. This list is intended to inform the public of calendar year 2014 motor vehicle thefts of model year 2014 vehicles and does not have any effect on the obligations of regulated parties under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 331, Theft Prevention.

FINAL REPORT OF THEFT RATES FOR MODEL YEAR 2014 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES STOLEN IN CALENDAR YEAR 2014

	Manufacturer	Make/Model (line)	Thefts MY/CY 2014	Production (Mfr's) MY 2014	MY/CY 2014 Theft Rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
1	NISSAN	INFINITI Q70	8	1233	6.4882
2	CHRYSLER	DODGE CHARGER	509	106664	4.7720
3	MERCEDES-BENZ	SLS-CLASS	1	223	4.4843
4	NISSAN	INFINITI QX70	16	3776	4.2373
5	CHRYSLER	200	241	59627	4.0418
6	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET CAPTIVA	175	49045	3.5682
7	TOYOTA	YARIS	86	24524	3.5068
8	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET IMPALA	623	186586	3.3389
9	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET CAMARO	295	89358	3.3013
10	CHRYSLER	DODGE CHALLENGER	167	50811	3.2867
11	CHRYSLER	DODGE AVENGER	220	68355	3.2185
12	VOLVO	S80	2	677	2.9542
13	MAZDA	MAZDA2	46	15952	2.8837
14	BMW	7	28	9818	2.8519
15	PORSCHE	PANAMERA	19	6895	2.7556
16	AUDI	AUDI S8	2	744	2.6882
17	KIA	RIO	77	30113	2.5570
18	FORD MOTOR CO	MUSTANG	307	120845	2.5404
19	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET SS	7	2826	2.4770
20	CHRYSLER	300	167	69884	2.3897
21	NISSAN	VERSA	354	149584	2.3666
22	NISSAN	MAXIMA	176	75620	2.3274
23	NISSAN	ALTIMA	597	281443	2.1212
24	MERCEDES-BENZ	S-CLASS	30	14442	2.0773
25	HYUNDAI	ACCENT	136	66013	2.0602
26	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET SONIC	171	83217	2.0549
27	BMW	6	15	7346	2.0419
28	NISSAN	INFINITI Q50/Q60	117	57334	2.0407
29	MAZDA	MAZDA5	23	11289	2.0374
30	NISSAN	CUBE	7	3436	2.0373
31	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET MALIBU	317	156086	2.0309
32	KIA	OPTIMA	222	109954	2.0190

	Manufacturer	Make/Model (line)	Thefts MY/CY 2014	Production (Mfr's) MY 2014	MY/CY 2014 Theft Rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
33	KIA	FORTE	174	87825	1.9812
34	VOLVO	XC90	4	2076	1.9268
35	GENERAL MOTORS	BUICK REGAL	37	19340	1.9131
36	MITSUBISHI	LANCER	39	21571	1.8080
37	GENERAL MOTORS	BUICK LACROSSE	83	46951	1.7678
38	FERRARI	458	2	1150	1.7391
39	NISSAN	XTERRA	21	12525	1.6766
40	TOYOTA	SCION FR-S	15	9019	1.6632
41	AUDI	AUDI TT	2	1221	1.6380
42	HYUNDAI	SONATA	230	143998	1.5972
43	TOYOTA	CAMRY	741	466187	1.5895
44	AUDI	AUDI S7	2	1281	1.5613
45	BENTLEY MOTORS	FLYING SPUR	2	1329	1.5049
46	FORD MOTOR CO	FIESTA	113	75291	1.5008
47	AUDI	AUDI A8	7	4830	1.4493
48	VOLKSWAGEN	GOLF	10	6914	1.4463
49	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	218	151185	1.4419
50	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET SPARK	73	50921	1.4336
51	FORD MOTOR CO	FUSION	446	313391	1.4231
52	GENERAL MOTORS	CADILLAC XTS	43	30282	1.4200
53	AUDI	AUDI A7	10	7046	1.4192
54	VOLKSWAGEN	JETTA	259	182896	1.4161
55	FORD MOTOR CO	TAURUS	82	58103	1.4113
56	TOYOTA	SCION TC	29	20680	1.4023
57	TOYOTA	COROLLA	466	335224	1.3901
58	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET CRUZE	476	345204	1.3789
59	MITSUBISHI	MIRAGE	29	21149	1.3712
60	FORD MOTOR CO	LINCOLN MKS	15	11132	1.3475
61	CHRYSLER	DODGE JOURNEY	122	91151	1.3384
62	NISSAN	SENTRA	273	211339	1.2918
63	NISSAN	FRONTIER PICKUP TRUCK	78	62847	1.2411
64	KIA	SORENTO	138	112099	1.2311
65	CHRYSLER	JEEP COMPASS	109	89264	1.2211

	Manufacturer	Make/Model (line)	Thefts MY/CY 2014	Production (Mfr's) MY 2014	MY/CY 2014 Theft Rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
66	BMW	M6	3	2466	1.2165
67	FORD MOTOR CO	LINCOLN MKZ	39	32303	1.2073
68	NISSAN	INFINITI QX60	47	39331	1.1950
69	SUBARU	TRIBECA	1	843	1.1862
70	KIA	SOUL	153	129110	1.1850
71	CHRYSLER	JEEP PATRIOT	155	130916	1.1840
72	MERCEDES-BENZ	C- CLASS	81	69728	1.1617
73	VOLKSWAGEN	BEETLE	31	27710	1.1187
74	GENERAL MOTORS	CADILLAC ATS	40	36424	1.0982
75	BMW	M5	2	1834	1.0905
76	MERCEDES-BENZ	SL-CLASS	5	4599	1.0872
77	FORD MOTOR CO	FOCUS	351	329577	1.0650
78	TOYOTA	LEXUS IS	48	45439	1.0564
79	KIA	CADENZA	18	18234	0.9872
80	VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT	100	102115	0.9793
81	AUDI	AUDI RS7	1	1029	0.9718
82	GENERAL MOTORS	BUICK VERANO	44	45394	0.9693
83	KIA	SPORTAGE	33	34501	0.9565
84	NISSAN	INFINITI QX50	1	1097	0.9116
85	BMW	3	93	102723	0.9053
86	FIAT	500	35	38990	0.8977
87	AUDI	AUDI R8	1	1115	0.8969
88	BMW	5	48	53784	0.8925
89	HYUNDAI	VELOSTER	17	19203	0.8853
90	MASERATI	QUATTROPORTE	4	4523	0.8844
91	TOYOTA	LEXUS GS	18	20420	0.8815
92	VOLKSWAGEN	EOS	3	3409	0.8800
93	HYUNDAI	GENESIS	10	11605	0.8617
94	CHRYSLER	DODGE DART	45	52715	0.8536
95	SUBARU	BRZ	5	5893	0.8485
96	GENERAL MOTORS	CADILLAC SRX	44	51882	0.8481
97	VOLVO	XC60	8	9777	0.8182
98	HYUNDAI	AZERA	6	7406	0.8102

	Manufacturer	Make/Model (line)	Thefts MY/CY 2014	Production (Mfr's) MY 2014	MY/CY 2014 Theft Rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
99	VOLKSWAGEN	TIGUAN	21	26030	0.8068
100	BMW	4	23	28602	0.8041
101	FORD MOTOR CO	FLEX	21	26116	0.8041
102	VOLKSWAGEN	GTI	4	5082	0.7871
103	TOYOTA	SCION IQ	2	2581	0.7749
104	MERCEDES-BENZ	E-CLASS	81	105191	0.7700
105	BMW	2	2	2697	0.7416
106	JAGUAR LAND ROVER	F-TYPE	3	4053	0.7402
107	HONDA	ACURA TSX	5	6789	0.7365
108	VOLKSWAGEN	CC	8	10893	0.7344
109	TOYOTA	VENZA	20	27339	0.7316
110	HONDA	CIVIC	193	264382	0.7300
111	HYUNDAI	TUCSON	29	39796	0.7287
112	JAGUAR LAND ROVER	LAND ROVER EVOQUE	5	6882	0.7265
113	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET CORVETTE	25	34585	0.7229
114	MERCEDES-BENZ	CLS-CLASS	8	11125	0.7191
115	NISSAN	MURANO	39	54422	0.7166
116	FORD MOTOR CO	EDGE	87	121453	0.7163
117	MERCEDES-BENZ	CLA-CLASS	31	43391	0.7144
118	GENERAL MOTORS	GMC TERRAIN	65	91199	0.7127
119	NISSAN	370Z	6	8427	0.7120
120	AUDI	AUDI A4/A5	28	39681	0.7056
121	VOLVO	S60	9	12833	0.7013
122	NISSAN	PATHFINDER	67	96879	0.6916
123	PORSCHE	CAYMAN	4	5914	0.6764
124	HONDA	ACCORD	263	389696	0.6749
125	TOYOTA	SCION XD	5	7535	0.6636
126	HONDA	ACURA RLX	5	7946	0.6292
127	MAZDA	MAZDA6	34	54740	0.6211
128	HONDA	ACURA ILX	10	16349	0.6117
129	MITSUBISHI	OUTLANDER	49	47568	1.0301
130	BMW	X3	24	39732	0.6040
131	AUDI	AUDI S4/S5	9	15058	0.5977

	Manufacturer	Make/Model (line)	Thefts MY/CY 2014	Production (Mfr's) MY 2014	MY/CY 2014 Theft Rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
132	HONDA	INSIGHT	2	3349	0.5972
133	MERCEDES-BENZ	GLK-CLASS	21	35296	0.5950
134	AUDI	AUDI SQ5	2	3395	0.5891
135	NISSAN	QUEST VAN	5	8561	0.5840
136	HONDA	CR-Z	2	3473	0.5759
137	HONDA	ACURA TL	7	12320	0.5682
138	HYUNDAI	SANTA FE	57	103747	0.5494
139	HONDA	PILOT	15	27550	0.5445
140	AUDI	AUDI Q5	21	38610	0.5439
141	TOYOTA	TACOMA PICKUP TRUCK	76	139852	0.5434
142	MERCEDES-BENZ	SMART FORTWO	4	7428	0.5385
143	CHRYSLER	JEEP CHEROKEE	84	158441	0.5302
144	FORD MOTOR CO	LINCOLN MKX	9	17058	0.5276
145	NISSAN	ROGUE	81	158256	0.5118
146	FORD MOTOR CO	ESCAPE	187	370239	0.5051
147	TOYOTA	LEXUS RX	28	55586	0.5037
148	MAZDA	CX-5	49	98354	0.4982
149	SUBARU	IMPREZA	34	68503	0.4963
150	NISSAN	JUKE	16	32415	0.4936
151	PORSCHE	911	5	10575	0.4728
152	TOYOTA	HIGHLANDER	38	81277	0.4675
153	TOYOTA	SIENNA	59	126353	0.4669
154	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET EQUINOX	98	214114	0.4577
155	TOYOTA	AVALON	29	65552	0.4424
156	KIA	SEDONA	6	13917	0.4311
157	BMW	Z4	1	2327	0.4297
158	TOYOTA	LEXUS CT	5	11749	0.4256
159	TOYOTA	LEXUS LS	4	9512	0.4205
160	MAZDA	MAZDA3	38	93224	0.4076
161	BMW	MINI COOPER	19	46626	0.4075
162	SUBARU	LEGACY	14	34682	0.4037
163	HONDA	ACURA RDX	17	43179	0.3937
164	MASERATI	GHIBLI	3	7720	0.3886

	Manufacturer	Make/Model (line)	Thefts MY/CY 2014	Production (Mfr's) MY 2014	MY/CY 2014 Theft Rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
165	FORD MOTOR CO	C-MAX	8	20667	0.3871
166	NISSAN	LEAF	4	10339	0.3869
167	TOYOTA	LEXUS ES	27	71126	0.3796
168	TOYOTA	PRIUS	69	184189	0.3746
169	SUBARU	OUTBACK	46	122958	0.3741
170	MAZDA	CX-9	7	19109	0.3663
171	SUBARU	FORESTER	53	145636	0.3639
172	TOYOTA	RAV4	71	199173	0.3565
173	GENERAL MOTORS	CADILLAC CTS	14	39484	0.3546
174	NISSAN	NV 200 TAXI	4	11577	0.3455
175	SUBARU	XV CROSSTREK	30	87381	0.3433
176	GENERAL MOTORS	BUICK ENCORE	18	53672	0.3354
177	HONDA	ACURA MDX	22	68547	0.3209
178	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET VOLT	7	21840	0.3205
179	AUDI	AUDI A6	7	22620	0.3095
180	JAGUAR LAND ROVER	XF	1	3239	0.3087
181	HONDA	CR-V	115	383890	0.2996
182	BMW	X1	8	26766	0.2989
183	TOYOTA	SCION XB	5	16975	0.2946
184	MAZDA	MX-5 MIATA	1	3491	0.2865
185	TOYOTA	FJ CRUISER	5	17726	0.2821
186	HONDA	CROSSTOUR	2	9411	0.2125
187	MERCEDES-BENZ	SLK-CLASS	1	4942	0.2023
188	AUDI	AUDI ALLROAD	1	4960	0.2016
189	FORD MOTOR CO	TRANSIT CONNECT	6	36239	0.1656
190	CHRYSLER	JEEP WRANGLER	24	172362	0.1392
191	TESLA	MODEL S	2	17791	0.1124
192	ALFA ROMEO	4C	0	19	0.0000
193	ASTON MARTIN	VANTAGE	0	222	0.0000
194	ASTON MARTIN	RAPIDE	0	235	0.0000
195	ASTON MARTIN	DB9	0	335	0.0000
196	ASTON MARTIN	VANQUISH	0	480	0.0000
197	AUDI	AUDI S6	0	1309	0.0000

	Manufacturer	Make/Model (line)	Thefts MY/CY 2014	Production (Mfr's) MY 2014	MY/CY 2014 Theft Rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
198	AUDI	AUDI RS5	0	1703	0.0000
199	BENTLEY MOTORS	MULSANNE	0	151	0.0000
200	BENTLEY MOTORS	CONTINENTAL	0	1734	0.0000
201	BMW	I8	0	768	0.0000
202	BMW	M235	0	1520	0.0000
203	BMW	I3	0	9127	0.0000
204	BMW	X5	0	35853	0.0000
205	BUGATTI	VEYRON	0	7	0.0000
206	BYD MOTORS	E6	0	50	0.0000
207	CHRYSLER	DODGE VIPER	0	798	0.0000
208	FERRARI	LAFERRARI	0	50	0.0000
209	FERRARI	FF	0	183	0.0000
210	FERRARI	F12BERLINETTA	0	344	0.0000
211	FERRARI	CALIFORNIA	0	574	0.0000
212	FORD MOTOR CO	EXPLORER	0	4331	0.0000
213	GENERAL MOTORS	CADILAC ELR	0	2318	0.0000
214	HONDA	FCX CLARITY	0	1	0.0000
215	HONDA	FIT	0	599	0.0000
216	HYUNDAI	EQUUS	0	4638	0.0000
217	JAGUAR LAND ROVER	XK	0	1294	0.0000
218	JAGUAR LAND ROVER	LAND ROVER LR2	0	2383	0.0000
219	JAGUAR LAND ROVER	XJ	0	3737	0.0000
220	LAMBORGHINI	GALLARDO	0	159	0.0000
221	LAMBORGHINI	AVENTADOR	0	317	0.0000
222	LOTUS	EVORA	0	280	0.0000
223	MASERATI	GRANTURISMO	0	2252	0.0000
224	MCLAREN	P1	0	43	0.0000
225	MCLAREN	MP4-12C	0	236	0.0000
226	MERCEDES-BENZ	CL-CLASS	0	298	0.0000
227	MERCEDES-BENZ	B- CLASS	0	1585	0.0000
228	MITSUBISHI	I-MIEV	0	219	0.0000
229	NISSAN	GT-R	0	1547	0.0000
230	PAGANI	HUAYRA	0	24	0.0000

	Manufacturer	Make/Model (line)	Thefts MY/CY 2014	Production (Mfr's) MY 2014	MY/CY 2014 Theft Rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
231	PORSCHE	BOXSTER	0	4316	0.0000
232	ROLLS ROYCE	PHANTOM	0	162	0.0000
233	ROLLS ROYCE	GHOST	0	390	0.0000
234	ROLLS ROYCE	WRAITH	0	432	0.0000
235	VOLVO	XC70	0	2267	0.0000
	Theft rate per 1,000 vehicles produced =	$\left(\frac{\textbf{Total theft}}{\textbf{Total production}}\right)\textbf{x1000}$	**13,778**	**11,968,842**	**1.1512**

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Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 0907271173–0629–03]

RIN 0648–XF492

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2017 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS implements accountability measures (AMs) for commercial snowy grouper in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the South Atlantic. NMFS projects commercial landings for snowy grouper will reach the commercial annual catch limit (ACL) by June 22, 2017. Therefore, NMFS closes the commercial sector for snowy grouper in the South Atlantic EEZ on June 22, 2017, and it will remain closed until the start of the next fishing season on January 1, 2018. This closure is necessary to protect the snowy grouper resource.

DATES: This rule is effective 12:01 a.m., local time, June 22, 2017, until 12:01 a.m., local time, January 1, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Vara, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, telephone: 727–824–5305, email: *mary.vara@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The snapper-grouper fishery of the South Atlantic includes snowy grouper and is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and is implemented by NMFS under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

The commercial ACL (commercial quota) for snowy grouper in the South Atlantic is 135,380 lb (61,407 kg), gutted weight, 159,749 lb (72,461 kg), round weight, for the current fishing year, January 1 through December 31, 2017, as specified in 50 CFR 622.190(a)(1)(iii).

Under 50 CFR 622.193(b)(1)(i), NMFS is required to close the commercial sector for snowy grouper for the remainder of the fishing year when the commercial quota is reached, or is projected to be reached, by filing a notification to that effect with the Office of the Federal Register. NMFS projects that commercial landings of South Atlantic snowy grouper, as estimated by the Science and Research Director, will reach the commercial quota by June 22, 2017. Accordingly, the commercial sector for South Atlantic snowy grouper is closed effective 12:01 a.m., local time, June 22, 2017, until 12:01 a.m., local time, January 1, 2018.

The operator of a vessel with a valid commercial vessel permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper having snowy grouper on board must have landed and bartered, traded, or sold such snowy grouper prior to 12:01 a.m., local time, June 22, 2017. During the commercial closure, harvest and possession of snowy grouper in or from the South Atlantic EEZ is limited to the bag and possession limits, which are specified in § 622.187(b)(2)(ii) and (c)(1). Also during the commercial closure, the sale or purchase of snowy grouper taken from the EEZ is prohibited. The prohibition on sale or purchase does not apply to the sale or purchase of snowy grouper that were harvested, landed ashore, and sold prior to 12:01 a.m., local time, June 22, 2017, and were held in cold storage by a dealer or processor, as specified in § 622.190(c)(1)(i).

For a person on board a vessel for which a Federal commercial or charter vessel/headboat permit for the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery has been issued, the bag and possession limits and the sale and purchase provisions of the commercial closure for snowy grouper would apply regardless of whether the fish are harvested in state or Federal waters, as specified in 50 CFR 622.190(c)(1)(ii).

Classification

The Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, has determined this temporary rule is necessary for the conservation and management of snowy grouper and the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery and is consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws.

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.193(b)(1)(i) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

These measures are exempt from the procedures of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, because the temporary rule is issued without opportunity for prior notice and comment.

This action responds to the best scientific information available. The Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries (AA), finds that the need to

immediately implement this action to close the commercial sector for snowy grouper constitutes good cause to waive the requirements to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), as such procedures would be unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Such procedures are unnecessary because the rule under which the action is taken has been subject to notice and comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the closure. Such procedures are contrary to the public interest because of the need to immediately implement this action to protect snowy grouper since the capacity of the fishing fleet allows for rapid harvest of the commercial quota. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment would require time and would potentially result in a harvest well in excess of the established commercial quota.

For the aforementioned reasons, the AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effectiveness of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

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

Dated: June 16, 2017.

Jennifer M. Wallace,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Proposed Rules

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 319

[Docket No. APHIS–2013–0091]

RIN 0579–AD88

Importation of Fresh Pomegranate Fruit From Turkey Into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We are proposing to amend the fruits and vegetables regulations to allow the importation of commercial consignments into the continental United States of fresh pomegranate fruit from Turkey. As a condition of entry, fresh pomegranate fruit from Turkey would have to be produced in accordance with a systems approach that would include grove registration, sanitation, and pest control measures; packinghouse registration and procedures designed to exclude quarantine pests; cold treatment; and procedures for packing, storing, and shipping the pomegranate fruit. In addition, consignments would have to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the national plant protection organization of Turkey. This proposed rule would allow for the importation of fresh pomegranates from Turkey into the continental United States while continuing to provide protection against the introduction of plant pests.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0091.*
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2013–0091, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at *http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0091* or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tony Román, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–2242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in ''Subpart-Fruits and Vegetables'' (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–77, referred to below as the regulations) prohibit or restrict the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests within the United States.

Currently, the regulations do not authorize the importation into the continental United States of fresh pomegranate fruit from Turkey. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) received a request from the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Turkey to amend the regulations to allow the importation of commercially produced pomegranate fruit (*Punica granatum* L.) from Turkey into the continental United States. In evaluating Turkey's request, we prepared a pest risk assessment (PRA) and a risk management document (RMD). Copies of the PRA and the RMD may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or viewed on the *Regulations.gov* Web site (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing *Regulations.gov*).

The PRA, titled ''Importation of Fresh Fruit of Pomegranate, *Punica granatum* L., from Turkey into the Continental United States'' (February 2011, updated October 2015), analyzes the potential pest risk associated with the importation of fresh pomegranates into the continental United States from Turkey. In the PRA, we identified nine quarantine pests that could likely follow the pathway of fresh pomegranates from Turkey into the United States:

LIST OF QUARANTINE PESTS

Type	Organism	Taxonomy	Pest risk potential
Arthropods	*Ceratitis capitata*	Diptera: Tephritidae	High.
	Cryptoblabes gnidiella	Lepidoptera: Pyralidae	High.
	Nipaecoccus viridis	Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae	High.
	Lobesia botrana	Lepidoptera: Tortricidae	High.
	Cacoecimorpha pronubana	Lepidoptera: Tortricidae	Medium.
	Tenuipalpus granati	Acari: Tenuipalpidae	Medium.
	Ceroplastes rusci	Acari: Tenuipalpidae	Medium.
	Oxycarenus hyalinipennis	Hemiptera: Lygaeidae	Medium.
	Cenopalpus pulcher	Hemiptera: Coccidae	Medium.

A quarantine pest is defined in § 319.56–2 of the regulations as a pest of potential economic importance to the area endangered thereby and not yet present there, or present but not widely distributed and being officially controlled.

Plant pest risk potentials associated with the importation of fresh pomegranate fruit from Turkey into the continental United States were derived by estimating the consequences and likelihood of introduction of each quarantine pest into the United States and ranking the pest risk potential as being high, medium, or low. As indicated in the above table, four of the quarantine pests are considered to have high pest risk potential, and five, medium pest risk potential.

Based on the findings of the PRA, APHIS has determined that measures beyond standard port-of-entry inspection would mitigate the risks posed by these quarantine pests. These measures are listed in the RMD and are used as the basis for the requirements included in this proposed rule. Therefore, we are proposing to amend the regulations to allow the importation of commercial consignments of fresh pomegranate fruit from Turkey into the continental United States subject to a systems approach. Requirements of the systems approach, which would be added to the regulations as a new § 319.56–78, are discussed in the following sections.

General Requirements

General requirements for importing fresh pomegranate fruit from Turkey into the continental United States would be listed in proposed § 319.56–78(a)(1). The NPPO of Turkey would be required to provide an operational workplan to APHIS detailing systems approach activities, including inspections, monitoring, and related tasks that the NPPO of Turkey will carry out to meet the proposed requirements. An operational workplan is an agreement between APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program, officials of the NPPO of a foreign government, and, when necessary, foreign commercial entities, that specifies in detail the phytosanitary measures that will comply with our regulations governing the import or export of a specific commodity. Operational workplans apply only to the signatory parties and establish detailed procedures and guidance for the day-to-day operations of specific import/export programs. Operational workplans also establish how specific phytosanitary issues are dealt with in the exporting country and make clear who is responsible for dealing with those issues. If the operational workplan is approved, APHIS would be directly involved with the NPPO of Turkey in monitoring and auditing the systems approach implementation. In addition, the NPPO of Turkey would be required to enter into a trust fund agreement with APHIS in accordance with § 319.56–6 to cover our monitoring and auditing costs.

Proposed § 319.56–78(a)(2) would require that all places of production and packinghouses in Turkey participating in the program to export pomegranate fruit to the continental United States be registered with and approved by the NPPO of Turkey. Proposed § 319.56–78(a)(3) would require that the places of production meet the requirements of paragraphs (d) and (e). Under proposed § 319.56–78(a)(4), the fruit would have to be packed for export to the continental United States in a packinghouse that meets the requirements of paragraph (g). Proposed § 319.56–78(a)(5) would require that the place of production where the pomegranates were grown remain identifiable for each consignment when the fruit leaves the grove, at the packinghouse, and throughout the export process. Proposed § 319.56–78(a)(6) would require that the final release of the fruit into the continental United States be contingent upon compliance with required safeguards, treatments, and inspection included in the proposed section.

Commercial Consignments

Proposed § 319.56–78(b) would require that fresh pomegranate fruit from Turkey be imported into the continental United States in commercial consignments only. Noncommercial shipments are more prone to infestations because the commodity is often ripe to overripe, could be of a variety with unknown susceptibility to pests, and is often grown with little or no pest control.

Commercial consignments, as defined in § 319.56–2 of the regulations, are consignments that an inspector identifies as having been imported for sale and distribution. Such identification is based on a variety of indicators, including, but not limited to: Quantity of produce, type of packaging, identification of grower or packinghouse on the packaging, and documents consigning the fruits or vegetables to a wholesaler or retailer.

Monitoring and Oversight

Under proposed § 319.56–78(c)(1), the NPPO of Turkey would be responsible for verifying that registered grove and packinghouse mitigation practices are fulfilling all requirements under the systems approach. Details of systems approach requirements for the places of production and packinghouses would be included in the operational workplan.

APHIS may monitor and inspect the packinghouses and places of production. If APHIS or the NPPO of Turkey were to find that a place of production or a packinghouse was not in compliance with the regulations, pomegranates from that place of production or packinghouse would not be eligible for export to the United States until APHIS and the NPPO of Turkey conducted an investigation and implemented appropriate remedial actions.

Under proposed § 319.56–78(c)(2), any personnel hired to conduct inspections would have to be accredited and supervised by the NPPO of Turkey.

Proposed § 319.56–78(c)(3) would require that the NPPO of Turkey retain all forms and documents related to export program activities in places of production and packinghouses for at least 1 year and, upon request, provide them to APHIS for review. Forms and documents would be specified in the operational workplan.

Grove Sanitation and Pest Control Measures

Under paragraph (d) of proposed § 319.56–78, the NPPO of Turkey would be responsible for ensuring that registered groves are practicing proper field sanitation, with places of production kept free of plant debris and fallen fruit. These sanitation measures are essential components of good agricultural practices and mainstays of commercial fruit production.

In addition, the NPPO of Turkey would be required under proposed § 319.56–78(e)(1) to issue pest control guidelines to growers that will mitigate risks posed by the quarantine pests listed in the PRA. Details of control measure requirements, including treatment with fungicides, insecticides, and other requirements, would be included in the operational workplan.

Although pomegranate fruit is not a primary host of *L. botrana,* we would require in proposed § 319.56–78(e)(2) that effective chemical control measures be used against infestations of this pest, as its larvae can feed and develop undetected within pomegranates. As noted above, detailed requirements for these measures would be included in the operational workplan.

Post-Harvest Procedures

Specific post-harvest requirements listed in paragraph (f) of proposed

§ 319.56–78 and detailed in the operational workplan are intended to safeguard fruit after harvest. The pomegranates would have to be safeguarded by a pest-proof screen, plastic tarpaulin, or by some other pest-proof barrier while in transit to the packinghouse and while awaiting packing. Fruits destined for the continental United States would have to be stored separately from fruit destined for other countries or the domestic market.

Packinghouse Requirements

Packinghouse requirements, listed in paragraph (g) of proposed § 319.56–78 and detailed in the operational workplan, are intended to prevent insect infestation of harvested fruit during processing and packing in registered packinghouses. Packinghouses in which pomegranates are packed for export to the continental United States would have to be able to exclude quarantine pests. During the time the packinghouse is used to pack and export pomegranates to the continental United States, the packinghouse would not be able to pack pomegranates destined for other countries or domestic markets.

Pomegranates would have to be visually inspected at the packinghouse in order to cull damaged and deformed fruit. The fruit would have to be washed, brushed, disinfested, and submerged in surfactant prior to cold treatment. During the time that a packinghouse is packing pomegranates for export to the continental United States, the packing lines would have to be cleared of all other articles and plant debris. Fruits destined for the United States must be stored in a compartment separate from any other fruits or plant articles as long as they remain at the packinghouse.

Boxes containing the packed pomegranate fruit would have to be marked with the identity of the packing facility and origin of the fruit and clearly marked as destined for export to the continental United States. Pomegranates would have to be packed within 24 hours of harvest into pest-proof cartons or containers or covered with pest-proof mesh or a plastic tarpaulin for transport to the continental United States. Fresh pomegranates for export to the continental United States would have to be held in a cold storage facility while awaiting export. If any fruit from unregistered production sites are stored in the same facility, the pomegranates would have to be stored in a separate compartment from that of other fruit. These safeguards would have to remain intact until arrival of the consignment in the continental United States.

These packinghouse procedures, combined with proper grove sanitation as noted above, are effective at mitigating against several of the high- and medium-risk quarantine pests listed in the PRA. Symptoms of infestation by *C. gnidiella,* which include silk webbing around the crown of the pomegranate and frass caused by boring larvae, are clearly visible upon inspection. *N. viridis* infestations discolor and disfigure the fruit, making damage caused by this pest easily visible during culling operations. Infestations of *C. rusci* leave a sticky substance on affected pomegranates that serves as a medium for sooty molds, which are apparent on affected fruit. *C. pronubana* is another plant pest that leaves clearly visible damage, making it easy to cull during packinghouse procedures and easily detected upon inspection by the NPPO.

C. pulcher and *T. granati* are two surface pests of pomegranate. Submerging infested fruits in water with surfactant, followed by brushing and pressurized water spraying and inspection by the NPPO of Turkey, effectively mitigates these pests. *O. hyalinipennis* is a hitchhiker pest on pomegranate. Effective mitigation of this pest involves hand-picking and washing the pest from the fruit.

Cold Treatment

Under proposed § 319.56–78(h), all shipments of fresh pomegranate fruit from Turkey to the continental United States would have to undergo cold treatment [1] for *C. capitata* in accordance with the requirements for conducting phytosanitary treatment referenced in 7 CFR part 305. This treatment would be performed in Turkey, in transit, or at the port of first arrival in the United States. APHIS would monitor the treatment program and would prescribe any necessary safeguards for unloading, handling, and transporting the fruit in preparation for cold treatment. The final release of the fruit for entry into the continental United States would be conditioned upon compliance with the proposed safeguards and treatment.

Phytosanitary Inspection

Under proposed § 319.56–78(i), a sample of pomegranate fruit jointly agreed upon by APHIS and the NPPO of Turkey would have to be inspected in Turkey by the NPPO of Turkey following post-harvest processing and prior to shipping. The sample would have to be visually inspected for the quarantine pests and a portion of the fruit would have to be cut open for additional inspection for internal pests. If any quarantine pests are found, the entire consignment of pomegranate fruit would be prohibited from importation into the continental United States. Details of inspection requirements would be included in the operational workplan.

APHIS would inspect consignments of fresh pomegranate fruit from Turkey at the U.S. port of entry after the required cold treatment. Fruit presented for inspection would have to be identified in the shipping documents accompanying each consignment of fruit that specify the place of production in which the fruit was produced and the packinghouse in which the fruit was processed. This identification would have to be maintained with the consignment until the fruit is released for entry into the continental United States.

Phytosanitary Certificate

Under proposed § 319.56–78(j), each consignment of pomegranate fruit would have to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Turkey.

Executive Orders 12866 and 13771 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This proposed rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. Further, because this proposed rule is not significant, it does not trigger the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 603, we have performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis, which is summarized below, regarding the economic effects of this proposed rule on small entities. Copies of the full analysis are available by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or on the *Regulations.gov* Web site (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing *Regulations.gov*).

APHIS is proposing to allow the importation of pomegranate from Turkey into the continental United States. Pomegranate fruit is not currently permitted to enter the United States from Turkey due to nine quarantine pests. This regulatory change proposes risk mitigation options, including the application of APHIS-approved treatment and post-harvest

[1] Treatment schedules are listed in the PPQ Treatment Manual, located on the Internet at: *http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/treatment.pdf.* Cold treatment schedule T107–a is located in Chapter 5, Treatment Schedules.

procedures, which would make pomegranates from Turkey eligible for entry into the United States.

The conditions under which APHIS is proposing to allow the importation of pomegranate from Turkey include: Only commercial shipments of pomegranates may be imported; all growers must be registered with the NPPO of Turkey; the pomegranates must undergo cold treatment in Turkey, in transit, or on first arrival in the United States; and prescribed practices for harvesting, packing, cleaning, and storage must be followed. Control measures in the field and packinghouse must be followed, which may include fungicide, insecticide, and disinfestation treatments.

If 100 percent of Turkey's exports at 2008 levels were diverted to the United States, this would have equaled about 6.5 percent of domestic production. If the other imports are assumed to be pomegranates and included as part of the total domestic market, then 100 percent of Turkey's exports would equal about 9 percent of the market. It is very unlikely that Turkey would be willing or able to divert 100 percent of its exports to the U.S. market given its close proximity to its existing export markets, but in the event that it did, this quantity would still be unlikely to have a significant impact on the existing U.S. market.

Based on our review of available information, APHIS does not expect the proposed rule to have a significant economic impact on small entities. We welcome the submission of comments and additional data regarding the potential economic effects of this proposed action.

Executive Order 12988

This proposed rule would allow fresh pomegranates to be imported into the continental United States from Turkey, subject to a systems approach. If this proposed rule is adopted, State and local laws and regulations regarding fresh pomegranates imported under this rule would be preempted while the fruit is in foreign commerce. Fresh pomegranates are generally imported for immediate distribution and sale to the consuming public and would remain in foreign commerce until sold to the ultimate consumer. The question of when foreign commerce ceases in other cases must be addressed on a case-by-case basis. If this proposed rule is adopted, no retroactive effect will be given to this rule, and this rule will not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), reporting and recordkeeping requirements included in this proposed rule have been submitted for approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Please send comments on the Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs via email to *oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov,* Attention: Desk Officer for APHIS, Washington, DC 20503. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. APHIS–2013–0091. Please send a copy of your comments to the USDA using one of the methods described under **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this document.

APHIS is proposing to amend the fruits and vegetables regulations to allow the importation of fresh pomegranates from Turkey into the continental United States subject to a systems approach. As a condition of entry, pomegranates from Turkey would have to be produced in accordance with a systems approach that would include requirements for importation in commercial consignments; registration of production sites and packinghouses; grove sanitation and pest control practices; washing, brushing, and treatment with surface disinfectant; and inspection for quarantine pests by the NPPO of Turkey.

Pomegranates from Turkey would also be required to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate. This action would allow for the importation of pomegranates from Turkey into the United States while continuing to provide protection against the introduction of quarantine pests.

Allowing fresh pomegranates to be imported into the continental United States from Turkey will require information collection activities, including phytosanitary certificates, production site and packinghouse registration, training, box marking, recordkeeping, an operational workplan, and a trust fund agreement.

We are soliciting comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our proposed information collection and recordkeeping requirements. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our agency's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, 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 information collection on those who are to respond (such as 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).

Estimate of burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.00206 hours per response.

Respondents: NPPO of Turkey and pomegranate producers.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 39.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 96,104.

Estimated annual number of responses: 3,748,079.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 7,726 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

A copy of the information collection may be viewed on the *Regulations.gov* Web site or in our reading room. (A link to *Regulations.gov* and information on the location and hours of the reading room are provided under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this proposed rule.) Copies can also be obtained from Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483. APHIS will respond to any ICR-related comments in the final rule. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

E-Government Act Compliance

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is committed to compliance with the E-Government Act to promote the use of the Internet and other information technologies, to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes. For information pertinent to E-Government Act compliance related to this proposed rule, please contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 319

Coffee, Cotton, Fruits, Imports, Logs, Nursery stock, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rice, Vegetables.

Accordingly, we propose to amend 7 CFR part 319 as follows:

PART 319—FOREIGN QUARANTINE NOTICES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 319 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

■ 2. Section 319.56–78 is added to read as follows:

§ 319.56–78 Fresh pomegranates from Turkey

Fresh pomegranates (*Punica granatum* L.) may be imported into the continental United States from Turkey only under the conditions described in this section. These conditions are designed to prevent the introduction of the following quarantine pests: *Cacoecimorpha pronubana, Cenopalpus pulcher, Ceratitis capitata, Ceroplastes rusci, Cryptoblabes gnidiella, Lobesia botrana, Nipaecoccus viridis, Oxycarenus hyalinipennis,* and *Tenuipalpus granati.*

(a) *General requirements.* (1) The national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Turkey must provide an operational workplan to APHIS that details the pest mitigations and other specific requirements that the NPPO of Turkey will, subject to APHIS' approval of the workplan, carry out to meet the requirements of this section. APHIS will be directly involved with the NPPO of Turkey in monitoring and auditing implementation of the systems approach. The NPPO of Turkey must also enter into a trust fund agreement with APHIS in accordance with § 319.56–6.

(2) All places of production and packinghouses that participate in the export program must be approved by and registered with the NPPO of Turkey.

(3) The fruit must be grown at places of production that meet the requirements of paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section.

(4) The fruit must be packed for export to the continental United States in a packinghouse that meets the requirements of paragraph (g) of this section.

(5) The place of production where the pomegranates were grown must remain identifiable when the fruit leaves the grove, at the packinghouse, and throughout the export process.

(6) Release of the fruit into the continental United States will be contingent upon compliance with the safeguarding, treatment, and inspection requirements of this section.

(b) *Commercial consignments.* Pomegranates from Turkey may be imported to the continental United States in commercial consignments only.

(c) *Monitoring and oversight.* (1) The NPPO of Turkey must verify that the registered groves and packinghouses are complying with the requirements of this section. Details of systems approach requirements for the places of production and packinghouses are included in the operational workplan. APHIS may monitor the registered places of production and packinghouses. If APHIS or the NPPO of Turkey finds that a place of production or packinghouse is not complying with the requirements of this section, no pomegranates from the place of production or packinghouse will be eligible for export to the continental United States until APHIS and the NPPO of Turkey conduct an investigation and implement appropriate remedial actions.

(2) Any personnel conducting inspections must be accredited and supervised by the NPPO of Turkey.

(3) The NPPO of Turkey must retain all forms and documents related to export program activities in places of production and packinghouses for at least 1 year and, as requested, provide them to APHIS for review. Forms and documents are specified in the operational workplan.

(d) *Grove sanitation.* The NPPO of Turkey must ensure that registered groves are practicing proper field sanitation, with places of production kept free of plant debris and fallen fruit. Pomegranate fruit and plant debris that has fallen from the trees at each place of production must be removed and properly disposed of.

(e) *Pest control measures.* (1) The NPPO of Turkey must issue pest control guidelines to growers that will mitigate risks posed by the quarantine pests listed in this section. Details of control measure requirements, including treatment with fungicides, insecticides, and other requirements, are included in the operational workplan.

(2) The NPPO of Turkey must ensure that registered growers are using chemical control measures in the groves that effectively mitigate the risk of *L. botrana.*

(f) *Post-harvest procedures.* The pomegranates must be safeguarded by a pest-proof screen, plastic tarpaulin, or by some other pest-proof barrier while in transit to the packinghouse and while awaiting packing. Fruits destined for the continental United States must be stored separately from fruit destined for other countries or the domestic market. Details of post-harvest requirements are included in the operational workplan.

(g) *Packinghouse requirements.* (1) Packing of pomegranates for export to the continental United States must be conducted within a packinghouse registered and approved by the NPPO of Turkey. Packinghouses in which pomegranates are packed for export to the continental United States must be able to exclude quarantine pests. During the time the packinghouse is used to pack and export pomegranates to the continental United States, the packinghouse must not pack pomegranates destined to other countries or domestic markets.

(2) Pomegranates must be visually inspected at the packinghouse in order to cull damaged and deformed fruit. The fruit must be washed, brushed, disinfested, and submerged in surfactant prior to cold treatment. During the time that a packinghouse is packing pomegranates for export to the continental United States, the packing lines must be cleared of all other articles and plant debris and the pomegranates must be stored in a compartment separate from any other fruits or plant articles as long as they remain at the packinghouse.

(3) Boxes containing the packed pomegranate fruit must be marked with the identity of the packing facility and origin of the fruit and clearly marked as destined for export to the continental United States. Pomegranates must be packed within 24 hours of harvest into pest-proof cartons or containers or covered with pest-proof mesh or a plastic tarpaulin for transport to the continental United States. Fresh pomegranates for export to the continental United States must be held in a cold storage facility while awaiting export. If any fruit from unregistered production sites are stored in the same facility, the pomegranates must be stored in a separate compartment from that of other fruit. These safeguards must remain intact until arrival of the consignment in the continental United States.

(h) *Treatment for C. capitata.* All pomegranate fruit for export from Turkey to the continental United States must be cold treated for *C. capitata* in accordance with the requirements for conducting phytosanitary treatment in part 305 of this chapter. The cold treatment may be performed in Turkey, in transit, or at the port of first arrival in the continental United States.

(i) *Phytosanitary inspection.* (1) A sample of pomegranate fruit jointly agreed upon by APHIS and the NPPO of Turkey must be inspected in Turkey by the NPPO of Turkey following post-

harvest processing and prior to shipping. The sample must be visually inspected and a portion of the fruit must be cut open and inspected for quarantine pests. If any quarantine pests are found, the entire consignment of pomegranate fruit will be prohibited from importation into the continental United States. Details of inspection requirements are included in the operational workplan.

(2) Fruit presented for inspection at a U.S. port of entry must be identified in the shipping documents accompanying each lot of fruit that specify the place of production in which the fruit was produced and the packinghouse in which the fruit was processed. This identification must be maintained until the fruit is released for entry into the continental United States.

(j) *Phytosanitary certificate.* Each consignment of pomegranate fruit must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Turkey.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of June 2017.

Jere L. Dick,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 319

[Docket No. APHIS–2015–0072]

RIN 0579–AE23

Importation of Tree Tomatoes From Ecuador Into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We are proposing to amend the fruit and vegetable regulations to allow the importation of tree tomatoes from Ecuador into the continental United States. As a condition of entry, the tree tomatoes would have to be produced in accordance with a systems approach that would include requirements for importation in commercial consignments, registration and monitoring of places of production, field monitoring and pest-control practices, trapping, and inspection for quarantine pests by the national plant protection organization of Ecuador. This action would allow the importation of tree tomatoes from Ecuador while continuing to protect against the introduction of plant pests into the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0072.*
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2015–0072, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at *http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0072* or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Claudia Ferguson, M.S., Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, Imports, Regulations, and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–2352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in ''Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables'' (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–77, referred to below as the regulations) prohibit or restrict the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests that are new to or not widely distributed within the United States.

The national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Ecuador has requested that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) amend the regulations to allow tree tomatoes from Ecuador to be imported into the continental United States.

In evaluating Ecuador's request, we prepared a pest risk assessment (PRA) and a risk management document (RMD). Copies of the PRA and RMD may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or viewed on the *Regulations.gov* Web site (See **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing *Regulations.gov*).

The PRA, titled ''Importation of fresh tree tomato (*Solanum betaceum* Cavanilles) from Ecuador into the continental United States'' (September 2013), analyzes the potential pest risk associated with the importation of tree tomatoes into the continental United States from Ecuador. The PRA identified four pests of quarantine significance present in Ecuador that could be introduced into the continental United States through the importation of tree tomatoes. They are:

Fruit Flies:

- South American fruit fly (*Anastrepha fraterculus*)
- Mediterranean fruit fly (*Ceratitis capitata*)

Moth:

- Tomato fruit borer (*Neoleucinodes elegantalis*)

Virus:

- Tamarillo mosaic virus

The PRA derives plant pest risk potential for these pests by estimating the likelihood of the introduction of each pest into the continental United States through the importation of tree tomatoes from Ecuador.

The PRA considers two pests to have high pest risk potential (*A. fraterculus* and *C. capitata*), and two to have medium risk potential (*N. elegantalis* and Tamarillo mosaic virus). Based on the findings of the PRA, APHIS has determined that measures beyond standard port-of-entry inspection are necessary to mitigate the risk associated with the importation of tree tomatoes from Ecuador into the continental United States. These measures are listed in the RMD and are used as the basis for the requirements of this proposed rule.

Therefore, we are proposing to amend the regulations to allow the importation of commercial consignments of tree tomatoes from Ecuador into the continental United States, subject to a systems approach. Requirements of the systems approach, which would be added to the regulations as new § 319.56–78, are discussed in the following sections.

Proposed Systems Approach

General Requirements

Proposed paragraph (a) of § 319.56–78 would set forth general requirements for the NPPO of Ecuador and for growers and packers producing the tree tomatoes for export to the continental United States.

Paragraph (a)(1) would require the NPPO of Ecuador to provide an operational workplan to APHIS that

details the activities that the NPPO of Ecuador and places of production and packinghouses registered with the NPPO of Ecuador would, subject to APHIS approval of the workplan, implement to meet the requirements of the proposed systems approach. An operational workplan is an arrangement between APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine program and officials of the NPPO of a foreign government that specifies in detail the phytosanitary measures that will comply with U.S. regulations governing the import or export of a specific commodity. Operational workplans apply only to the signatories and establish detailed procedures and guidance for the day-to-day operations of specific import/export programs. Operational workplans also establish how specific phytosanitary issues are managed in the exporting country and make clear who is responsible for managing those issues. Operational workplans require APHIS approval.

If the operational workplan is approved, APHIS would be directly involved with the NPPO of Ecuador in monitoring and auditing the systems approach implementation. Such monitoring could involve site visits by APHIS personnel.

Proposed paragraph (a)(2) would require tree tomatoes intended for export to the continental United States to be grown by places of production registered with the NPPO of Ecuador. Proposed paragraph (a)(3) would require the tree tomatoes to be packed for export to the continental United States in pest-exclusionary packinghouses registered with the NPPO of Ecuador.

Registration of places of production and packinghouses with the NPPO of Ecuador would ensure that the NPPO exercises oversight of these locations and that the places of production and packinghouses continuously follow the provisions of the export program. It would also facilitate traceback in the event that tree tomatoes from Ecuador are determined to be infested with quarantine pests.

Proposed paragraph (a)(4) would require the NPPO of Ecuador to maintain all forms and documents related to export program activities in registered places of production and packinghouses for at least 1 year and provide them to APHIS upon request. Such forms and documents would include (but would not be limited to) records regarding fruit fly trapping in registered places of production and records regarding pest detections in registered places of production and registered packinghouses. Based on APHIS' review of the records, we may monitor places of production and packinghouses as we deem warranted.

Proposed paragraph (a)(5) would require the identity of each lot of tree tomato from Ecuador destined for export to the continental United States to be maintained throughout the export process, from the place of production to the release for entry in the continental United States. The operational workplan would have to describe the means of identification used that allows the lot to be traced back to its place of production. This requirement would facilitate traceback in the event that quarantine pests are discovered in a lot of tree tomatoes destined for export to the United States. This, in turn, would help ensure that timely remedial measures are taken to address the plant pest risk at the place of production and preclude the further export of infested fruit from that place of production.

Proposed paragraph (a)(6) states that tree tomatoes from Ecuador may be imported in commercial consignments only. Produce grown commercially is less likely to be infested with plant pests than noncommercial consignments. Noncommercial consignments are more prone to infestation because the commodity is often ripe to overripe and is often grown with little to no pest control. Commercial consignments, as defined within the regulations, are consignments that an inspector identifies as having been imported for sale and distribution. Such identification is based on a variety of indicators, including, but not limited to: quantity of produce, type of packaging, identification of grower or packinghouse on the packaging, and documents consigning the fruits or vegetables to a wholesaler or retailer.

Proposed paragraph (a)(7) would provide that lots of tree tomatoes destined for export to the continental United States must be safeguarded during movement from registered places of production to registered packinghouses, and from registered packinghouses to arrival at the port of entry into the continental United States as specified by the operational workplan. Such safeguarding could include the use of pest-proof screens or tarpaulins to cover the lots during transit, or other similar measures approved by APHIS and the NPPO of Ecuador.

Place of Production Requirements

Our systems approach would require certain measures to take place at the registered places of production. Proposed paragraph (b) of § 319.56–78 would contain these requirements and measures.

Proposed paragraph (b)(1) would require that registered places of production of tree tomatoes destined for export to the continental United States be determined by APHIS and the NPPO of Ecuador to be free from *A. fraterculus* and *C. capitata* based on trapping conducted in accordance with the operational workplan. Pest free places of production are defined by the number of fruit flies captured in a given timeframe; in this case, the operational workplan would specify that only one fruit fly would be permitted to be trapped in the place of production per week. Trapping must begin at least 1 year prior to harvest and continue throughout the completion of harvest. Traps must be serviced every 7 days. If the number of flies per trap per day exceed levels specified in the operational workplan, the place of production will be prohibited from exporting tree tomatoes to the continental United States until APHIS and the NPPO of Ecuador jointly agree that the risk has been mitigated. The NPPO must keep records regarding the placement and monitoring of all traps, as well as records of all pest detections in these traps, for at least 1 year and provide the records to APHIS upon request.

Establishment of fruit fly pest free places of production, in combination with other measures, obviates the need for post-harvest commodity treatments to achieve phytosanitary security. APHIS has only in rare instances intercepted fruit flies in tree tomatoes. Although tree tomatoes are considered to be poor hosts to *A. fraterculus* and *C. capitata,* we would require that tree tomatoes be produced in places of production practically free of fruit flies, *i.e.,* fruit fly populations would have to be maintained below a threshold of 0.07 fruit flies per trap per day. Places of production would have to provide 1 year of trapping data with a result of low prevalence throughout the year in order to become a registered place of production.

Proposed paragraph (b)(2) would require registered places of production to remove fallen tree tomato fruit in accordance with the operational workplan. It would also prohibit fallen fruit from being included in field containers of fruit brought to the packinghouse to be packed for export. Fallen fruit are especially susceptible to quarantine pests.

Proposed paragraph (b)(3) would require fields at registered places of production to be inspected by the NPPO of Ecuador at least once during the growing season for Tamarillo mosaic

virus. Sites must be determined by the NPPO to be free of the virus as a result of these inspections.

Tamarillo mosaic virus is transmitted primarily by contact between mechanical inoculations and grafting, but cannot be transmitted between plants or by seeds. Tamarillo mosaic virus reduces fruit yields and causes disfiguring blotches on the skin of the tree tomato fruit, which lowers the value of the fruit. Visual inspections at registered places of production for Tamarillo mosaic virus will provide the appropriate level of protection for the United States.

Proposed paragraph (b)(4) would require the NPPO of Ecuador to visit and inspect registered places of production monthly, starting 60 days before harvest and continuing throughout the shipping season, for signs of infestation and to allow APHIS to monitor these inspections. The NPPO of Ecuador must also certify to APHIS that registered places of production have in place effective fruit fly trapping programs and control guidelines to reduce pest populations.

Proposed paragraph (b)(5) would provide that if APHIS or the NPPO of Ecuador determined that a registered place of production has failed to follow the requirements of the regulations, the place of production would be excluded from the export program until APHIS and the NPPO of Ecuador jointly agree that the place of production has taken appropriate remedial measures to address the plant pest risk.

Packinghouse Requirements

Proposed paragraph (c) of § 319.56–78 would set forth requirements for mitigation measures that would have to occur at registered packinghouses.

Proposed paragraph (c)(1) would require that, while a registered packinghouse is in use for packing tree tomatoes for export to the continental United States, the packinghouse can only accept tree tomatoes that are from registered places of production that have been produced in accordance with proposed § 319.56–78. Tree tomatoes from other places of production may be produced under conditions that are less stringent than those of this proposed rule, and may therefore be a pathway for introduction of quarantine pests into the packinghouses.

Proposed paragraph (c)(2) would require that tree tomatoes must be packed in insect-proof cartons or containers or covered with insect-proof mesh or plastic tarpaulin within 24 hours of harvest. These safeguards would have to remain intact until the tree tomatoes arrive in the United States, or the consignment would not be allowed to enter the United States. These requirements collectively would aid in preventing the tree tomatoes from becoming infested with plant pests during, or subsequent, to packing.

Proposed paragraph (c)(3) would require that all openings to the outside of the packinghouse must be covered by screening with openings of not more than 1.6 mm or by some other barrier that prevents pests from entering. The packinghouse must have double doors at the entrance to the facility and at the interior entrance to the area where the tree tomatoes are packed.

Phytosanitary Inspections

Proposed paragraph (d) of § 319.56–78 would require the NPPO of Ecuador or officials authorized by the NPPO of Ecuador to visually inspect a biometric sample of tree tomato fruit in accordance with the operational workplan following post-harvest processing. The sample would have to be visually inspected for *N. elegantalis* and Tamarillo mosaic virus. A portion of the fruit would then have to be cut open and inspected for *A. fraterculus* and *C. capitata.* Cutting the fruit open would allow inspectors to determine whether the fruit is infested with *A. fraterculus* or *C. capitata* larvae.

Proposed paragraph (d)(1) would state that if *N. elegantalis* is found, the entire lot of fruit will be prohibited from import into the United States unless it is treated with an approved quarantine treatment monitored by APHIS.

Proposed paragraph (d)(2) would state that if Tamarillo mosaic virus is found, the entire lot of fruit will be prohibited from importation into the United States.

Proposed paragraph (d)(3) would state that if *A. fraterculus* or *C. capitata* is found, the entire lot of fruit will be prohibited from importation to the United States and the place of production producing that fruit will be suspended from the export program until appropriate measures, as agreed upon by the NPPO of Ecuador and APHIS, have been taken.

Phytosanitary Certificate

Proposed paragraph (e) of § 319.56–78 would require that each consignment of fresh tree tomato fruit from Ecuador be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Ecuador containing an additional declaration that the tomatoes were produced in accordance with the requirements § 319.56–78, and have been inspected and found free of *A. fraterculus, C. capitata, N. elegantalis,* and Tamarillo mosaic virus.

Under the general conditions for the importation of fruits and vegetables in § 319.56–3, each consignment of tree tomatoes would be subject to further inspection at the port entry into the United States.

Executive Orders 12866 and 13771 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This proposed rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. Further, because this proposed rule is not significant, it does not trigger the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

In accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, we have analyzed the potential economic effects of this action on small entities. The analysis is summarized below. Copies of the full analysis are available by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or on the *Regulations.gov* Web site (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing *Regulations.gov*).

The tree tomato is not grown in the United States, so there would be no impacts of the proposed rule for U.S. producers. In 2014, the U.S. imported an estimated 130,000 pounds of this fruit from various countries. Based on conversations with Ecuadoran officials, and Ecuador's tree tomato production capabilities and established markets, we estimate that 10 percent or less of current exports would be diverted to the United States. Assuming an average market price of $3 per pound, based on the import price for tree tomato from New Zealand, and a quantity of at most 15 shipments or 11,250 pounds, the value of tree tomato imports from Ecuador may reach approximately $34,000 annually.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12988

This proposed rule would allow fresh tree tomato fruit to be imported into the continental United States from Ecuador. If this proposed rule is adopted, State and local laws and regulations regarding tree tomato fruit imported under this rule would be preempted while the fruit is in foreign commerce. Fresh fruits are generally imported for immediate distribution and sale to the consuming public and would remain in foreign commerce until sold to the ultimate consumer. The question of when foreign commerce ceases in other cases must be

addressed on a case-by-case basis. If this proposed rule is adopted, no retroactive effect will be given to this rule, and this rule will not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), reporting and recordkeeping requirements included in this proposed rule have been submitted for approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Please send comments on the Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs via email to *oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov,* Attention: Desk Officer for APHIS, Washington, DC 20503. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. APHIS–2015–0072. Please send a copy of your comments to the USDA using one of the methods described under **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this document.

APHIS is proposing to amend the fruit and vegetable regulations to allow the importation of tree tomato from Ecuador into the continental United States. As a condition of entry, the tree tomatoes would have to be produced in accordance with a systems approach that would include requirements for importation in commercial consignments, registration and monitoring of places of production, field monitoring and pest-control practices, trapping, and inspection for quarantine pests by the NPPO of Ecuador.

Implementing this rule will require an operational workplan, production site and packinghouse registrations, recordkeeping, identification, trapping, inspections, and phytosanitary certificates.

We are soliciting comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our proposed information collection and recordkeeping requirements. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our agency's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, 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 information collection on those who are to respond (such as 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).

Estimate of burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.4092 hours per response.

Respondents: Producers and importers of tree tomatoes from Ecuador and the NPPO of Ecuador.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 42.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 40.

Estimated annual number of responses: 1,681.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 688 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

A copy of the information collection may be viewed on the *Regulations.gov* Web site or in our reading room. (A link to *Regulations.gov* and information on the location and hours of the reading room are provided under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this proposed rule.) Copies can also be obtained from Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483. APHIS will respond to any ICR-related comments in the final rule. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

E-Government Act Compliance

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is committed to compliance with the E-Government Act to promote the use of the Internet and other information technologies, to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes. For information pertinent to E-Government Act compliance related to this proposed rule, please contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 319

Coffee, Cotton, Fruits, Imports, Logs, Nursery stock, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rice, Vegetables.

Accordingly, we propose to amend 7 CFR part 319 as follows:

PART 319—FOREIGN QUARANTINE NOTICES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 319 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

■ 2. Section 319.56–78 is added to read as follows:

§ 319.56–78 Tree tomatoes from Ecuador.

Fresh tree tomatoes (*Solanum betaceum* Cavanilles) may be imported into the continental United States from Ecuador only under the conditions of this systems approach described in this section. These conditions are designed to prevent the introduction of the following quarantine pests: *Anastrepha fraterculus,* South American fruit fly; *Ceratitis capitata,* Mediterranean fruit fly; *Neoleucinodes elegantalis,* a moth; and the Tamarillo mosaic virus.

(a) *General requirements.* (1) *Operational workplan.* The national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Ecuador must provide an operational workplan to APHIS that details the activities that the NPPO of Ecuador will carry out to meet the requirements of this section. The operational workplan must be approved by APHIS and include and describe specific requirements as set forth in this section. APHIS will be directly involved with the NPPO of Ecuador in monitoring and auditing implementation of the systems approach.

(2) *Registered places of production.* Tree tomatoes considered for export to the continental United States must be produced at places of production that are registered with the NPPO of Ecuador.

(3) *Registered packinghouses.* Tree tomatoes must be packed for export to the continental United States in pest-exclusionary packinghouses that are registered with the NPPO of Ecuador.

(4) *Recordkeeping.* The NPPO of Ecuador must maintain all forms and documents related to export program activities in registered places of production and packinghouses for at least 1 year and provide them to APHIS upon request.

(5) *Identification.* The identity of each lot of tree tomatoes from Ecuador must be maintained throughout the export process, from the place of production until the tomatoes are released for entry into the continental United States. The means of identification that allows the lot to be traced back to the place of production in which it was produced, and the packinghouse in which it was packed, must be described in the operational workplan.

(6) *Commercial consignments.* Tree tomatoes from Ecuador may be imported in commercial consignments only.

(7) *Safeguarding.* Lots of tree tomatoes destined for export to the continental

United States must be safeguarded during movement from registered places of production to registered packinghouses, and from registered packinghouses to arrival at the port of entry into the continental United States, as specified by the operational workplan.

(b) *Places of production requirements.* (1) Registered places of production of tree tomatoes destined for export to the continental United States must be determined by APHIS and the NPPO of Ecuador to be free from *A. fraterculus* and *C. capitata* based on trapping conducted in accordance with the operational workplan. If the flies per trap per day exceed levels specified in the operational workplan, the place of production will be prohibited from exporting tree tomatoes to the continental United States until APHIS and the NPPO of Ecuador jointly agree that the risk has been mitigated. The NPPO must keep records regarding the placement and monitoring of all traps, as well as records of all pest detections in these traps, for at least 1 year and provide the records to APHIS, upon request.

(2) Places of production must remove fallen tree tomato fruit in accordance with the operational workplan. Fallen fruit may not be included in field containers of fruit brought to the packinghouse to be packed for export.

(3) The NPPO of Ecuador must inspect fields at registered places of production at least once during the growing season for Tamarillo mosaic virus. Sites must be determined by the NPPO to be free of the virus as a result of these inspections.

(4) Starting 60 days before harvest and continuing throughout the shipping season, the NPPO of Ecuador must visit and inspect registered places of production monthly for signs of infestation. The NPPO of Ecuador must allow APHIS to monitor these inspections. The NPPO of Ecuador must also certify to APHIS that registered places of production have effective fruit fly trapping programs and control guidelines in place to reduce pest populations.

(5) If APHIS or the NPPO of Ecuador determines that a registered place of production has failed to follow the requirements in this paragraph (b), the place of production will be excluded from the export program until APHIS and the NPPO of Ecuador jointly agree that the place of production has taken appropriate remedial measures to address the plant pest risk.

(c) *Packinghouse requirements.* (1) During the time registered packinghouses are in use for packing tree tomatoes for export to the continental United States, the packinghouse can only accept tree tomatoes that are from registered places of production and that are produced in accordance with this section.

(2) Tree tomatoes must be packed in insect-proof cartons or containers, or covered with insect-proof mesh or plastic tarpaulin, within 24 hours of harvest. These safeguards must remain intact until the tree tomatoes arrive in the United States, or the consignment will not be allowed to enter the United States.

(3) All openings to the outside of the packinghouse must be covered by screening with openings of not more than 1.6 mm or by some other barrier that prevents pests from entering. The packinghouse must have double doors at the entrance to the facility and at the interior entrance to the area where the tree tomatoes are packed.

(d) *Phytosanitary inspections.* A biometric sample of tree tomato fruit jointly agreed upon by the NPPO of Ecuador and APHIS must be inspected in Ecuador by the NPPO of Ecuador or officials authorized by the NPPO of Ecuador following post-harvest processing. The sample must be visually inspected for *N. elegantalis* and Tamarillo mosaic virus. A portion of the fruit must then be cut open and inspected for *A. fraterculus* and *C. capitata.*

(1) If *N. elegantalis* is found, the entire lot of fruit will be prohibited from import into the United States unless it is treated with an approved quarantine treatment monitored by APHIS.

(2) If Tamarillo mosaic virus is found, the entire lot of fruit will be prohibited from importation into the United States.

(3) If a single larva of *A. fraterculus* or *C. capitata* is found, the entire lot of fruit will be prohibited from importation to the United States and the place of production producing that fruit will be suspended from the export program until appropriate measures, as agreed upon by the NPPO of Ecuador and APHIS, have been taken.

(e) *Phytosanitary certificate.* Each consignment of fresh tree tomato fruit from Ecuador must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate, issued by the NPPO of Ecuador, that contains an additional declaration that the tomatoes were produced in accordance with the requirements of this section, and have been inspected and found free of *A. fraterculus, C. capitata, N. elegantalis,* and the Tamarillo mosaic virus.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of June 2017.

Jere L. Dick,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2017–0562; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–027–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Bombardier, Inc., Model CL–600–2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701, & 702), Model CL–600–2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705), Model CL–600–2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900), and Model CL–600–2E25 (Regional Jet Series 1000) airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by a report that a number of rubber bull gear (RBG) wheels installed in the horizontal stabilizer trim actuator (HSTA) were manufactured using an incorrect material specification. This proposed AD would require replacement of the affected RBG wheels. We are proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 7, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this NPRM, contact Bombardier, Inc., 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; Widebody Customer Response Center North

America toll-free telephone 1–866–538–1247 or direct-dial telephone 1–514–855–2999; fax 514–855–7401; email *ac.yul@aero.bombardier.com;* Internet *http://www.bombardier.com.* You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0562; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone 800–647–5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aziz Ahmed, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Mechanical Systems Branch, ANE–171, FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7329; fax 516–794–5531.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include ''Docket No. FAA–2017–0562; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–027–AD'' at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD based on those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to *http://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), which is the aviation authority for Canada, has issued Canadian Airworthiness Directive CF–2016–22, dated June 24, 2016 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or ''the MCAI''), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Bombardier, Inc., Model CL–600–2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701, & 702), Model CL–600–2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705), Model CL–600–2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900), and Model CL–600–2E25 (Regional Jet Series 1000) airplanes. The MCAI states:

> An inspection by the vendor revealed that a number of Rubber Bull Gear (RBG) Wheels installed in the Horizontal Stabilizer Trim Actuator (HSTA) of the CL–600–2C10, CL–600–2D15, CL–600–2D24 and CL–600–2E25 aeroplanes were manufactured from the incorrect material specification. The use of the incorrect material specification has a direct impact on the RBG Wheels life limit. The teeth of these non-conforming RBG Wheels may experience premature wear out and if not corrected, this condition could result in difficulties in maneuvering the aeroplane.
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> This [Canadian] AD mandates replacement of the RBGs whose wheels have been made using an incorrect material specification.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0562.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

We reviewed Bombardier Service Bulletin 670BA–27–072, Revision A, dated October 26, 2016. This service information describes procedures for identification of affected HSTAs, and replacement if necessary. This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

FAA's Determination and Requirements of This Proposed AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, we have been notified of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all pertinent information and determined an unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of these same type designs.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this proposed AD affects 544 airplanes of U.S. registry.

We estimate the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Inspection and Replacement	Up to 20 work-hours × $85 per hour = $1700	(1)	Up to $1700	Up to $924,800.

[1] We have received no definitive data that would enable us to provide cost estimates for the parts cost specified in this proposed AD.

According to the manufacturer, some of the costs of this proposed AD may be covered under warranty, thereby reducing the cost impact on affected individuals. We do not control warranty coverage for affected individuals. As a result, we have included all costs in our cost estimate.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. ''Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs,'' describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in ''Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements.'' Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a

substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

1. Is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866;

2. Is not a ''significant rule'' under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979);

3. Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska; and

4. Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

Bombardier, Inc.: Docket No. FAA–2017–0562; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–027–AD.

(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by August 7, 2017.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to the Bombardier, Inc., airplanes identified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(4) of this AD, certificated in any category, equipped with horizontal stabilizer trim actuator (HSTA) part number 8489–7 or 8489–7R.

(1) Model CL–600–2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701, & 702) airplanes.

(2) Model CL–600–2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705) airplanes.

(3) Model CL–600–2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900) airplanes.

(4) Model CL–600–2E25 (Regional Jet Series 1000) airplanes.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 27, Flight controls.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by a report that a number of rubber bull gear (RBG) wheels installed in the HSTA were manufactured using an incorrect material specification. We are issuing this AD to prevent premature wear-out of the teeth of the RBG wheels, which could cause difficulties in maneuvering the airplane.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Serial Number Verification

Within 600 flight hours after the effective date of this AD, inspect to determine whether the serial number (S/N) of the installed HSTA is listed in paragraph 1.A, ''Effectivity,'' of Bombardier Service Bulletin 670BA–27–072, Revision A, dated October 26, 2016. If the S/N of the installed HSTA is not listed in paragraph 1.A, ''Effectivity,'' of Bombardier Service Bulletin 670BA–27–072, Revision A, dated October 26, 2016, no further action is required by this AD, except as required by paragraph (j) of this AD. A review of airplane maintenance records is acceptable in lieu of this inspection if the part number of the HSTA can be conclusively determined from that review.

(h) Replacement

For any HSTA with a S/N listed in paragraph 1.A, ''Effectivity,'' of Bombardier Service Bulletin 670BA–27–072, Revision A, dated October 26, 2016: Within the compliance times specified in figure 1 to paragraph (h) of this AD, as applicable, replace the affected HSTA, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Service Bulletin 670BA–27–072, Revision A, dated October 26, 2016.

FIGURE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (h) OF THIS AD—COMPLIANCE TIME CRITERIA

For HSTAs with S/N suffix A or with no suffix, that have accumulated 10,000 flight cycles (FC) or fewer.	Within 3600 FC accumulated on the unit from the effective date of this AD.
For HSTAs with S/N suffix A or with no suffix, that have accumulated more than 10,000 FC	Within 1800 FC accumulated on the unit from the effective date of this AD.
For HSTAs with S/N suffix B or AB, that have accumulated 10,000 FC or fewer since the incorporation of Bombardier Service Bulletin 670BA–27–058.	Within 3600 FC accumulated on the unit from the effective date of this AD.
For HSTAs with S/N suffix B or AB, that have accumulated more than 10,000 FC since the incorporation of Bombardier Service Bulletin 670BA–27–058.	Within 1800 FC accumulated on the unit from the effective date of this AD.

(i) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for actions required by paragraphs (g) and (h) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Bombardier Service Bulletin 670BA–27–072, dated April 26, 2016.

(j) Parts Installation Limitation

As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install, on any airplane, an HSTA having part number 8489–7 or 8489–7R, with a S/N listed in paragraph 1.A, ''Effectivity,'' of Bombardier Service Bulletin 670BA–27–072, Revision A, dated October 26, 2016, unless the S/N has a suffix ''C'' marked on the identification plate adjacent to the S/N.

(k) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), ANE–170, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, send it to the Program Manager, Continuing Operational Safety, FAA, New York ACO, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7300; fax 516–794–5531. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer, the action must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, New York ACO, ANE–170, FAA; or Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA); or Bombardier, Inc.'s TCCA Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

(l) Related Information

(1) Refer to Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) Canadian Airworthiness Directive CF–2016–22, dated June 24, 2016, for related information. This MCAI may be found in the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0562.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Aziz Ahmed, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Mechanical Systems Branch, ANE–171, FAA, New York ACO, 1600

Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7329; fax 516–794–5531.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Bombardier, Inc., 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; Widebody Customer Response Center North America toll-free telephone 1–866–538–1247 or direct-dial telephone 1–514–855–2999; fax 514–855–7401; email *ac.yul@aero.bombardier.com;* Internet *http://www.bombardier.com.* You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 12, 2017.

Dionne Palermo,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2017–0621; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–049–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Bombardier, Inc., Model DHC–8–400 series airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by reports that operation of fuselage doors was interrupted due to corrosion in certain door roller bearings. This proposed AD would require a one-time detailed inspection of the bearings for corrosion, and replacement if necessary. We are proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 7, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this NPRM, contact Bombardier, Inc., Q-Series Technical Help Desk, 123 Garratt Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario M3K 1Y5, Canada; telephone 416–375–4000; fax 416–375–4539; email *thd.qseries@aero.bombardier.com;* Internet *http://www.bombardier.com.* You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0621; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone 800–647–5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aziz Ahmed, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Mechanical Systems Branch, ANE–171, FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7329; fax 516–794–5531.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include ''Docket No. FAA–2017–0621; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–049–AD'' at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD based on those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to *http://www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), which is the aviation authority for Canada, has issued Canadian Airworthiness Directive CF–2016–18, dated June 20, 2016 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or ''the MCAI''), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Bombardier, Inc., Model DHC–8–400 series airplanes. The MCAI states:

> A number of translating fuselage door operation interruptions has been reported. In one case, the Aft Service door could not be opened. It was found that the door lift latch bearings had corroded, which prevented the door from opening.
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> The translating doors are classified as emergency exits. The inability to open an emergency exit could inhibit evacuation in the event of an emergency. This [Canadian] AD is issued to mandate a one-time inspection of the translating door bearings to check for corrosion, replace bearings if required, and apply Corrosion Inhibiting Compound (CIC).

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0621.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

Bombardier has issued Service Bulletin 84–52–88, dated April 14, 2016. This service information describes procedures for identification of corrosion in fuselage door bearings, replacement if necessary, and CIC application. This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

FAA's Determination and Requirements of This Proposed AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, we have been notified of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all pertinent information and determined an unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type designs.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this proposed AD affects 143 airplanes of U.S. registry.

We estimate the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Inspection and CIC application	8 work-hours × $85 per hour = $680 for 3 doors.	$0	$680	$97,240

We estimate the following costs to do any necessary replacements that would be required based on the results of the proposed inspection. We have no way of determining the number of aircraft that might need this replacement:

ON-CONDITION COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
Replacement	4 work-hours × $85 per hour = $340 per door	$432	$772 per door.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. ''Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs,'' describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in ''Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements.'' Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

1. Is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866;

2. Is not a ''significant rule'' under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979);

3. Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska; and

4. Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

Bombardier, Inc.: Docket No. FAA–2017–0621; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–049–AD.

(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by August 7, 2017.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Bombardier, Inc., Model DHC–8–400, –401, and –402 airplanes, certificated in any category, serial numbers 4001 and 4003 through 4488 inclusive, except those incorporating Bombardier ModSum IS4Q5200050.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 52, Doors.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by reports of interrupted operation of translating fuselage doors caused by corrosion in the door lift and latch shaft roller bearings. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct bearing corrosion and prevent door operation interruptions that could inhibit safe evacuation of the airplane in an emergency.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Inspection and Replacement of Bearings

Within 6,000 flight hours or 36 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs earlier, do a detailed visual inspection of all translating fuselage door lift and latch shaft roller bearings for signs of corrosion, damaged seals, and loss of lubricant; replace any corroded bearings; and apply corrosion-inhibiting compound (CIC); in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Service Bulletin 84–52–88, dated April 14, 2016.

(h) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for actions required by paragraph (g) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Bombardier Service Bulletin 84–52–85, dated September 23, 2015; or Bombardier Service Bulletin 84–52–85, Revision A, dated January 22, 2016.

(i) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), ANE–170, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal

inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, send it to ATTN: Program Manager, Continuing Operational Safety, FAA, New York ACO, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7300; fax 516–794–5531. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer, the action must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, New York ACO, ANE–170, FAA; or Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA); or Bombardier, Inc.'s TCCA Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

(j) Related Information

(1) Refer to Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) Canadian Airworthiness Directive CF–2016–18, dated June 20, 2016, for related information. This MCAI may be found in the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0621.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Aziz Ahmed, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Mechanical Systems Branch, ANE–171, FAA, New York ACO, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7329; fax 516–794–5531.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Bombardier, Inc., Q-Series Technical Help Desk, 123 Garratt Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario M3K 1Y5, Canada; telephone 416–375–4000; fax 416–375–4539; email *thd.qseries@aero.bombardier.com;* Internet *http://www.bombardier.com.* You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 12, 2017.

Dionne Palermo,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2017–0563; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–021–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics (Formerly Known as Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems) Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics Model 340A (SAAB/SF340A) and SAAB 340B airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by the determination that new inspection tasks for the drag brace support fitting of the main landing gear (MLG) and corrosion prevention and control program (CPCP) related tasks are necessary. This proposed AD would require revising the maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate airworthiness limitations, including new inspection tasks for the drag brace support fitting of the MLG and to implement CPCP related tasks. We are proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 7, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this NPRM, contact Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics, SE–581 88, Linköping, Sweden; telephone +46 13 18 5591; fax +46 13 18 4874; email *saab340techsupport@saabgroup.com;* Internet *http://www.saabgroup.com.* You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0563; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone 800–647–5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shahram Daneshmandi, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057–3356; telephone: 425–227–1112; fax: 425–227–1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include ''Docket No. FAA–2017–0563; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–021–AD'' at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD based on those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to *http://www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA Airworthiness Directive 2017–0033, dated February 17, 2017 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or ''the MCAI''), to correct an unsafe condition for all Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics Model 340A (SAAB/SF340A) and SAAB 340B airplanes. The MCAI states:

The airworthiness limitations and/or certification maintenance instructions for SAAB SF340A and 340B, which are

approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the SAAB SF340A and 340B Airworthiness Limitation Manual (ALM). These instructions have been identified as mandatory for continued airworthiness.

Failure to accomplish these instructions could result in an unsafe condition [reduced structural integrity of the airplane].

Recently, Saab AB, Aeronautics issued SAAB SF340A and 340B ALM Revision 1, mainly to add new inspection tasks for the Main Landing Gear drag brace support fitting, and to implement Corrosion Prevention and Control Program related tasks.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0563.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

We reviewed SAAB 340 Airworthiness Limitation Manual, Revision 1, dated December 1, 2016. The service information describes airworthiness limitations, including inspection tasks for the drag brace support fitting of the MLG and CPCP related tasks. This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

FAA's Determination and Requirements of This Proposed AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, we have been notified of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all pertinent information and determined an unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Differences Between This Proposed AD and the MCAI or Service Information

The MCAI specifies that if there are findings from the airworthiness limitations section (ALS) inspection tasks, corrective actions must be accomplished in accordance with SAAB maintenance documentation. However, this proposed AD does not include that requirement. Operators of U.S.-registered airplanes are required by general airworthiness and operational regulations to perform maintenance using methods that are acceptable to the FAA. We consider those methods to be adequate to address any corrective actions necessitated by the findings of ALS inspections required by this proposed AD.

This proposed AD would require revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new actions (*e.g.,* inspections) and Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCLs). Compliance with these actions and CDCCLs is required by 14 CFR 91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by this proposed AD, the operator may not be able to accomplish the actions described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance according to paragraph (i)(1) of this proposed AD. The request should include a description of changes to the required actions that will ensure the continued damage tolerance of the affected structure.

Airworthiness Limitations Based on Type Design

The FAA recently became aware of an issue related to the applicability of ADs that require incorporation of an ALS revision into an operator's maintenance or inspection program.

Typically, when these types of ADs are issued by civil aviation authorities of other countries, they apply to all airplanes covered under an identified type certificate (TC). The corresponding FAA AD typically retains applicability to all of those airplanes.

In addition, U.S. operators must operate their airplanes in an airworthy condition, in accordance with 14 CFR 91.7(a). Included in this obligation is the requirement to perform any maintenance or inspections specified in the ALS, and in accordance with the ALS as specified in 14 CFR 43.16 and 91.403(c), unless an alternative has been approved by the FAA.

When a type certificate is issued for a type design, the specific ALS, including revisions, is a part of that type design, as specified in 14 CFR 21.31(c).

The sum effect of these operational and maintenance requirements is an obligation to comply with the ALS defined in the type design referenced in the manufacturer's conformity statement. This obligation may introduce a conflict with an AD that requires a specific ALS revision if new airplanes are delivered with a later revision as part of their type design.

To address this conflict, the FAA has approved alternative methods of compliance (AMOCs) that allow operators to incorporate the most recent ALS revision into their maintenance/inspection programs, in lieu of the ALS revision required by the AD. This eliminates the conflict and enables the operator to comply with both the AD and the type design.

However, compliance with AMOCs is normally optional, and we recently became aware that some operators choose to retain the AD-mandated ALS revision in their fleet-wide maintenance/inspection programs, including those for new airplanes delivered with later ALS revisions, to help standardize the maintenance of the fleet. To ensure that operators comply with the applicable ALS revision for newly delivered airplanes containing a later revision than that specified in an AD, we plan to limit the applicability of ADs that mandate ALS revisions to those airplanes that are subject to an earlier revision of the ALS, either as part of the type design or as mandated by an earlier AD.

This proposed AD therefore would apply to Model 340A (SAAB/SF340A) and SAAB 340B airplanes with an original certificate of airworthiness or original export certificate of airworthiness that was issued on or before the date of approval of the ALS revision identified in this proposed AD. Operators of airplanes with an original certificate of airworthiness or original export certificate of airworthiness issued after that date must comply with the airworthiness limitations specified as part of the approved type design and referenced on the type certificate data sheet.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this proposed AD affects 87 airplanes of U.S. registry.

We estimate the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Revision of the airplane maintenance or inspection program.	1 work-hour × $85 per hour = $85	$0	$85	$7,395

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. ''Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs,'' describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in ''Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements.'' Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

1. Is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866;

2. Is not a ''significant rule'' under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979);

3. Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska; and

4. Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics (Formerly Known as Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems): Docket No. FAA–2017–0563; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–021–AD.

(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by August 7, 2017.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics (formerly known as Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems) Model 340A (SAAB/SF340A) and SAAB 340B airplanes, certificated in any category, with an original certificate of airworthiness or original export certificate of airworthiness that was issued on or before December 1, 2016.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 05, Time Limits/Maintenance Checks.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by the determination that new inspection tasks for the drag brace support fitting of the main landing gear (MLG) and corrosion prevention and control program (CPCP) related tasks are necessary. We are issuing this AD to prevent reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Maintenance or Inspection Program Revision

Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD: Revise the maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate airworthiness limitations, including inspection tasks for the drag brace support fitting of the MLG and CPCP related tasks, specified in SAAB 340 Airworthiness Limitation Manual, Revision 1, dated December 1, 2016. The compliance time for the initial airworthiness limitation tasks is at the applicable compliance time specified in SAAB 340 Airworthiness Limitation Manual, Revision 1, dated December 1, 2016, or within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(h) No Alternative Actions, Intervals, Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCLs)

After the maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (*e.g.,* inspections), intervals, and/or CDCCLs may be used unless the actions, intervals, and/or CDCCLs are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (i)(1) of this AD.

(i) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j)(2) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: *9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov.* Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer, the action must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA; or the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA); or Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics's EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(j) Related Information

(1) Refer to Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) EASA Airworthiness Directive 2017–0033, dated February 17, 2017, for related information. This MCAI may be found in the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2017–0563.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Shahram Daneshmandi, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM–116,

Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057–3356; telephone: 425–227–1112; fax: 425–227–1149.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics, SE–581 88, Linköping, Sweden; telephone +46 13 18 5591; fax +46 13 18 4874; email *saab340techsupport@saabgroup.com;* Internet *http://www.saabgroup.com.* You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 12, 2017.

Dionne Palermo,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2016–9386; Directorate Identifier 2016–NM–056–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly Known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM); reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are revising an earlier proposal for all Airbus Defense and Space S.A. Model CN–235, CN–235–100, CN–235–200, and CN–235–300 airplanes; and Model C–295 airplanes. This action revises the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) by reducing a certain compliance time, adding repetitive inspections and operational checks of the affected fuel valves, and providing corrective action if necessary. We are proposing this airworthiness directive (AD) to address the unsafe condition on these products. Since these actions impose an additional burden over those proposed in the NPRM we are reopening the comment period to allow the public the chance to comment on these changes.

DATES: The comment period for the NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2016 (81 FR 85169), is reopened.

We must receive comments on this SNPRM by August 7, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this SNPRM, contact Airbus Defense and Space Services/Engineering Support, Avenida de Aragón 404, 28022 Madrid, Spain; telephone +34 91 585 55 84; fax +34 91 585 31 27; email *MTA.TechnicalService@airbus.com.;* Internet *http://www.eads.net.* You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2016–9386; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (telephone: 800–647–5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shahram Daneshmandi, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057–3356; telephone 425–227–1112; fax 425–227–1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include ''Docket No. FAA–2016–9386; Directorate Identifier 2016–NM–056–AD'' at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD based on those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to *http://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

We issued an NPRM to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Airbus Defense and Space S.A. Model CN–235, CN 235–100, CN–235–200, and CN–235–300 airplanes, and Model C–295 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2016 (81 FR 85169). The NPRM was prompted by leakage of a motorized cross-feed fuel valve. The NPRM proposed to require an inspection of the affected fuel valves and, depending on findings, applicable corrective actions.

Actions Since the NPRM Was Issued

Since we issued the NPRM, an additional report of a fuel leak in a motorized cross-feed valve has resulted in the need for a change to the compliance time for the initial inspection, the addition of repetitive inspections and operational checks, and corrective action if necessary.

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued AD 2017–0004, dated January 9, 2017, (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or ''the MCAI''), to correct an unsafe condition on all Airbus Defense and Space S.A. Model CN–235, CN–235–100, CN–235–200, and CN–235–300 airplanes; and Model C–295 airplanes. The MCAI states:

> Leakage of a motorised cross-feed fuel valve Part Number (P/N) 7923227F was reported on a CN–235–100M aeroplane. The leakage was observed through the valve electrical connectors and detected during accomplishment of a functional check in accordance with task 28.007 of the CN–235 Maintenance Review Board Report (MRB CN–235–PV01). Identical motorised fuel valves are installed on civilian CN–235 and C–295 aeroplanes, as cross-feed, shut-off and defueling valves.
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> This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to failure of a motorised fuel valve and consequent improper functioning of the fuel system or, in case of

an ignition source, could lead to a fire, possibly resulting in damage to the aeroplane and injury to occupants.

To address this potentially unsafe condition, Airbus Defence & Space (D&S) issued Alert Operators Transmission (AOT)–CN235–28–0001 and AOT–C295–28–0001 to provide inspection instructions.

Consequently, EASA issued AD 2016–0071 to require a one-time inspection of the affected motorised fuel valves and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective action(s).

Since that [EASA] AD was issued, new occurrences of fuel leakage involving the affected motorised fuel valves were reported and Airbus D&S issued Revision 1 of AOT–CN235–28–0001 and Revision 1 of AOT–C295–28–0001 to introduce repetitive inspections and operational checks of the affected motorised fuel valves.

For the reasons described above, this [EASA] AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2016–0071, which is superseded, and introduces repetitive inspections and operational checks [and corrective action, if necessary] of the affected fuel valves.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2016–9386.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

Airbus Defense and Space S.A. has issued Alert Operators Transmission (AOT) AOT–CN235–28–0001, Revision 1, dated September 27, 2016; and AOT AOT–C295–28–0001, Revision 1, dated September 27, 2016. The service information describes procedures for repetitive inspections, replacement of the motorized fuel valves, and performing operational checks and corrective actions on affected motorized fuel valves. These documents are distinct since they apply to different airplane models. This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Comments

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this proposed AD. We received no comments on the NPRM or on the determination of the cost to the public.

FAA's Determination and Requirements of This SNPRM

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, we have been notified of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all pertinent information and determined an unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of these same type designs.

Certain changes described above expand the scope of the NPRM. As a result, we have determined that it is necessary to reopen the comment period to provide additional opportunity for the public to comment on this SNPRM.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this SNPRM affects 14 airplanes of U.S. registry.

We estimate the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Inspection and operational check	3 work-hours × $85 per hour = $255	$0	$255	$3,570
Reporting	1 work-hour × $85 per hour = $85	0	85	1,190

We estimate the following costs to do any necessary replacements that would be required based on the results of the proposed inspection. We have no way of determining the number of aircraft that might need these actions:

ON-CONDITION COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
Replacement	5 work-hours × $85 per hour = $425	$38,448	$38,873

We have received no definitive data that would enable us to provide cost estimates for the on-condition corrective actions for the operational check specified in this proposed AD.

Paperwork Reduction Act

A federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number. The control number for the collection of information required by this proposed AD is 2120–0056. The paperwork cost associated with this AD has been detailed in the Costs of Compliance section of this document and includes time for reviewing instructions, as well as completing and reviewing the collection of information. Therefore, all reporting associated with this AD is mandatory. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden and suggestions for reducing the burden should be directed to the FAA at 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591, ATTN: Information Collection Clearance Officer, AES–200.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. ''Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs,'' describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in ''Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements.'' Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on

products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

1. Is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a ''significant rule'' under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979);
3. Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska; and
4. Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.): Docket No. FAA–2016–9386; Directorate Identifier 2016–NM–056–AD.

(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by August 7, 2017.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (formerly known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Model CN–235, CN–235–100, CN–235–200, and CN–235–300 airplanes; and Model C–295 airplanes; certificated in any category, all manufacturer serial numbers.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 28, Fuel.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by leakage of a motorized cross-feed fuel valve, which was detected during accomplishment of a functional check. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct leaks in a motorized cross-feed fuel valve, which could lead to failure of the fuel valve and consequent improper fuel system functioning or, in case of the presence of an ignition source, an airplane fire.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Inspection of Motorized Fuel Valves

Within the applicable compliance time defined in paragraph (g)(1) or (g)(2) of this AD: Do an initial general visual inspection of each motorized cross-feed fuel valve having part number (P/N) 7923227F for the presence of fuel on the electrical connectors and inside the receptacles, in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Defense and Space Alert Operators Transmission (AOT) AOT–CN235–28–0001, Revision 1, or Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–C295–28–0001, Revision 1, both dated September 27, 2016, as applicable. Repeat the inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 300 flight hours.

(1) For airplanes that, as of the effective date of this AD, have accumulated 6,000 flight cycles or more since first flight of the airplane: Do the inspection within 30 flight cycles or 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first.

(2) For airplanes that, as of the effective date of this AD, have accumulated less than 6,000 flight cycles since first flight of the airplane: Do the inspection within 300 flight hours or 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(h) Replacement of Affected Parts

If, during the inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD, any leaking of a motorized cross-feed fuel valve having P/N 7923227F is detected: Before the next flight, replace the affected fuel valve with a serviceable part, in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–CN235–28–0001, Revision 1, or Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–C295–28–0001, Revision 1, both dated September 27, 2016, as applicable. A serviceable part is defined as a part that is not defective; it could be a used or new part. Replacement of a motorized fuel valve on an airplane does not constitute terminating action for the repetitive inspections required by paragraph (g) of this AD for that airplane.

(i) Operational Check

Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 12 months, accomplish an operational check of each motorized fuel valve P/N 7923227F, in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–CN235–28–0001, Revision 1, or Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–C295–28–0001, Revision 1, both dated September 27, 2016, as applicable.

(j) Corrective Action

If, during any operational check, as required by paragraph (i) of this AD, any discrepancy is detected, as described in Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–CN235–28–0001, Revision 1, or Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–C295–28–0001, Revision 1, both dated September 27, 2016, as applicable: Before further flight, contact the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate; or the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA); or Airbus Defense and Space S.A.'s EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA) to obtain instructions for corrective actions, and within the compliance time indicated in those instructions accomplish the corrective actions accordingly.

(k) Parts Installation Limitation

As of the effective date of this AD, replacement of a motorized fuel valve having P/N 7923227F with a serviceable part on an airplane is allowed, provided that, within 30 flight cycles or 30 days, whichever occurs first after installation, the part passes an inspection done in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–CN235–28–0001, Revision 1, or Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–C295–28–0001, Revision 1, both dated September 27, 2016, as applicable.

(l) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for actions required by paragraphs (g) and (h) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–CN235–28–0001, or Airbus Defense and Space AOT AOT–C295–28–0001, both dated February 19, 2016, as applicable.

(m) Reporting Requirement

At the applicable time specified in paragraph (m)(1) or (m)(2) of this AD, report all inspection results to Airbus Defense and Space Technical Assistance Center (AMTAC); telephone +34 91 600 79 99; email *mta.technicalservice@airbus.com.* The report must include the inspection results, a description of any discrepancies found, operator name, the airplane model and serial number, valve part number and serial number, and the number of landings and flight hours on the airplane.

(1) If the inspection was done on or after the effective date of this AD: Submit the report within 60 days after the inspection.

(2) If the inspection was done before the effective date of this AD: Submit the report within 60 days after the effective date of this AD.

(n) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested

using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the International Branch, send it to send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (o)(2) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: *9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov.* Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer, the action must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus Defense and Space S.A.'s EASA DOA. If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(3) *Reporting Requirements:* A federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 2120–0056. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be approximately 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing and reviewing the collection of information. All responses to this collection of information are mandatory. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden and suggestions for reducing the burden should be directed to the FAA at: 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591, Attn: Information Collection Clearance Officer, AES–200.

(o) Related Information

(1) Refer to Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) EASA AD 2017–0004, dated January 9, 2017, for related information. This MCAI may be found in the AD docket on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2016–9386.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Shahram Daneshmandi, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057–3356; telephone 425–227–1112; fax 425–227–1149.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus Defense and Space Services/Engineering Support, Avenida de Aragón 404, 28022 Madrid, Spain; telephone +34 91 585 55 84; fax +34 91 585 31 27; email *MTA.TechnicalService@airbus.com.;* Internet *http://www.eads.net* You may view this service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

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Dionne Palermo,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Parts 11, 312, and 812

[Docket No. FDA–2017–D–1105]

Use of Electronic Records and Electronic Signatures in Clinical Investigations Under Part 11—Questions and Answers; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notification of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled ''Use of Electronic Records and Electronic Signatures in Clinical Investigations under our regulations—Questions and Answers.'' The draft guidance provides guidance to sponsors, clinical investigators, institutional review boards (IRBs), contract research organizations (CROs), and other interested parties on the use of electronic records and electronic signatures under our regulations in clinical investigations of medical products. The draft guidance expands upon recommendations in the guidance for industry entitled ''Part 11, Electronic Records; Electronic Signatures—Scope and Application'' issued in August 2003 (referred to as the 2003 part 11 guidance) for recommendations that pertain to FDA-regulated clinical investigations conducted under our regulations.

DATES: Although you can comment on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)), to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance, submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by August 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to *https://www.regulations.gov* will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on *https://www.regulations.gov.*
- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see ''Written/Paper Submissions'' and ''Instructions'').

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in ''Instructions.''

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2017–D–1105 for ''Use of Electronic Records and Electronic Signatures in Clinical Investigations Under 21 CFR Part 11—Questions and Answers; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability.'' Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as ''Confidential Submissions,'' publicly viewable at *https://www.regulations.gov* or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Confidential Submissions—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two

copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states ''THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.'' The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on *https://www.regulations.gov.* Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as ''confidential.'' Any information marked as ''confidential'' will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: *https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf.*

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the ''Search'' box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Division of Drug Information, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10001 New Hampshire Ave., Hillandale Building, 4th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002; or the Office of Communication, Outreach and Development, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 3128, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002; or the Office of the Center Director, Guidance and Policy Development, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5431, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Grandinetti, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, Rm. 3348, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–2500; or Stephen Ripley, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 7301, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 240–402–7911; or Irfan Khan, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 3563, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–7100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled ''Use of Electronic Records and Electronic Signatures in Clinical Investigations under 21 CFR Part 11—Questions and Answers.'' The draft guidance provides guidance to sponsors, clinical investigators, IRBs, CROs, and other interested parties on the use of electronic records and electronic signatures under part 11 in clinical investigations of medical products. The draft guidance thus expands upon recommendations in the 2003 part 11 guidance for recommendations that pertain to FDA-regulated clinical investigations conducted under parts 312 and 812 and is limited to the scope and application of part 11 requirements to such clinical investigations.

Since 2003, advances in electronic technology have expanded the uses and capabilities of electronic systems in clinical investigations. In addition, electronic systems and technologies are used and managed in novel ways, services are shared or contracted between organizations in new ways, and electronic data flow between parties is more efficient and more prevalent. The standards and capabilities of electronic systems have improved, and features—such as audit trails, automated date-and-time stamps, appropriate validation, and the ability to generate copies and retain records—are standard components of many electronic systems.

FDA's overall approach to the 2003 part 11 guidance was to provide a narrow and practical interpretation of part 11 requirements. FDA continues to support and promote such a narrow and practical interpretation in the draft guidance, including our intent to exercise enforcement discretion regarding specific part 11 provisions for validation, audit trails, record retention, and record copying. FDA reminds sponsors, however, that records must still be maintained or submitted in accordance with the underlying predicate rules, and the Agency can take regulatory action for noncompliance with such predicate rules. In addition, FDA continues to encourage sponsors and other regulated entities to use a risk-based approach, as introduced in the 2003 part 11 guidance and further described in the draft guidance, when deciding to validate electronic systems, implement audit trails, or archive required records for clinical investigations. The draft guidance clarifies and expands upon recommendations for applying and implementing part 11 requirements, as appropriate, in the current environment of electronic systems used in clinical investigations.

The draft guidance discusses the following: (1) Procedures that may be followed to help ensure that electronic records and electronic signatures meet FDA requirements and are considered to be trustworthy, reliable, and generally equivalent to paper records and handwritten signatures executed on paper, and (2) the use of a risk-based approach when deciding to validate electronic systems, implement audit trails for electronic records, and archive records that are pertinent to clinical investigations conducted under parts 312 and 812.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on the use of electronic records and electronic signatures for FDA-regulated clinical investigations conducted under parts 312 and 812. It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of applicable statutes and regulations. This is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 12866.

II. Paperwork Reduction Act

This draft guidance refers to previously approved collections of information that are found in regulations. These collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). This draft guidance pertains to sponsors, clinical investigators, IRBs, CROs, and other interested parties who use electronic records, electronic signatures, and electronic systems in FDA-regulated clinical investigations and who send certain information to FDA or others or who keep certain records and make them available to FDA inspectors. The collections of information in part 11 have been approved under OMB control

number 0910–0303; the collections of information in part 312, including §§ 312.41, 312.57, 312.58, 312.62, and 312.120, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0014; and the collections of information in § 812.140 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0078. The use of electronic records, electronic signatures, and electronic systems (as described in the draft guidance) would not result in any new costs, including capital costs or operating and maintenance costs because sponsors and others already have experience using computer-based equipment and software necessary to be consistent with the draft guidance.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the draft guidance at *https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm, https://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm, http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/default.htm,* or *https://www.regulations.gov.*

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Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Part 3285

[Docket No. FR–6023–N–01]

Interpretative Bulletin for Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards Foundation Requirements in Freezing Temperature Areas Under 24 CFR 3285.312(b)

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed installation Interpretative Bulletin I–1–17.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this proposed Interpretative Bulletin (IB) is to provide guidance for designing and installing manufactured home foundations in areas subject to freezing temperatures with seasonal ground freezing, in accordance with the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards, wherever soil conditions are susceptible to frost heave. Specifically, this guidance is being provided for designing and installing manufactured home foundation systems in areas where frost susceptible seasonally frozen ground conditions are encountered and when footings do not extend below the frost depth at the site. These types of foundation systems include monolithic slab systems, ''frost-protected shallow foundations'' (FPSF)—insulated foundations, and alternative foundation systems that include foundation variations termed by industry as frost free footing systems or frost free foundations (FFF). Guidance is also being provided in this interpretative bulletin for installing manufactured home foundations, when non-frost susceptible soil conditions are available at the site to protect foundations against the effects of frost heave.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* August 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this Interpretative Bulletin to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410–0500. Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title. There are two methods for submitting public comments. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

1. Submission of Comments by Mail. Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500.

2. Electronic Submission of Comments. Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *www.regulations.gov.* HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the *www.regulations.gov* Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through one of the two methods specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the rule.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

Public Inspection of Public Comments. All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202–708–3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at *www.regulations.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Pamela Beck Danner, Administrator, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708–6409 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll free Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8389.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401–5426) (the Act) as amended in 2000 authorizes the Department to establish Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards (Installation Standards) and establish an installation program to enforce those Installation Standards. The Installation Standards are at 24 CFR part 3285, and installation in freezing temperature areas is covered at § 3285.312(b). Section 604(a)(3) of the Act as amended in 2000 also created the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC). Section 604(b)(3) of the Act directs HUD to provide the MHCC with an opportunity to review any HUD proposed Interpretative Bulletin and to provide written comments to the Department for a period of up to 120 days.

Frost-protected shallow foundations have been successfully used both domestically and internationally in residential and commercial applications for over 50 years as a means to avoid deeper and more costly foundation systems. However, as a result of recent problems and inquiries related to the proper design, use, and installation of

manufactured home frost protected foundation systems in areas subject to freezing temperature conditions, HUD commissioned a study and report to assess both foundation design and installation practices for manufactured homes located in temperature areas with seasonally frozen ground. HUD provided the MHCC with a report of its findings on October 26, 2016, entitled ''An Assessment of Design and Installation Practices for Manufactured Homes in Climates with Seasonally Frozen Ground'' prepared by SEBA Professional Services, LLC (*https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=10-07-16-Frost-free-Found.pdf*), and announced it would form the basis for an Interpretative Bulletin to be issued on the subject.

The study and resulting report found some key factors needed for long-term and consistent success require special considerations that are often neglected, particularly for FFF designs and installations that rely on well-drained and non-frost susceptible soil conditions. These factors include appropriately engineered installation details, site investigation practices, fulfillment of responsibilities by all parties associated with manufactured home installation, and verification procedures to ensure that important design conditions are actually being achieved in practice. Accordingly, this Interpretative Bulletin was developed for the purpose of clarifying requirements and providing practical guidance for the manufactured housing industry when designing or setting foundations for manufactured homes in locations subject to freezing temperatures with seasonal ground freezing.

HUD also indicated at the October 26th meeting of the MHCC, that it would consider any comments received from the MHCC on the report and scheduled a teleconference on November 28, 2016, with the Regulatory Subcommittee of the MHCC and with the MHCC on December 12, 2016, to receive feedback and recommendations from the subcommittee and MHCC. As a result of those discussions, the Regulatory Subcommittee recommended that HUD draft an Interpretative Bulletin for the December 12, 2016, teleconference with the full MHCC, taking into consideration the comments from the Regulatory Subcommittee teleconference and subsequent comments from the MHCC. A large part of the discussion focused on what constitutes acceptable engineering practice. Some members of the subcommittee expressed concerns on whether the SEI/ASCE 32–01 (ASCE 32) Standard should exclusively define accepted engineering practice or if other engineering alternatives should be allowed. During the December 12, 2016, conference call with the MHCC, the committee developed and approved the following recommendations and comments to its draft Interpretative Bulletin. These comments were also approved by a subsequent letter ballot. The ballot results were provided to HUD by the MHCC's Administering Organization (AO) on January 23, 2017. HUD's response to each of the points raised by the MHCC is as follows:

1. Tone of the IB needs to be more positive.

HUD Response: A statement has been added above to indicate that frost protected shallow foundations have been successfully used both domestically and abroad for than 50 years.

2. The focus of the IB should be to inform and educate.

HUD Response. HUD believes that the IB focus is both informative and provides education to all respective participants in the installation process.

3. The IB should focus on compliance with 3285.

HUD Response: The guidance in the IB does focus on both foundation design guidelines and compliance with the provisions for foundations in freezing temperature areas in 3285.312(b) of the Model Installation Standards.

4. The IB should be simplified (too lengthy).

HUD Response: HUD does not agree as the guidance cannot be further simplified in this proposed IB, since it is both practical and technical and, in general, provides a recipe for compliance with the Model Installation Standards.

5. FFF definition and FPSF definition.

HUD Response: A definition has been added for a Frost Protected Shallow Foundation (FPSF). However, as there is no generally recognized definition of a frost free foundation (FFF), HUD is requesting comments from the public on a suitable technical definition and has reserved a space in the IB for a definition of the term.

6. Clarify site specific foundation.

HUD Response: A site specific foundation means a foundation system that has been designed for a specific site.

7. Target audience should be installers, local jurisdiction, regulators, and manufacturers.

HUD Response: HUD agrees and focused the four options in the IB on those entities and organizations.

8. The problem doesn't seem to appear in all states and how to solve that problem.

HUD Response: Comments are being requested on other verifiable strategies that may not be addressed in this IB that have been effective and successfully used in other states.

9. Ensure additional cost are not incurred due to IB.

HUD Response: This IB has been developed to clarify the intent of the standards with technical concepts that will avoid costly foundation and structural repairs due to frost heave.

10. Reference to actual designs and specific engineering language in the IB should be removed.

HUD Response: Reference to actual designs has been removed from the IB. However, it remains necessary to utilize some engineering terminology to explain certain aspects of the foundation options contained in this IB.

11. Ensure IB doesn't exceed reasonable accepted engineering practice as required in § 3285.312(b)(2).

HUD Response: HUD believes that all aspects and options contained in this IB conform to acceptable engineering practice.

12. Remove reference to the SEBA report from the IB.

HUD Response: HUD agrees and has taken out the SEBA report.

13. Remove Local Authority Having Jurisdiction (LAHJ) where the plan approval is not required and in HUD administered states (§ 3286.3, HUD administered installation program) from the IB.

HUD Response: HUD does not agree with this recommendation as an LAHJ can both require plan approval and establish provisions which exceed the requirements of HUD's Model Installation Standards in states where HUD administers the installation program.

The MHCC also provided HUD with the specific suggested text revisions to the Interpretative Bulletin. The MHCC suggested revisions are available at *https://www.xxxxxxxxx* (Appendix E). However, HUD did not agree with or accept the MHCC recommendation to delete the statement regarding the SEI/ASCE 32–01 Standard generally providing the bases for acceptable engineering practice (see page 10 of Appendix E); HUD consolidated MHCC recommendations for manufacturers on Recommended Practices and Procedures (see page 11 of Appendix E); HUD deleted the Recommendations for Retailers and Installers as recommended by the MHCC (see page 12 of Appendix E); HUD did not accept the MHCC recommendation regarding deleting

statements regarding the assignment of design responsibilities to local authorities (see page 13 of Appendix E); HUD also did not accept the MHCC recommendation to delete the statement regarding submitting the foundation plan to the local authority having jurisdiction if applicable but did delete the statement regarding the sealing of foundation plans by an engineer or architect that is licensed in the state where the installation is occurring (see page 13 of Appendix E); HUD modified the language for regulatory officials and inspectors based in part on recommendations of the MHCC (see page 14 of Appendix E); HUD accepted the editorial revisions recommended by the MHCC for Option 1 (see page 15 of Appendix E); and HUD also accepted the MHCC recommendation to delete the requirements for vents in skirting to be automatically closing (see page 16 of Appendix E).

HUD has considered the above recommendations and comments from the MHCC and included them where it deemed appropriate in the text of the Interpretative Bulletin.

II. The Interpretative Bulletin

This guidance is being issued in response to numerous requests, inquiries, and questions regarding how to comply with HUD's requirements for foundations in freezing temperature areas, in accordance with 24 CFR 3285.312(b) of the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards, when footings do not extend below the frost depth at the site. Engineered foundations designs such as monolithic slab systems (§ 3282.312(b)(2)) placed on a layer of well drained undisturbed ground or fill material that is not susceptible to frost and frost protected shallow foundations (FPSF), which are insulated foundations (§ 3282.312(b)(3)) that rely on insulation to prevent ground freezing as well as other alternative foundation systems including industry termed ''frost free foundations'' have great appeal and potential in freezing temperature areas as a cost-effective means of installing manufactured homes on seasonally-frozen ground. Understandably, their use has been promoted and increased in recent years as a means for reducing manufactured housing installation costs when compared to using conventional or proprietary foundation support systems in freezing temperature areas. However, some key factors important to their long-term and consistent success require special considerations that are often neglected, particularly for FFF designs and installations. These factors include appropriately engineered installation details, site investigation practices, and verification procedures to ensure that important design conditions are actually being achieved in practice.

Important factors or design considerations in any frost-protected foundation include:

- Clarity of technical requirements;
- definite criteria for determining soil frost susceptibility and soil moisture sub-surface drainage conditions; and
- guidance on water table depth to determine if the site is suitably well drained.

In addition, for foundations being placed on non-frost susceptible soil, it is also necessary to provide guidance on appropriate site-specific details such as the depth of non-frost-susceptible soil or fill layers required for the frost depth encountered at the site and the layout of sub-surface drainage, when sub-surface site conditions are not well drained. Clarification and accuracy of roles during the site testing and installation process also play an important part in ensuring that frost-protected foundation designs meet the requirements of HUD's Manufactured Home Model Installation Standards in 24 CFR 3285.312.

The HUD commissioned study reviewed a selection of representative alternative foundation plans including FFF designs in current use for consistency with the HUD code, the ASCE 32 standard titled *Design and Construction of Frost Protected Shallow Foundations,* and generally accepted engineering practice. These reviews and additional technical information (including terminology and technical references) are included in an engineering assessment report at the URL provided in this notice. Thus, the report provides both a reference and technical basis for the guidance and recommendations included herein.

A summary of key findings from the engineering assessment are as follows:

- One of the reviewed FFF designs demonstrated an appropriate application of the HUD code and ASCE 32 standard's technical requirements for frost protection of foundations. Thus, it is possible to develop a compliant FFF design in accordance with acceptable engineering practice or ASCE 32.
- All other reviewed FFF designs contained a number of flaws or non-conformances, including:
  - A lack of clarity of technical requirements in manufacturer installation instructions, details, and notes;
  - Missing or vague criteria for identification and measurement of soil frost susceptibility;
  - Missing or vague guidance for determining soil moisture, sub-surface drainage conditions, and water table depth in relation to determining if the site is ''well drained'' and suitable for an FFF installation; and
  - Missing guidance to direct appropriate site specific adjustments of important installation details (*e.g.,* depth of non-frost-susceptible soil or fill layers and lay-out of sub-surface drainage when required).
- A number of the FFF installation designs reviewed showed a pattern of confused roles and responsibilities, often assigning design decisions and site engineering evaluations to local regulatory officials who are typically neither qualified nor trained in foundation engineering or soil mechanics and engineering. Furthermore, they are not charged with such responsibilities because it may pose a conflict of interest (*i.e.,* enforcers making design and construction decisions or judgments on matters they will be enforcing) and a potential conflict with state engineering practice laws (*i.e.,* conducting engineering or design activities for which they are not licensed). Consequently, this practice can lead to an incorrect selection of the proper foundation and drainage system for the site.

Consequently, most of the reviewed alternative foundation designs including FFF designs were found to be not in conformance with the HUD Code and the ASCE 32 reference standard for frost-protection of shallow foundations. In addition, one state's installation rules were reviewed and provisions related to FFF design and installations were found to be similarly non-compliant. Thus, a need exists to clarify requirements and provide guidance for proper and compliant applications of FFF designs as an alternative to a conventional (frost depth) footing or a conventional FPSF design using insulation to protect against ground freezing in accordance with acceptable engineering practice or the ASCE 32 standard.

In view of the above, each organization involved in the process of foundation design, approval, and installation has responsibilities that need to be met. Key areas and responsibilities for each organization or entity are as follows:

- Manufacturers need to ensure their foundation designs fully comply with 24 CFR 3285, Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards (HUD Code) by use of acceptable engineering practice or applicable provisions of the SEI/ASCE 32–01 Standard, Design and Construction of Frost-Protected Shallow Foundations (ASCE 32). In general, the basis and design principles for acceptable engineering practice should

be consistent with the provisions of the ASCE 32 Standard. However, this interpretative bulletin is not intended to preclude the use of other alternatives such as engineered foundation designs provided they result in comparable protection against frost heave that would be provided by the ASCE 32 Standard.

• Manufacturers should review and, as appropriate, delete or revise any installation instructions that rely exclusively on surface drainage to prevent the effects of frost heave, as such installations do not comply with acceptable engineering practices or ASCE 32.

• Manufacturers should inform installers in their installation instructions and on all approved foundation plans that prior to beginning the installation, a site-specific soil test or other evidence is required to determine soil frost susceptibility, the water table level, and sub-surface drainage conditions.

• Retailers should verify that the installations are performed only by licensed installers.

• Design professionals and Design Approval Primary Inspection Agencies (DAPIAs) need to ensure that foundation designs comply with all aspects of the HUD Code as provided in 24 CFR 3285.312. Designs that rely on surface drainage exclusively or do not specify the means of assessing frost susceptibility of soils and their sub-surface drainage characteristics should be disapproved or revised to meet the provisions of this Interpretative Bulletin. Frost protected foundation designs that were approved prior to the effective date of October 28, 2008, of HUD's Installation Program, should be reviewed and re-approved for compliance with 24 CFR 3285. Additionally, design and installation responsibilities may not be delegated to local regulatory authorities.

• Installers should consider all sites in freezing temperature areas as frost susceptible unless a soil test or other evidence is provided to prove the site is non-frost susceptible.

• To ensure compliance with acceptable engineering practices or ASCE 32, installers should never install a new home on a site that has conditions not covered in the manufacturer's installation instructions or the DAPIA approved engineered foundation plan, and should bring the specific site conditions to the professional engineer or registered architect of record for assessment or obtain the services of another professional engineer or registered architect to assess the site conditions and adequacy of the foundation design for the site. Once the plan is updated to address site conditions and sealed, it should be sent to the manufacturer and its DAPIA for approval. The plan should then be submitted to the LAHJ, as applicable. Installers should not use any design that assigns responsibility to them for assessing frost susceptibility and sub-surface drainage conditions without proper soil analysis.

• Regulatory officials and inspectors should reject installation plans that require them to take on any aspect of design responsibility. If a site is claimed to have soil that is non-frost susceptible and that is well-drained, soil tests or other evidence must be provided to the regulatory official and/or inspector.

• Manufacturer's installation instructions including DAPIA approved engineered foundation plans should be available on-site during inspections. If these plans are not available, the home cannot pass inspection.

• In areas where no set local frost depth is determined, the depths corresponding with the Air Freezing Index (Figure 1) may be used.

• Installation rules in both states and local municipalities should be compared to the ASCE 32 standard and the HUD Code to ensure conformity.

In view of the above described concerns, this Interpretative Bulletin was developed for the purpose of clarifying requirements and providing practical guidance for the manufactured housing industry when designing or setting foundations for a manufactured home in locations subject to freezing temperatures with seasonal ground freezing. This guidance is intended for first-time installations, not replacement installs when current foundations exist on site.

In summary, in order to resolve the identified problems and previously discussed concerns in this Preamble associated with certain foundation designs and installation practices in temperature areas subject to freezing, all responsible parties in the process should follow the guidance in this Interpretative Bulletin. These concerns and issues involve designers, DAPIAs, manufacturers, installers, and regulatory authorities. The most important factor in reducing problems are properly designed installation instructions giving appropriate direction and details for installers to implement and regulatory officials to verify and inspect. Because this over-arching concern is applicable to all methods of installation related to foundation frost-protection, specific recommendations and guidance for various design and installation options are provided in the Interpretative Bulletin.

Request for Comments: HUD is soliciting comments from the public on the following:

1. How should the term frost free foundation be defined for use and context with this Interpretative Bulletin?

2. Are there any other alternative engineered foundation designs, including floating engineered slab designs and pile foundation systems, etc. that should be included for use with this Interpretative Bulletin? If so, under what conditions and criteria should these systems be permitted?

3. Please provide information on other strategies, that are currently not included in this proposed Interpretative Bulletin, that have been successfully used or employed to resist the effects of frost heave.

Installation Interpretative Bulletin I–1–17

Foundation Requirements in Freezing Temperature Areas

This Interpretative Bulletin is being issued to provide guidance for all parties associated with designing and installing manufactured home foundation systems in areas subject to freezing temperatures in accordance with 24 CFR 3285.312(b) of HUD's Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards.

Definitions

Frost Free Foundation (FFF) [Reserved].

Frost Protected Shallow Foundation (FPSF) means a foundation protected from frost heave by insulating the foundation in accordance with acceptable engineering practice or with the provisions in SEI/ASCE 32–01, Design and Construction of Frost Protected Foundations (ASCE 32) to retard frost penetration below the foundation in order to allow shallower footing depths to be used. Use of well drained non-frost susceptible soils is also included as FPSFs for certain applications (*i.e.,* monolithic slab systems, alternative foundations).

I. Recommended Practices and Procedures

The following recommendations, practices and procedures should be followed by all parties involved in manufactured home installations in order to ensure that foundations installed in freezing temperature areas are not subject to frost heave and comply with the provisions of HUD's Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards.

1. Recommendations for Manufacturers

Manufacturers should require that design professionals who submit plans to them for approval, as required by 24 CFR 3285.2(c)(1)(ii), develop foundation frost-protection installation methods that comply with applicable provisions of the HUD's Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards, 24 CFR 3285.312(b)(2) or (3). To ensure consistent and effective conformance, options with detailed guidance for complying designs are provided below and should be followed. These directions should also be incorporated into their Manufacturer's Installation Instruction manual as required by 24 CFR 3285.2(c)(2).

- Current Frost Free Foundation (FFF) installation instructions that rely exclusively on surface drainage as a means of foundation frost-protection should either be removed from the manufacturer's installation instructions or immediately revised.
- Manufacturer's installation instructions for monolithic slab and alternative foundation designs including FFF designs should indicate that, prior to commencement of installation, the steps to be taken to verify through soil tests or existing site soil records that the site soil is non-frost-susceptible and that a ground water assessment should be done to verify that the soil is ''well-drained'' with a water table depth consistently and sufficiently below the frost line.
- To facilitate installations in locations subject to freezing, manufacturer instructions should have at least one example of an acceptable foundation system for frost susceptible and non-frost susceptible soil conditions for use in freezing temperature areas. These designs are to have a design professional's seal, and if not previously part of the manufacturer's installation instructions, be approved by the manufacturer and its Design Approval Primary Inspection Agency (DAPIA).

2. Recommendations for Design Professionals and DAPIAs

Foundation frost-protection methods used for installation designs need to comply with HUD's Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards by use of acceptable engineering practice or the ASCE 32 standard. To ensure consistent and effective conformance, alternatives with detailed guidance for development of complying designs by manufacturers and for DAPIA review and approval are provided in the next section of this Interpretative Bulletin, ''*Design Options, Compliance Checklists, and Installation Practices*''.

- Alternative foundation designs including FFF designs that rely exclusively on surface drainage as a means of foundation frost-protection should be removed from manufacturer's installation instructions and its DAPIA approval withdrawn or be immediately revised.
- Alternative foundation designs that do not specify appropriate means of assessing the frost-susceptibility of soils and their sub-surface drainage characteristics on a site-specific basis should either be removed from use and the manufacturer's installation instructions and DAPIA approval withdrawn or immediately revised.
- Alternative foundation designs including FFF designs that assign design responsibilities to local regulatory authorities, such as assessing site drainage, water table depth, or soil frost-susceptibility should be removed from use and the manufacturer's installation instructions and DAPIA approval withdrawn or immediately revised.

3. Recommendations for Installers

When installing a new home on a site that has conditions not covered in the manufacturer's installation manual or in a DAPIA approved alternative engineered foundation plan, the special site conditions should be brought to the attention of the engineer or architect of record. If there is no engineer or architect of record, a licensed engineer or licensed architect should be retained to evaluate the conditions and then design a plan to install the home. Once this plan is finalized and sealed, it must be sent to the manufacturer and its DAPIA for approval per 24 CFR 3285.2(c)(1)(ii). The plan should also be submitted to the LAHJ for approval if applicable.

- Installers should never install manufactured homes using alternative foundations or FFF installation designs that rely exclusively on surface drainage as a means of frost protection.
- Installers should never initiate an FFF installation where the instructions require them to take on design responsibility of assessing soil frost-susceptibility and sub-surface drainage conditions without proper soil testing and analysis. Instead, installers should verify that appropriate soil testing and site assessment for use of any given foundation design has been completed prior to initiating an installation.
- Prior to installation of an alternative foundation including an engineered system that is not included in the manufacturer's installation instructions, installers need to verify that the installation plan is stamped by an engineer or architect of record as well as approved by the manufacturer and its DAPIA.
- Installers should only use foundation plans that have been approved by the manufacturer and its DAPIA on or after January 1, 2009, the effective date of HUD's installation program.

4. Recommendations for Local Regulatory Officials and Inspectors

Regulatory officials and inspectors should verify compliance with manufacturer DAPIA approved installation designs including provisions for subsurface drainage, water table depth, requirements for non-frost-susceptibility of soils, etc., when required by the design for a given site.

- Where a site is claimed to have non-frost-susceptible and ''well-drained'' soils as a basis for setting foundation pads or footings above the design frost depth, evidence should be required including soils tests or pre-existing site-specific soil records and site sub-surface drainage and groundwater investigation by a qualified soils laboratory or soils engineering professional or geologist. Single site soil samples may be taken by the installer or by qualified soil engineering professionals with the soil tests done by a qualified soils engineering laboratory or soils engineering professional. The standard for non-frost susceptible soil is that no more than 6% by mass can pass through a #200 sieve in accordance with ASTM D422–63(2007)e2, Standard Test Method for Particle-Size Analysis of Soils (ASTM D422).
- Regulatory officials should assure that any DAPIA approved alternate foundation plans and the manufacturer installation instructions are on site and available during inspections. If approved installation plans are not available on site during inspections, the home cannot pass inspection.

In areas where the local frost depth is unavailable, or not documented, local regulatory officials should consider permitting design frost depths to be determined in accordance with Table 1. Design Frost Depth for Footings and Figure 1. U.S. Air Freezing Map Index.

II. Design Options, Checklists and Installation Best Practices

Option #1: Checklist for Conventional Footings in Freezing Temperature Areas

HUD Code, 24 CFR 3285.312(b)(1)

- Obtain the local-design frost depth for footings from either of the following:

○ The local authority having jurisdiction (LAHJ),

○ Use Table 1 with the site's Air-Freezing Index (AFI) from Figure 1,[1] or

○ Consult with a registered professional engineer, registered architect, or registered geologist.

• When using Table 1 and Figure 1 to determine frost depth for footings, the depth of interior pier footings complying with footnote (b) of Table 1 may be taken as one-half the depth required in Table 1.

• Based on the required frost depth for footings, dig the footing to the frost depth.

• Check the soil bearing at depth of the footing with a torque probe, pocket penetrometer or other suitable testing device.

• Based on the tested soil bearing value, properly size the footing according to the manufacturer's installation instructions or use the Table in 24 CFR 3285.202 in the HUD Code.

• Place footing pads and construct piers or supports at locations specified in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

• Backfill as needed and grade the site as required for drainage in accordance with 24 CFR 3285.203:

○ Crown the finish grade at the centerline of the foundation

○ Slope grade a minimum of ½-inch per foot for a minimum distance of 10 feet away from the home perimeter.

[1] A list of AFI values for various states and counties can be found in the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC), Table R403.3(2), published by the International Code Council, Inc., and used as the model building code for most states.

TABLE 1—DESIGN FROST DEPTH FOR FOOTINGS [a]

Air-freezing index [see Figure 4]	Minimum depth [b] (inches)
≤50	3
250	9
350	12
500	16
1,000	24
1,500	32
2,000	40
2,500	45
3,000	52
3,500	57
4,000	62
4,250	65

[a] These design frost depths are intended to be used for protection of building foundations against frost heave and are not applicable to site or street utilities or other non-building applications.

[b] These design frost depths for footings shall be permitted to be halved for footings interior to the building perimeter and located within an enclosed space. Where skirting is used to enclose the space, the skirting shall be insulated to a minimum R–5 (1,000 to 2,500 AFI) or R–10 (>2,500 AFI) and vents shall be capable of closing at outdoor temperatures below 40 °F (which necessitates use of a ground vapor barrier).

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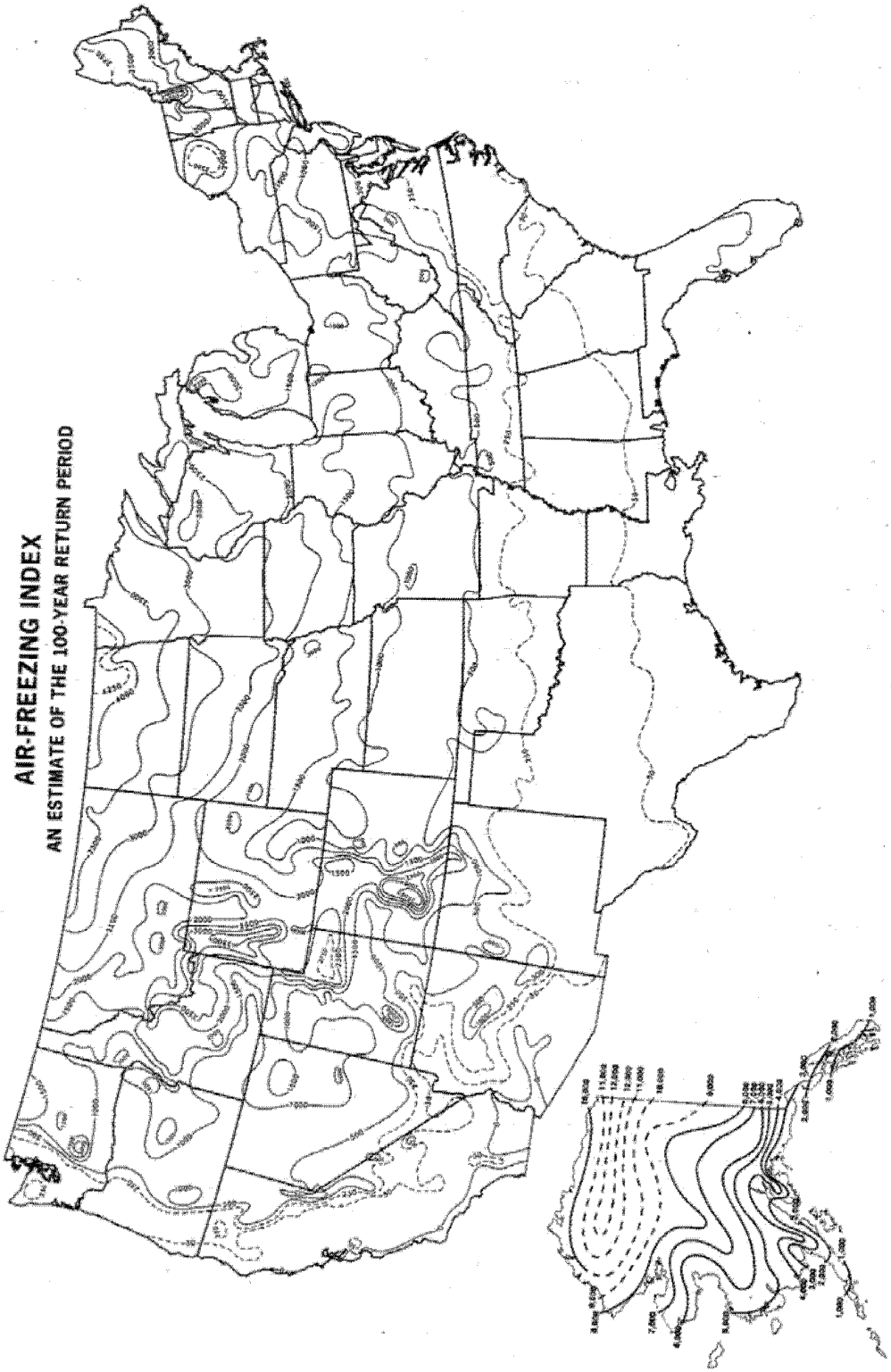

Figure 1. U.S. Air Freezing Index Map (based on Steurer, 1989 and Steurer and Crandell, 1995)

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Option #2: Checklist for Monolithic Slab Systems in Freezing Temperature Areas

HUD Code, 24 CFR 3285.312(b)(2)

Pre-Installation Preparations:

• Before initiating installation, verify that the installation instructions are designed (sealed) by a registered professional engineer or registered architect, and approved by the manufacturer and its DAPIA.

• When applicable, verify that the LAHJ has accepted and approved the foundation and installation plan and all applicable permits are obtained. For designs that rely on well-drained sites and use of existing soils to frost depth that are non-frost susceptible, verify the following before initiating installation:

○ The non-frost-susceptible condition of existing soils above the frost depth and below the base of the slab at each site has been verified by site soil records or tested by a soils engineer or geologist or tested in accordance with ASTM D422 and determined to have a fines mass content of less than 6% by mass passing a #200 sieve for the specific installation site or the development as a whole. A soils report should be provided by the engineer or soil lab of record for verification.

○ Alternatively, conduct such testing as follows:

➢ Obtain a minimum of two soil samples per installation site (one at each end of the foundation area) and from any borrow materials on site used as fill. A materials report from a quarry may be used when material is supplied from a licensed quarry.

➢ When conducting borings for soil samples, take a minimum of one pint (plastic bag full) of soil from depths of one foot and at the determined frost depth or at the frost depth as determined from Table 1, Design Frost Depth for Footings. Continue each boring to two feet below the determined frost depth (as measured from the proposed finish grade) to determine if the water table is present.

➢ Deliver or send the soil samples to a soils laboratory for particle size testing per ASTM D422.

➢ If the soils laboratory report indicates greater than 6% fines by mass passing a #200 sieve, then the soil at the site is frost susceptible and either footing to frost depth or one of the alternative foundation options (see *https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=10-07-16-Frost-free-Found.pdf*) for frost susceptible soil conditions should be used.

○ The water table condition of the site has been assessed by the engineer or architect of record and documentation provided of the water table being at least two feet below the determined frost depth. Alternatively, make this determination using soil borings as described above.

○ If the water table is higher than two feet below the determined frost depth, a network of drainage pipes sloped to drain to daylight or an engineered drainage system must be placed at the base of non-frost-susceptible fill (*e.g.,* clean gravel or crush rock) placed to a depth equal to the local frost depth.

○ Alternatively, a site specific foundation design can be prepared and sealed by a professional engineer or registered architect or geologist and approved by the manufacturer and its DAPIA. Such foundation designs are to comply with the provisions of the ASCE 32 Standard or with accepted engineering practice that will result in comparable performance to the frost protection afforded by the ASCE 32 Standard.

○ Save documentation of all of the above and provide to the LAHJ for verification as required.

• For designs that rely on well-drained sites and use of fill materials to frost depth that are non-frost susceptible, verify the following before initiating installation:

○ The slab base and foundation fill materials are specified by the engineer or architect of record as non-frost susceptible such as clean gravel or crushed rock or other suitable material with no more than 6% fines by mass passing a #200 sieve per ASTM D422 test method. Non-frost susceptible subgrade materials are to be filled from the frost depth to the slab base for the entire extent of the slab plus any over dig.

○ The water table condition of the site has been assessed by the engineer or architect of record and documentation provided of the water table being at least two feet below the determined frost depth. Alternatively, this determination can be made using soil borings as described above.

➢ If the water table is higher than two feet below the determined frost depth, a network of drainage pipe sloped to drain to daylight or an engineered drainage system should be placed at the base of non-frost-susceptible fill (*e.g.,* clean gravel or crush rock) placed to a depth equal to the determined frost depth.

○ Save documentation of all of the above and provide to the LAHJ for verification as required.

Installation Phase:

• Excavate slab area to frost depth or only to the bottom of the slab's non-frost-susceptible base layer if existing soils have been determined to be non-frost susceptible down to frost depth during the pre-installation preparation phase (see above).

• Place foundation drains sloped to drain to daylight or an engineered drainage system at the bottom of the non-frost-susceptible base or fill material layer.

• Place the non-frost-susceptible fill and base materials, compacting as required by the manufacturer's installation instructions and/or the engineer or architect of record. Do not initiate fill placement where compaction requirements and methods are not specified. Obtain compaction requirements, as needed, from the engineer or architect of record. The minimum requirement is 90% compaction per 24 CFR 3285.201 although the engineer or architect of record or LAHJ may require a higher compaction level based on the fill material used.

• Construct the reinforced monolithic slab in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions or according to the manufacturer and DAPIA approved installation instructions and plans.

• Backfill as needed and grade the site as required for drainage:

○ Slope grade a minimum of ½-inch per foot for a minimum distance of 10 feet away from the home perimeter.

Option #3: Checklist for Frost Protected Shallow Foundations (Insulated Foundations)

HUD Code, 24 CFR 3285.312(b)(3)

Pre-Installation Preparations:

• Before initiating installation, verify that the installation instructions are designed (sealed) and certified by a registered professional engineer or registered architect, approved by the manufacturer and its DAPIA.

• Also, verify that the instructions include an approved installation design complying with one of the following bases for the proposed installation design, as permitted in the HUD Code:

○ Complies with acceptable engineering practice or the ASCE 32 standard by use of properly-specified insulation materials and sized in accordance with the local temperature area and located around the perimeter of the foundation with insulated skirting and closeable vents or the entire foundation pad is insulated where there is no skirting or the skirting is not insulated or the skirting has non-closing vents. Non-frost-susceptible base materials are used at a minimum thickness required by acceptable engineering practice or SEI/ASCE 32, and insulation materials are protected

against damage in accordance with acceptable engineering practice or ASCE 32.

○ Complies with acceptable engineering practice to prevent the effects of frost heave in accordance with acceptable engineering practice or in a manner equivalent to the insulation provisions in the ASCE 32 standard.

Note: Designs which place insulation materials in a discontinuous fashion, such that exposed slab edges or other types of thermal bridging occurs, do not meet the requirements of the SEI/ASCE 32 standard or the HUD Code provisions that allow the use of ''acceptable engineering practice to prevent the effects of frost heave.''

• Obtain foundation insulation materials as specified in the installation instruction and verify the correct type is received. Commonly accepted insulation materials include Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) and Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) of various ''types'' in accordance with ASTM C578 and ASCE 32 standards.

• Insulation material conformance with the specified type should be verified by product labels or a certification from the insulation manufacturer. Materials commonly stocked in supply stores may not be the correct ''type'' even though it may be the correct ''kind'' (*e.g.,* XPS or EPS).

Note: There is no need to determine the frost susceptibility of underlying soils to frost depth in the insulated foundation design approach when the foundation and ground insulation provisions of ASCE 32 are satisfied.

Installation Phase:

• Excavate the foundation area to the correct shallow foundation depth as indicated in the manufacturer's installation instructions or by the engineer or architect of record (generally the foundation depth need not exceed 12″ to 16″ below finish grade).

• Place specified non-frost-susceptible base material and provide drainage pipes around the perimeter, at a minimum of 4 inches (within the base material layer) as required by the installation instructions. Pipes need to be run to day-light or have a mechanical means of draining the water. Sequence the foundation slab or pad construction and insulation placement in accordance with the design approach indicated on the manufacturer's installation instructions. Where sub-slab insulation is required, this will need to be placed before slab construction. Perimeter insulation may be placed after slab construction.

• After construction of the slab and supports and placement of the home, construct the insulated skirting with closeable vents as required by the manufacturer's installation instructions. Where the foundation slab is entirely insulated with horizontal below ground insulation (the design does not rely on perimeter insulation only), no skirting is required.

• Place wing insulation (extending outward horizontally underground from the perimeter of the foundation) as required by the installation instructions. Depending on the design approach and temperature severity, wing insulation may or may not be required.

• Provide protection of any exposed exterior insulation or within 10 inches of the finish grade surface.

• Backfill as needed and grade the site as required for drainage:

○ Slope grade a minimum of ½-inch per foot for a minimum distance of 10 feet away from the home perimeter.

Option #4: Checklist for Alternative Foundations on Non-Frost Susceptible Soils Including Frost Free Foundations

HUD Code, 24 CFR 3285.2

Pre-Installation Preparations:

• Before initiating installation, verify that the installation instructions are designed (sealed) by a professional engineer or registered architect, and approved by the manufacturer and its DAPIA. The LAHJ can require that the plans also be reviewed and sealed by an engineer or architect in the state where the installation is to occur.

• When applicable, verify that the LAHJ has accepted and approved the alternative foundation and installation plan and all applicable permits are obtained. The installation design needs to comply with one of the following conformance options for the proposed installation design as permitted in HUD's Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards:

○ Complies with acceptable engineering practice or the ASCE 32 standard by use of non-frost-susceptible site soils or fills (adequately tested and verified as defined in ASCE 32) and that such soils or fills extend to the determined frost depth with provision for adequate surface and subgrade drainage especially where underlying soils are poorly drained and/or the water table is within two feet of the design frost depth.

Note: Reliance solely on surface drainage to prevent the effects of frost heave without verification of non-frost-susceptible fill materials or existing non-frost susceptible soils to frost depth does not comply with the design principles of the ASCE 32 standard or HUD Code's allowance for ''acceptable engineering practice to prevent the effects of frost heave.''

• For designs that rely on well-drained soils and sites and use of existing soils to frost depth that are non-frost susceptible, verify the following before initiating installation:

○ The non-frost-susceptible characteristic of existing soils above the determined frost depth at each site has been tested by a soils engineer or geologist or tested in accordance with ASTM D422 and determined to have a fines mass content of less than 6% passing a #200 sieve for the specific installation site or the development as a whole. A soils report should be provided by the engineer or soil lab of record for verification.

○ Alternatively, conduct such testing as follows:

➢ Obtain a minimum of two soil samples per installation site (one at each end of the foundation area) and from any borrow materials on site used as fill. A materials report from a quarry may be used when material is supplied from a licensed quarry.

➢ When conducting borings for soil samples, take a minimum of one pint (plastic bag full) of soil from depths of one foot and at the determined prescribed frost depth or as determined from Table 1, Design Frost Depth for Footings. Continue each boring to two feet below the determined prescribed frost depth (as measured from the proposed finish grade) to determine if the water table is present.

➢ Deliver or send the soil samples to a soils laboratory for particle size testing per ASTM D442.

➢ If the soils laboratory report indicates greater than 6% fines by mass passing a #200 sieve, then the soil at the site is frost susceptible and either a footing to frost depth or a manufacturer and DAPIA approved alternative foundation for frost susceptible soil conditions must be used.

○ The water table condition of the site has been assessed by the engineer or architect of record and documentation provided of the water table being at least two feet below the determined frost depth. Alternatively, make this determination using soil borings as described above.

○ If the water table is higher than two feet below the determined frost depth, a network of drainage pipes sloped to drain to daylight or an engineered drainage system should be placed at the base of non-frost-susceptible fill (*e.g.,* clean gravel or crush rock) placed to a depth equal to the determined frost depth.

○ Alternatively, a site specific foundation design can be prepared and sealed by a professional engineer or registered architect or geologist and

approved by the manufacturer and its DAPIA. Such Foundation designs are to comply with the provisions of the ASCE 32 Standard or with accepted engineering practice that will result in comparable performance to the frost protection afforded by the ASCE 32 Standard.

○ Save documentation of all of the above and provide to the LAHJ for verification as required.

• For designs that rely on well-drained sites and use of fill materials to frost depth that are non-frost susceptible, verify the following before initiating installation:

○ The slab base and foundation fill materials are specified by the engineer or architect of record as non-frost susceptible such as clean gravel or crushed rock or other suitable material with no more than 6% fines by mass passing a #200 sieve per ASTM D442 test method. Non-frost susceptible subgrade materials are to be filled from the frost depth to the slab base for the entire extent of the slab plus any over dig.

○ The water table condition of the site has been assessed by the engineer or architect of record and documentation provided of the water table being at least two feet below the determined frost depth. Alternatively, this determination can be made using soil borings as described above.

➢ If the water table is higher than two feet below the determined frost depth, a network of drainage pipe sloped to drain to daylight or an engineered drainage system should be placed at the base of non-frost-susceptible fill (*e.g.,* clean gravel or crush rock) placed to a depth equal to the local frost depth.

○ Save documentation of all of the above and provide to the LAHJ for verification as required.

Installation Phase:

• Excavate area under foundation or slab to frost depth or only to the bottom of the non-frost-susceptible base layer if existing soils have been determined to be non-frost susceptible down to frost depth during the pre-installation preparation phase (see above).

• Place foundation drains sloped to drain to daylight or an engineered drainage system at the bottom of the non-frost-susceptible base or fill material layer.

• Place the non-frost-susceptible fill and base materials, compacting as required by the manufacturer's installation instructions and/or the engineer or architect of record. Do not initiate fill placement where compaction requirements and methods are not specified. Obtain compaction requirements, as needed, from the engineer or architect of record. The minimum requirement is 90% compaction per 24 CFR 3285.201 although the engineer or architect of record or LAHJ may require a higher compaction level based on the fill material used.

• Construct the alternative foundation system in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions or according to the manufacturer and DAPIA approved installation instructions and plans.

• Backfill as needed and grade the site as required for drainage:

○ Slope grade a minimum of ½-inch per foot for a minimum distance of 10 feet away from the home perimeter.

Note: The above procedures also apply to designs where a monolithic slab is not used and pier footing pads are placed directly on non-frost-susceptible soils or fill materials (*e.g.,* clean gravel or crushed rock) to the determined frost depth.

This Interpretative Bulletin is issued pursuant to 24 CFR 3285.2 and 3285.312(b) of HUD's Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

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General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2017–0200]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival, Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a temporary safety zone on Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH. This safety zone is intended to restrict vessels from a portion of the Cleveland Inner Harbor on Lake Erie during the Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival on August 12, 2017. This proposed rulemaking would prohibit persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or a designated representative. We invite your comments on this proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before July 11, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2017–0200 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://www.regulations.gov.* See the ''Public Participation and Request for Comments'' portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or email LT Ryan Junod, Marine Safety Unit Cleveland, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 216–937–0124, email *ryan.s.junod@uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
Pub. L. Public Law
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On February 22, 2017, the Cleveland Dragon Boat Association notified the Coast Guard that it will be holding the Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival from 8 a.m. through 3 p.m. on August 12, 2017. The dragon boat races are to take place in Lake Erie, off of Wendy Park located on Whiskey Island, Cleveland, OH. The course will consist of 3 racing lanes of 400 meters in length that run parallel to the shoreline. The Captain of the Port Buffalo (COTP) has determined that a boating race event on a navigable waterway will pose a significant risk to participants and the boating public.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to ensure the safety of vessels and the navigable waters within the race course during heats of the scheduled event. Vessel traffic will be allowed to pass through the safety zone between heats. The Coast Guard proposes this rulemaking under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231.

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

The COTP proposes to establish a safety zone from 8 a.m. through 3 p.m. on August 12, 2017, that would be effective and enforced intermittently. The safety zone would cover all navigable waters of Lake Erie, off of Whiskey Island, Cleveland, OH inside an area starting on shore at position 41°29′57″ N., 081°43′00″ W., extending in a straight line to the break wall at position 41°30′12″ N., 081°43′14″ W.,

then along the break wall to position 41°30′23″ N., 081°42′56″ W., and back to the shore at position 41°30′05″ N., 081°42′39″ W. (NAD 83). The duration of the zone is intended to ensure the safety of spectators and vessels during the scheduled 8 a.m. through 3 p.m. racing event. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. Entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated on-scene representative. The Captain of the Port or his designated on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this proposed rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive Order's, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. Executive Order 13771 (''Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs''), directs agencies to reduce regulation and control regulatory costs and provides that ''for every one new regulation issued, at least two prior regulations be identified for elimination, and that the cost of planned regulations be prudently managed and controlled through a budgeting process.''

This NPRM has not been designated a ''significant regulatory action,'' under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, the NPRM has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

As this rule is not a significant regulatory action, this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771. See OMB's Memorandum titled ''Interim Guidance Implementing Section 2 of the Executive Order of January 30, 2017 titled 'Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs' '' (February 2, 2017).

We conclude that this proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action because we anticipate that it will have minimal impact on the economy, will not interfere with other agencies, will not adversely alter the budget of any grant or loan recipients, and will not raise any novel legal or policy issues. The safety zone created by this rule will be relatively small and enforced for a relatively short time. Also, the safety zone is designed to minimize its impact on navigable waters. Furthermore, the safety zone has been designed to allow vessels to transit around it. Thus, restrictions on vessel movement within that particular area are expected to be minimal. Under certain conditions, moreover, vessels may still transit through the safety zone when permitted by the Captain of the Port.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term ''small entities'' comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section IV.A above this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this proposed rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This proposed rule would not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this proposed rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this proposed rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this proposed rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this proposed rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland

Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.lD, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This proposed rule involves a safety zone lasting 7 hours that would prohibit entry within the zone during heats. Normally such actions are categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(g) of Figure 2–1 of Commandant Instruction M16475.lD. A preliminary Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

V. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We view public participation as essential to effective rulemaking, and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Your comment can help shape the outcome of this rulemaking. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://www.regulations.gov.* If your material cannot be submitted using *http://www.regulations.gov,* contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to *http://www.regulations.gov* and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, you may review a Privacy Act notice regarding the Federal Docket Management System in the March 24, 2005, issue of the **Federal Register** (70 FR 15086).

Documents mentioned in this NPRM as being available in the docket, and all public comments, will be in our online docket at *http://www.regulations.gov* and can be viewed by following that Web site's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted or a final rule is published.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and record keeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T09–0200 to read as follows:

§ 165.T09–0200 Safety Zone; Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival; Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH.

(a) This zone will encompass all waters of Lake Erie, off of Whiskey Island, Cleveland, OH inside an area starting on shore at position 41°29′57″ N., 081°43′00″ W., extending in a straight line to the break wall at position 41°30′12″ N., 081°43′14″ W., then along the break wall to position 41°30′23″ N., 081°42′56″ W., and back to the shore at position 41°30′05″ N., 081°42′39″ W. (NAD 83).

(b) *Enforcement Period.* This regulation will be enforced from 8 a.m. through 3 p.m. on August 12, 2017.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated on-scene representative.

(2) This safety zone is closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated on-scene representative.

(3) The ''on-scene representative'' of the Captain of the Port Buffalo is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been designated by the Captain of the Port Buffalo to act on his behalf.

(4) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone must contact the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his on-scene representative to obtain permission to do so. The Captain of the Port Buffalo or his on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the safety zone must comply with all directions given to them by the Captain of the Port Buffalo, or his on-scene representative.

Dated: June 14, 2017.

J.S. Dufresne,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Buffalo.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2017–0521]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Kaskaskia River, Evansville, IL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a safety zone on the Kaskaskia River between miles 9 and 11. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters near Evansville, IL during high speed boat races on September 16 and 17, 2017. This proposed rulemaking would prohibit persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Upper Mississippi River or a designated representative. We invite your comments on this proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before July 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2017–0521 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://www.regulations.gov.* See the ''Public Participation and Request for Comments'' portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed

rulemaking, call or email LCDR Sean Peterson, Chief of Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 314–269–2332, email *Sean.M.Peterson@uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port Upper Mississippi River
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On March 8, 2017, Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River received an application for a marine event from the Kentucky Drag Boat Association for the Evansville, IL Drag Boat Races. The event is scheduled to take place over two days, September 16 and 17, 2017, on the Kaskaskia River near Evansville, IL. High speed boat practices and races will take place during the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on September 16 and 17, 2017.

Hazards from this race include impediment of the navigational channel and high speed vessels participating in the race. The Captain of the Port Upper Mississippi River (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the race would be a safety concern for anyone transiting through the race course.

The purpose of this proposed rulemaking is to ensure the safety of vessels and the navigable waters between mile markers 9 and 11 before, during, and after the scheduled event. The Coast Guard proposes this proposed rulemaking under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231.

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

The COTP proposes to establish a safety zone from 8 a.m. on September 16, 2017 through 6 p.m. on September 17, 2017. The zone would be enforced from 8 a.m. through 6 p.m. each day. The safety zone would cover all navigable waters between mile markers 9 and 11 on the Kaskaskia River in Evansville, IL. The duration of the zone is intended to ensure the safety of vessels and participants on the navigable waters before, during, and after the scheduled high speed boat practices and races. No vessel or person would be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. The regulatory text we are proposing appears at the end of this document.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this proposed rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive Orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive Orders and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs through a budgeting process. This NPRM has not been designated a ''significant regulatory action,'' under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, the NPRM has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, duration, and time-of-day of the safety zone. This proposed rule would have a minimal impact on navigable waterway vessel traffic because it would be in enforced for ten daylight hours on two consecutive days and would restrict transit in and through a section of the Kaskaskia River extending two miles. Moreover, the Coast Guard would issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM) via VHF–FM marine channel 16 about the zone, and the proposed rule would allow vessels to seek permission to enter the zone. The racing events on September 16 and 17, 2017 will take place in heats, allowing time for vessels affected by the closure to transit the area between heats when deemed safe by on-scene representatives of the COTP.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term ''small entities'' comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section IV.A. above this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this proposed rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this proposed rule would economically affect it.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this proposed rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This proposed rule would not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this proposed rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this proposed rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this proposed rule would have implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this proposed rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of the rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.lD, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This proposed rule involves a safety zone lasting for ten hours on two days, during daylight hours and restricts transit in and through a section of the Kaskaskia River extending two miles. Normally such actions are categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(g) of Figure 2–1 of Commandant Instruction M16475.lD. A preliminary Record of Environmental Consideration is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

V. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We view public participation as essential to effective rulemaking, and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Your comment can help shape the outcome of this proposed rulemaking. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this proposed rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://www.regulations.gov.* If your material cannot be submitted using *http://www.regulations.gov,* contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

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Documents mentioned in this NPRM as being available in the docket, and all public comments, will be in our online docket at *http://www.regulations.gov* and can be viewed by following that Web site's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted or a final rule is published.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security Measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T08–0521 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0521 Safety Zone; Kaskaskia River, Evansville, IL.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All navigable waters of the Kaskaskia River between mile markers 9 and 11, Evansville, IL.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, a ''designated representative'' means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Upper Mississippi River (COTP) in the enforcement of the safety zone.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of this part, you may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or a designated representative.

(2) To request entry into the safety zone, contact the COTP or a designated representative via VHF–FM channel 16, or Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River by telephone at 314–269–2332. Those persons authorized to be in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or a designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 8 a.m. on September 16, 2017 through 6 p.m. on September 17, 2017

(e) *Informational broadcasts.* The COTP or a designated representative will inform the public through broadcast notices to mariners of the enforcement period for the safety zone.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

M.L. Malloy,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Upper Mississippi.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R09–OAR–2016–0647; FRL–9960–39–Region 9]

Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, and San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve revisions to the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD), Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD), and San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDCAPCD) portions of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions concern aerospace assembly, rework, and component manufacturing operations; emissions statements and recordkeeping; and definitions, respectively. We are proposing to approve local rules to regulate these emission sources under the Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act).

DATES: Any comments on this proposal must arrive by July 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R09–OAR–EPA–R09–OAR–2016–0647 at *http://www.regulations.gov,* or via email to Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office Chief at *Steckel.Andrew@epa.gov.* For comments submitted at *Regulations.gov*, follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be removed or edited from *Regulations.gov*. For either manner of submission, the EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit *http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arnold Lazarus, EPA Region IX, (415) 972–3024, *Lazarus.Arnold@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, ''we,'' ''us'' and ''our'' refer to the EPA. This proposal addresses the following local rules MDAQMD Rule 1118, NSAQMD Rule 513, and SDCAPCD Rule 2. In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving these local rules in a direct final action without prior proposal because we believe these SIP revisions are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. Please note that if we receive an adverse comment on a particular rule, we may adopt as final the rules that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do not receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: December 19, 2016.

Alexis Strauss,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Advocacy and Outreach

[FOA No. OAO–0011]

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No.: 10.443—Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program

AGENCY: Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO), USDA.

ACTION: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from community-based and non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and Tribal entities to compete for financial assistance through the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (hereinafter known as the ''2501 Program''). Individual applicants do not meet the eligibility criteria.

Funding is being provided to eligible entities who, in partnership with the Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO), will conduct outreach initiatives and training to achieve the overall goal of the 2501 Program—to assist socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers in owning and operating farms and ranches while increasing their participation in agricultural programs and services provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

DATES: Only one project proposal may be submitted per eligible entity. Proposals must be submitted through *www.grants.gov* and received by August 7, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Proposals submitted after this deadline will *not* be considered for funding.

At least two (2) teleconferences will be held during the open period of this announcement to answer any clarifying questions.

Filing a Complaint of Discrimination

To file a complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which may be accessed online at: *http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Complain_combined_6_8_12.pdf,* or write a letter signed by you or your authorized representative.

Send your completed complaint form or letter to USDA by mail, fax, or email:

Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–9410.

Fax: (202) 690–7442.

Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Advocacy and Outreach, Attn: Kenya Nicholas, Program Director, J. L. Whitten Building, Room 520–A, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720–6350, Fax: (202) 720–7704, Email: *OASDVFR2017@osec.usda.gov.*

Persons With Disabilities: Persons who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.), should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Funding/Awards: The total funding potentially available for this competitive opportunity is $8.4 million. The OAO will award new grants from this announcement, subject to availability of funds and the quality of applications received. All applications will be considered new projects and applicants will compete based on their organization's entity type (*e.g.,* nonprofit organization, higher education institution), as described below. The maximum amount of requested federal funding for projects shall not exceed $200,000. The maximum project period is one (1) year. Projects that are part of multi-year initiatives will only be funded for 1 year. Eligible entities may apply each new funding cycle with a new project proposal provided that: (a) Activities and associated costs do not overlap with projects awarded in previous years; and (b) recipients are current and compliant with existing financial and progress reporting. The progress of existing projects, along with the percentage of funds used to date, may impact funding decisions.

Funding will be awarded based on peer competition within the three categories described below along with the amount of anticipated funding for each category. The OAO reserves the discretion to allocate funding between the three categories based upon the number and quality of applications received. There is no commitment by the OAO to fund any particular application or to select a specific number of recipients within each category.

1. Category #1: Eligible entities described in Sections III.A.2, III.A.3, and III.A.4 (1890 Land Grant colleges and universities, 1994 Alaska Native and American Indian Tribal colleges and universities, and Hispanic-Serving colleges and universities).

2. Category #2: Eligible entities described in Sections III.A.1 and III.A.6 (*i.e.,* nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, including a network or a coalition of community-based organizations, Indian Tribes (as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b), and National Tribal organizations).

3. Category #3: Eligible entities described in Sections III.A.5 and III.A.7 (*i.e.,* all other institutions of higher education including 1862 colleges, nonprofit organizations without a 501(c)(3) status certification from the IRS, and other organizations or institutions, including those that received funding under this program before January 1, 1996).

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I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Background

The OAO is committed to ensuring that socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers are able to equitably participate in USDA programs. Differences in demographics, culture, economics, and other factors preclude a single approach to identifying solutions that can benefit our underserved farmers and ranchers. Community-based and non-profit organizations, higher education institutions, and eligible Tribal entities can play a critical role in addressing the unique difficulties they face and can

help improve their ability to start and maintain successful agricultural businesses. With 2501 Program funding, organizations can extend our outreach efforts to connect with and assist socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers and to provide them with information on available USDA resources.

1. The 2501 Program was authorized by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 expanded the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary) to provide awards under the program and transferred the administrative authority to the OAO. The Agricultural Act of 2014 further expanded the program to include outreach and assistance to veterans. The 2501 Program extends USDA's capacity to work with members of farming and ranching communities by funding projects that enhance the equitable participation of socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers in USDA programs. It is the OAO's intention to build lasting relationships between USDA, the recipient's organizations, and socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers.

2. Only one proposal will be accepted from each organization.

B. Scope of Work

The 2501 Program provides funding to eligible organizations for training and technical assistance projects designed to assist socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers in owning and operating viable agricultural enterprises. Proposals must be consistent with requirements stated in 7 U.S.C. 2279(a)(2). Under this statute, the outreach and technical assistance program funds shall be used exclusively:

1. To enhance coordination of the outreach, technical assistance, and education efforts authorized under agriculture programs;

2. To assist the Secretary of Agriculture in:

a. Reaching current and prospective socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers and veteran farmers or ranchers in a linguistically appropriate manner; and

b. improving the participation of those farmers and ranchers in USDA programs.

Proposals from eligible entities must address two or more of the following priority areas:

1. Assist socially disadvantaged or veteran farmers and ranchers in owning and operating successful farms and ranches;

2. Improve participation among socially disadvantaged or veteran farmers and ranchers in USDA programs;

3. Build relationships between current and prospective farmers and ranchers who are either socially disadvantaged or veterans and USDA's local, state, regional, and National offices;

4. Introduce agriculture-related information to socially disadvantaged or veteran farmers and ranchers through innovative training and technical assistance techniques; and

5. Introduce agricultural education targeting socially disadvantaged youth, and/or socially disadvantaged beginning farmers and ranchers, in rural and persistent poverty communities.

To encourage information sharing and to build capacity among recipients, the OAO may require Project Directors to attend an annual training conference that can be expensed with awarded grant funds not to exceed $1,000 per award for up to two authorized entity personnel. The conference will allow recipients, USDA officials, and other agriculture-related guests to share ideas and lessons learned; provide training on performance and financial reporting requirements; and provide information on USDA programs and services. In addition, Project Directors will have an opportunity to make contacts and gather information on best practices.

C. Anticipated Outputs (Activities), Outcomes (Results), and Performance Measures

1. Outputs (Activities). The term ''output'' means an outreach, educational component, or assistance activity, task, or associated work product related to improving the ability of socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers to own and operate farms and ranches, assistance with agriculture related activities, or guidance for participation in USDA programs. Outputs may be quantitative or qualitative but must be measurable during the period of performance.

Examples of outputs from the projects to be funded under this announcement may describe an organization's activities and their participants such as: Number of workshops or meetings held and number of participants attending; frequency of services or training delivered; and to whom and/or development of products, curriculum, or resources provided. Other examples include but are not limited to the following:

a. Number of socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers or ranchers served;

b. number of conferences or training sessions held and number of socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers who attended;

c. type and topic of educational materials distributed at outreach events;

d. creation of a program to enhance the operational viability of socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers;

e. number of completed applications submitted for consideration for USDA programs; or

f. activity that supports increased participation of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and veteran farmers and ranchers in USDA programs.

Progress and Financial Reports will be required, as specified in Section VI, Subsection D, ''Reporting Requirement.''

2. Outcomes (Results). The term ''outcome'' means the difference or effect that has occurred as a result from carrying out an activity, workshop, meeting, or from delivery of services related to a programmatic goal or objective. Outcomes refer to the final impact, change, or result that occurs as a direct result of the activities performed in accomplishing the objectives and goals of your project. Outcomes may refer to results that are agricultural, behavioral, social, or economic in nature. Outcomes may reflect an increase in knowledge or skills, a greater awareness of available resources or programs, or actions taken by stakeholders as a result of learning.

Project Directors will be required to document anticipated outcomes that are funded under this announcement which should include but are not limited to:

a. Increase in participation in USDA programs among socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers;

b. increase in receptiveness of socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers to outreach efforts through effective communication;

c. increase in economic stability of socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers within a defined geographic area;

d. increase in community marketing and sales opportunities for the products of socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers; or

e. increase use of resource conservation and sustainability practices among socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers.

3. Performance Measures. Performance measures are tied to the goals or objectives of each activity and ultimately the overall purpose of the project. They provide insight into the effectiveness of proposed activities by indicating areas where a project may need adjustments to ensure success. Applicants must develop performance

measure expectations which will occur as a result of their proposed activities. These expectations will be used as a mechanism to track the progress and success of a project. Project performance measures should include statements such as: Whether workshops or technical assistance will meet the needs of farmers or ranchers in the service area and why; how much time will be spent in group training or individual hands-on training of farmers and ranchers in the service area; or whether activities will meet the demands of stakeholders. Project performance measures must include the assumptions used to make those estimates.

Consider the following questions when developing performance measurement statements:

- What is the measurable short-term and long-term impact the project will have on servicing or meeting the needs of stakeholders?
- How will the organization measure the effectiveness and efficiency of their proposed activities to meet their overall goals and objectives?

II. Award Information

A. Statutory Authority

The statutory authority for this action is 7 U.S.C. 2279, as amended, which authorizes award funding for projects designed to provide outreach and assistance to socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers.

B. Expected Amount of Funding

The total estimated funding expected to be available for awards under this competitive opportunity is $8.4 million. Funding will be awarded based on peer competition within the three categories listed below. The OAO reserves the discretion to allocate funding between the categories based upon the number and quality of applications received. There is no commitment by the OAO to fund any particular application or to make a specific number of awards within each category.

1. Category #1: Eligible entities described in Sections III.A.2, III.A.3, and III.A.4 (1890 Land-Grant colleges and universities, 1994 Alaska Native and American Indian Tribal colleges and universities, and Hispanic-Serving colleges and universities). The OAO anticipates making awards totaling at least $2 million for Category #1 applicants.

2. Category #2: Eligible entities described in Sections III.A.1 and III.A.6 (*i.e.,* nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, including a network or a coalition of community-based organizations, Indian tribes (as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b), and National Tribal organizations). The OAO anticipates making awards totaling at least $2 million for Category #2 applicants.

3. Category #3: Eligible entities described in Sections III.A.5 and III.A.7 (*i.e.,* all other institutions of higher education including 1862 colleges, nonprofit organizations without a 501(c)(3) status certification from the IRS and other organizations or institutions, including those that received funding under this program before January 1, 1996). The OAO anticipates making awards totaling at least $1 million for Category #3 applicants.

C. Project Period

The performance period for projects selected from this solicitation will not begin prior to the effective award date. The maximum project period is one (1) year. Projects that are part of multi-year initiatives will only be funded for 1 year.

D. Award Type

Funding for selected projects will be in the form of a grant which must be fully executed no later than September 30, 2017. The anticipated Federal involvement will be limited to the following activities:

1. Approval of recipients' final budget and statement of work accompanying the grant agreement;
2. Monitoring of recipients' performance through quarterly and final financial and performance reports; and
3. Evaluation of recipients' use of federal funds through desk audits and on-site visits.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible Entities

1. Any community-based organization, network, or coalition of community-based organizations that:

- Demonstrates experience in providing agricultural education or other agricultural-related services to socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers;
- provides documentary evidence of work with, and on behalf of, socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers during the 3-year period preceding the submission of a proposal for assistance under this program; and
- does not or has not engaged in activities prohibited under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

2. An 1890 or 1994 institution of higher education (as defined in 7 U.S.C. 7601).

3. An American Indian Tribal community college or an Alaska Native cooperative college.

4. A Hispanic-Serving Institution of higher education (as defined in 7 U.S.C. 3103).

5. Any other institution of higher education (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1001) that has demonstrated experience in providing agricultural education or other agricultural-related services to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

6. An Indian Tribe (as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b) or a National Tribal organization that has demonstrated experience in providing agricultural education or other agriculturally-related services to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

7. All other organizations or institutions that received funding under this program before January 1, 1996, but only with respect to projects that the Secretary considers similar to projects previously carried out by the entity under this program.

B. Cost-Sharing or Matching

Matching is not required for this program.

C. Threshold Eligibility Criteria

Applications from eligible entities that meet all criteria will be evaluated as follows:

1. Proposals must comply with the submission instructions and requirements set forth in Section IV of this announcement. Pages in excess of the page limitation will not be considered.

2. Proposals must be received through *www.grants.gov* as specified in Section IV of this announcement on or before the proposal submission deadline. Applicants will receive an electronic confirmation receipt of their proposal from *www.grants.gov.*

3. Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be considered. Please note that in order to submit proposals, organizations must create accounts in *www.grants.gov* and in the System for Awards Management (*SAM.gov*); both of which could take up to 3 days or longer. Therefore, it is strongly suggested that organizations begin this process immediately. Registering early could prevent unforeseen delays in submitting your proposal.

4. Proposals must address a minimum of two or more of the priority areas that provide outreach and assistance to socially disadvantaged or veteran farmers and ranchers as stated in Section I, Subsection B, Scope of Work.

5. Incomplete or partial applications will not be eligible for consideration.

IV. Proposal and Submission Information

A. System for Award Management (SAM)

It is a requirement to register for SAM (*www.sam.gov*). There is NO fee to register for this site.

Per 2 CFR part 200, applicants are required to: (1) Be registered in SAM prior to submitting an application; (2) provide a valid unique entity identifier in the application; and (3) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which the organization has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal awarding agency. The OAO may not make a Federal award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements. If an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the OAO is ready to make a Federal award, OAO may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal award to another applicant.

SAM contains the publicly available data for all active exclusion records entered by the Federal Government identifying those parties excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain types of Federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits. All applicant organizations and their key personnel will be vetted through *SAM.gov* to ensure they are in compliance with this requirement and not on the Excluded Parties List. Organizations identified as having delinquent Federal debt may contact the Treasury Offset Program at (800) 304–3107 for instructions on resolution, but will not be awarded a 2501 Program grant prior to resolution.

B. Obtain Proposal Package From www.grants.gov

Applicants may download individual grant proposal forms from *www.grants.gov.* For assistance with *www.grants.gov,* please consult the Applicant User Guide at *http://grants.gov/assets/ApplicantUserGuide.pdf.*

Applicants are required to submit proposals through *www.grants.gov.* Applicants will be required to register through *www.grants.gov* in order to begin the proposal submission process. We strongly suggest you initiate this process immediately to avoid processing delays due to registration requirements.

Federal agencies post funding opportunities on *www.grants.gov.* The OAO is not responsible for submission issues associated with *www.grants.gov.* If you experience submission issues, please contact *www.grants.gov* support staff for assistance.

Proposals must be submitted by August 21, 2017, via *www.grants.gov* at 11:59 p.m. EST. Proposals received after this deadline *will not* be considered.

C. Content of Proposal Package Submission

All submissions must contain completed and electronically signed original application forms, as well as a Project Summary, Project Narrative, and a Budget Narrative as described below:

1. Forms and documents. The forms listed below can be found in the proposal package at *www.grants.gov* and must be submitted with all applications. Required forms are provided as fillable PDF templates. Applicants must download and complete these forms and submit them in the application submission portal at *www.grants.gov.* PDF documents listed below are documents the applicant must create in Word format and then submit in PDF format.

- Standard Form (SF) 424, Application for Federal Assistance
- Standard Form (SF) 424A, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs
- Standard Form (SF) 424B, Assurances—Non-Construction Programs
- Key Contacts Form (provide first, middle, and last names)
- PDF document of 1-Page Project Summary
- PDF document of Project Narrative
- PDF document of Budget Narrative
- Form AD–3031, Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants

Please note, additional forms will be required from organizations being awarded the 2501 Grant.

2. Attachments. The attachments listed below are required for all proposals and must be included in the proposal package at *www.grants.gov.* Attachment 1 will consist of the Project Summary Page and the Project Narrative. Attachment 2 will consist of the Budget Narrative. Please submit the summary and narratives in PDF format to preserve the content and formatting. Attachment 3 will consist of Appendices. **Note:** Number each page of each attachment and indicate the total number of pages per attachment (*i.e.,* 1 of 15, 2 of 15, etc.). *DO NOT PASSWORD PROTECT ANY OF YOUR SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS.* Documents that are password protected cannot be viewed by the OAO staff or members of the Independent Review Panel.

- *Attachment 1: Project Summary Page.* The proposal must contain a Project Summary Page, which should not be numbered and must follow immediately after the SF Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance form. The Project Summary Page is limited to 250 words. It should be a synopsis or summary of the project's goals and objectives. It should be written as a CONCISE notice or advertisement about your organization, including your organization's name; name of your project; two or three sentences describing your project; the project's geographic service area; and the Project Director's name, email address, and telephone number. No points will be given or subtracted for the Project Summary Page. This will allow the OAO to quickly glean pertinent information on the project. Organizations can expect that the Project Summary Page may be used in its entirety or in part for media purposes to include press releases, informational emails to potential stakeholders or partners, to provide upper echelons of government with a snapshot of an organization, and for demographic purposes. Please do not restate the objectives of the 2501 Program (*i.e.* ''to provide outreach and assistance for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and veterans farmers and ranchers''); it should reflect the goal of your specific project.
- *Attachment 1: Project Narrative.* In *15 double-spaced pages or less,* using 1-inch margins and 12-point font, indicate the organization that will conduct the project, the geographical area served by the project, and the priority areas that will be addressed by the project. Please be concise. **Note:** Members of the review panel will not be required to review proposals from organizations that have deviated from these formatting specifications.

○ Discuss the merits of your proposed project. Specifically, proposals must: (1) Define and establish the existence of the needs of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, veteran farmers and ranchers, or both in the defined geographic area; (2) identify the experience of the organization(s) taking part in the project; (3) identify the names of organizations that will be your partners in the project, if any; (4) identify the geographic area of service; and (5) discuss the potential impact of the project.

○ Identify the qualifications, relevant experience, education, and publications of each Project Director or collaborator. Also, specifically address the work to be completed by key personnel and the roles and responsibilities within the scope of the proposed project. This includes past completed projects and financial management experiences.

○ In an organized format, create a timeline for each task to be accomplished during the period of performance timeframe. Relate each task to one of the five priority areas in Section I, Subsection B. The timeline is part of the 15 page limit but can be as simple as a one-page description of tasks.

• *Attachment 2: Budget Narrative.* The Budget Narrative should identify and describe the costs associated with the proposed project, including sub-awards or contracts and indirect costs. An eligible entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10 percent maximum of total direct costs in accordance with 2 CFR 200.414(f). Organizations with previously approved indirect cost rates must submit their Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) with this application in Attachment 3. All submitted NICRA agreements must be CURRENT. Other funding sources may also be identified in this attachment. Each cost indicated must be reasonable, allocable, necessary, and allowable under the Federal Cost Principles (2 CFR part 200, subpart E—Cost Principles) in order to be funded. The Budget Narrative should not exceed two pages and is *not* part of the Project Narrative.

• *Attachment 3: Appendices.* Organizations may submit abbreviated Articles of Incorporation for recently established organizations (must have been established at least 3 years prior to this application); résumés for key personnel; Letters of Commitment; Letters of Intent, Partnership Agreements, or Memoranda of Understanding with partner organizations; Letters of Support; 501(c)(3) certification from the IRS, or other supporting documentation which is encouraged but not required. Applicants can consolidate all supplemental materials into one additional attachment. Do *not* include sections from other attachments as an Appendix.

Checklist of documents to submit through www.grants.gov:

1. SF–424, Application for Federal Assistance. **Note:** Ensure this is completed with accuracy; particularly email addresses and phone numbers. The OAO may not be able to reach you if your information is incorrect.

2. Project Summary Page (no more than 250 words).

3. Project Narrative including a timeline (no more than 15 pages, 12 point font, and 1 inch margins only). **Note:** To ensure fairness and uniformity for all applicants, Project Narratives not conforming to this stipulation may not be considered.

4. SF–424A, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs.

5. SF 424B, Assurances—Non-Construction Programs.

6. Budget Narrative (not to exceed 2 pages).

7. Key Contacts Form (include the Project Director/Manager and Financial Representative). Provide first, middle, and last names. **Note:** Please ensure this form is completed with accuracy. Individuals not listed on an applicants' Key Contact Form will not receive information about or access to data that concerns the applicant organization.

8. Résumés of key personnel, current Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreements, Partnership Agreements, Letters of Intent, Support, or Recommendation, proof of 501(c)(3) status (if applicable), etc.

Best practice notes:

* Complete the following as soon as possible:

(1) Obtain a registered DUNs number.

(2) Register and maintain an active System for Award Management (SAMs) account.

(3) Register in *www.grants.gov.*

* Only submit Adobe PDF file format documents to *www.grants.gov* to preserve content and formatting.

* Name your documents with short titles to prevent issues with uploading/downloading documents from *www.grants.gov.* Documents with long names may not always upload/download properly.

* Do not password protect any submitted forms or documents.

* Ensure all the information on your SF–424 Application and Key Contact forms are correct. Include first, middle, and last names on Key Contact forms.

WHERE TO UPLOAD ATTACHMENTS ON YOUR APPLICATION. There are three blocks on the application where you may upload attachments:

* On block 14, click on ''Add Attachment'' to upload your Project Summary and Project Narrative.

* In the section that reads ''Budget Narrative File(s)'', type in the ''Mandatory Budget Narrative Filename''. Just below the file name, click on ''Add Mandatory Budget Narrative'' to upload your Budget Narrative.

* After block 15, click on ''Add Attachments'' to add all your supporting documents (résumés, Partnership Agreements, Letters of Support, etc.).

D. Sub-Awards and Partnerships

Funding may be used to provide sub-awards, which includes using sub-awards to fund partnerships; however, the recipient must utilize at least 50 percent of the total funds awarded, and no more than three subcontracts will be permitted. All sub-awardees must comply with applicable requirements for sub-awards. Applicants must provide documentation of a competitive bidding process for services, contracts, and products, including consultant contracts, and conduct cost and price analyses to the extent required by applicable procurement regulations.

The OAO awards funds to *one eligible applicant* as the recipient. Please indicate a lead applicant as the responsible party if other organizations are named as partners or co-applicants or members of a coalition or consortium. The recipient will be held accountable to the OAO for the proper administrative requirements and expenditure of all funds.

E. Submission Dates and Times

The closing date and time for receipt of proposal submissions is August 21, 2017, at 11:59 p.m., EST via *www.grants.gov.* Proposals received after the submission deadline will be considered late without further consideration. Proposals must be submitted through *www.grants.gov* without exception. Additionally, organizations must also be registered in the SAM (*www.sam.gov*). Creating an account for both Web sites can take several days to receive account verification and/or PIN numbers. Please allow sufficient time to complete access requirements for these Web sites. The proposal submission deadline is firm.

F. Confidential Information

In accordance with 2 CFR part 200, the names of entities submitting proposals, as well as proposal contents and evaluations, will be kept confidential to the extent permissible by law. If an applicant chooses to include confidential or proprietary information in the proposal, it will be treated in accordance with Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Exemption 4 of the FOIA protects trade secrets, and commercial and financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.

G. Pre-Submission Proposal Assistance

1. The OAO may not assist individual applicants by reviewing draft proposals or providing advice on how to respond to evaluation criteria. However, the OAO will respond to questions from individual applicants regarding eligibility criteria, administrative issues related to the submission of the proposal, and requests for clarification regarding the announcement. Any questions should be submitted to *OASDVFR2017@osec.usda.gov.*

2. The OAO will post questions and answers relating to this funding opportunity during its open period on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section of our Web site: *http://www.outreach.usda.gov/grants/.* The OAO will update the FAQs on a weekly basis and conduct webinars on an as-needed basis.

3. Please visit our Web site at *https://www.outreach.usda.gov/grants/index.htm* to review the most recent Terms and Conditions for receiving an award as it provides additional information pertaining to the OAO awards. This version is subject to change upon new program requirements.

V. Application Review Information

A. Evaluation Criteria

Only eligible entities whose proposals meet the threshold criteria in Section III of this announcement will be reviewed according to the evaluation criteria set forth below. Applicants should explicitly and fully address these criteria as part of their proposal package. Each proposal will be reviewed under the regulations established under 2 CFR part 200.

A review panel that is independent of OAO will use a point system to rate each proposal, awarding a maximum of 100 points (90 points, plus an additional 10 discretionary points for programmatic priorities). Each proposal will be reviewed by at least two members of the Independent Review Panel who will review and score all applications submitted. The Independent Review Panel will numerically score and rank each application within the three categories and funding decisions will be based on their recommendations to the designated approving official. Final funding decisions will be made by the designated approving official.

B. Evaluation Criteria for New Grants Proposals

Criteria	Points
1. *Project Narrative:* Under this criterion, your proposal will be evaluated to the extent to which the narrative includes a well-conceived strategy for addressing the requirements and objectives stated in Section I, Part B, Scope of Work, (see page 5, Project Narrative, for further clarification) identifying a minimum of two or more of the priority areas	40
In addition, the OAO may award up to 10 discretionary points (two (2) points each) for the following: • Projects assisting beginning farmers and ranchers (as defined in 7 U.S.C. 3319f); • Projects to assist states/communities identified as persistent poverty; • Projects located in rural areas; and • Projects with an emphasis on partnering with other nonprofits, Federal, state, and local entities to maximize areas of coverage for outreach (*i.e.,* research, small and beginning farmers, and feeding programs, etc.). • Projects leveraging funding from other Federal, state, and local entities, to maximize funding for outreach (*i.e.,* research, small and beginning farmers, and feeding programs, etc.).	10
2. *Programmatic Capability:* Under this criterion, applicants will be evaluated based on their ability to successfully complete and manage the proposed project taking into account the applicant's: Organizational experience, its staff's expertise and/or qualifications, and the organization's resources. The organization must also clearly document its historical successes and future plans to continue assisting socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers	10
3. *Financial Management Experience:* Under this criterion, applicants will be evaluated based on their demonstrated ability to successfully complete and manage the proposed project taking into account the applicants' past performance in successfully completing and managing prior funding agreements identified, Section I, Part C, Performance Measures (see page 8). Past performance documentation on successfully completed projects may be at the Federal, state, or local community level. Per 2 CFR 200.205, if an applicant is a prior recipient of Federal awards, their record in managing that award will be reviewed, including timeliness of compliance with applicable reporting requirements and conformance to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards	5
4. *Budget:* Under this criterion, proposed project budget will be evaluated to determine whether costs are reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary to accomplish the proposed goals and objectives; and whether the proposed budget provides a detailed breakdown of the approximate funding used for each major activity. Additionally, indirect costs must be appropriately applied (see page 14). For a list of unallowable costs, please see 2 CFR Part 200, subpart E	15
5. *Tracking and Measuring:* Under this criterion, the applicant's proposal will be evaluated based upon clearly documenting a detailed plan for tracking and measuring their progress toward achieving the expected project outputs and outcomes as stated in Section I, Part C, Performance Measures (see page 7). Applicants should indicate how they intend to clearly document the effectiveness of their project in achieving proposed thresholds or benchmarks in relation to stated goals and objectives. For example, state how your organization plans to connect socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers with USDA agricultural programs. Applicants must clearly demonstrate how they will ensure timely and successful completion of the project with a reasonable time schedule for execution of the tasks associated with the projects	20

C. Selection of Reviewers

All applications will be reviewed by members of an Independent Review Panel. Panel members are selected based upon training and experience in relevant fields including outreach, technical assistance, cooperative extension services, civil rights, education, statistical, and ethnographic data collection and analysis, and agricultural programs, and are drawn from a diverse group of experts to create a balanced panel.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

Proposal Notifications and Feedback

1. The successful applicant will be notified by the OAO via telephone, email, and/or postal mail. The notification will advise the applicant that its proposed project has been evaluated and recommended for award. The notification will be sent to the *Project Manager* listed on the SF–424, Application for Federal Assistance. Project Managers should be the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) and authorized to sign on behalf of the organization. It is imperative that this individual is responsive to notifications by the OAO.

If the individual is no longer in the position, please notify the OAO immediately to submit the new contact for the application by updating your organization's Key Contact form and forwarding a résumé of the new key personnel. The award notice will be forwarded to the grantee for execution and must be returned to the OAO Director, who is the authorizing official. Once grant documents are executed by all parties, authorization to begin work will be given. At a minimum, this process can take up to 30 days from the date of notification.

2. The OAO will also send notification to unsuccessful applicants via email or postal mail. The notification will be sent to the *Project Manager* listed on the SF–424, Application for Federal Assistance. Project Managers should be the AOR.

3. Within 10 days of award status notification, unsuccessful applicants may request feedback on their application. Feedback will be provided as expeditiously as possible. Feedback sessions will be scheduled contingent upon the number of requests and in accordance with 7 CFR 2500.026.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All awards resulting from this solicitation will be administered in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards codified at 2 CFR part 200, as supplemented by USDA implementing regulations at 2 CFR parts 400 and 415, and OAO Federal Financial Assistance Programs—General Award Administrative Procedures, 7 CFR part 2500.

In compliance with its obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 13166, it is the policy of the OAO to provide timely and meaningful access for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) to projects, programs, and activities administered by Federal grant recipients. Recipient organizations must comply with these obligations upon acceptance of grant agreements as written in OAO's Terms and Conditions. Following these guidelines is essential to the success of our mission to improve access to USDA programs for socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers.

C. Data Universal Numbering System, System for Award Management, and www.grants.gov

In accordance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) and the USDA implementation, all applicants must obtain and provide an identifying number from Dun and Bradstreet's (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS). Applicants can receive a DUNS number, at no cost, by calling the toll-free DUNS number request line at (866) 705–5711, or visiting the D&B Web site at *www.dnb.com.*

In addition, FFATA requires applicants to register with the System for Award Management (SAM). *This registration must be maintained and updated annually.* Applicants can register or update their profile, at no cost, by visiting the SAM Web site at *www.sam.gov.* This is a requirement to register for *www.grants.gov.*

All applicants must register for an account on *www.grants.gov* in order to submit their application. There is no cost for registration. All applications must be submitted through *www.grants.gov.* This Web site is managed by the Department of Health and Human Services, not OAO. Many Federal agencies use this Web site to post Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA). Please click on the ''Support'' tab to contact their customer support personnel for help with submitting your application.

D. Reporting Requirement

In accordance with 2 CFR part 200, the following reporting requirements will apply to awards provided under this FOA. The OAO reserves the right to revise the schedule and format of reporting requirements as necessary in the award agreement.

1. Quarterly Progress Reports and Financial Reports will be required.

- *Quarterly Progress Reports.* The recipient must submit the most current OMB-approved Performance Progress Report form (SF–PPR). For each report, the recipient must complete fields 1 through 12 of the SF–PPR. To complete field 10, the recipient is required to provide a detailed narrative of project performance and activities as an attachment, as described in the award agreement. Quarterly progress reports must be submitted to the designated OAO official within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter.
- *Quarterly Financial Reports.* The recipient must submit SF 425, Federal Financial Report. For each report, the recipient *must complete both* the Federal Cash Transaction Report and the Financial Status Report sections of the SF–425. Quarterly financial reports must be submitted to the designated OAO official within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

2. Final Progress and Financial Reports will be required upon project completion. This report should include a summary of the project or activity throughout the funding period, achievements of the project or activity, and a discussion of overall successes and issues experienced in conducting the project or project activities. The final Financial Report should consist of a complete SF–425 indicating the total costs of the project. Final Progress and Financial Reports must be submitted to the designated OAO official within 90 days after the completion of the award period as follows:

Report	Performance period	Due date	Grace period
Form SF–425, Federal Financial Report and Progress Report (*Quarterly*).	October thru December	12/30/2016	1/30/2017
	January thru March	3/30/2017	4/30/2017
	April thru June	6/30/2017	7/30/2017
	July thru September	9/30/2017	10/30/2017
Final Progress and Financial Reports	Earlier of December 30, 2017, or 90 days after project completion.		

* Dates subject to change at the discretion of OAO.

Signed this 16th day of June 2017.

Carolyn C. Parker,

Director, Office of Advocacy and Outreach.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: 30-Day notice of submission of information collection approval from the Office of Management and Budget and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA) has submitted a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): ''Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery '' to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA).

DATES: Comments must be submitted by July 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Ruth Brown (202) 720–8958 or Charlene Parker (202) 720–8681.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Abstract: 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 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.

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 for assessing potential non-response 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.

The Agency received one comments in response to the 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** of April 4, 2017 (82 FR 16338). The comment was not related to this information collection.

Farm Service Agency 0560–0286

Current Actions: Revision and Extension of Currently Approved Collection.

Type of Review: Revision and Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households; Businesses; Organizations; and State and Local Government.

Average Expected Annual Number of activities: 8.

Respondents: 600,000.

Annual responses: 600,000.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average minutes per response: 30.

Burden hours: 300,000.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ochoco National Forest, Lookout Mountain Ranger District; Oregon; Ochoco Wild and Free Roaming Herd Management Plan Revision Project EIS

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Ochoco National Forest is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the effects of revising the 1975 Ochoco Wild and Free Roaming Herd Management Plan (Herd Management Plan). The Herd Management Plan provides guidance for managing wild, free roaming horses within the Big Summit Territory on the Lookout Mountain Ranger District. The 27,300-acre Big Summit Territory is located approximately 30 miles east of Prineville and includes Round Mountain and Duncan Butte. The 1975 Herd Management Plan set an Appropriate Management Level (AML) of 55–65 horses; the Ochoco National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) states horses will be managed at a maximum of 60 head. This project will revise the original Herd Management Plan to comply with the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act (WFRHBA) of 1971, as amended, and the federal regulation for management of wild and free-roaming horses and burros. The proposed action is consistent with the Ochoco National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, as amended.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by July 21, 2017. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be completed and available for public comment in June 2018. The Final Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be completed in September 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Ochoco Wild and Free Roaming Herd Management Plan Revision Project, c/o Marcy Anderson, Lookout Mountain District, Ochoco National Forest, 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754. Alternately, electronic comments

may be submitted at *https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=46228.* Electronic comments may be entered directly into the online form or submitted as an attachment in plain text (.txt), Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tory Kurtz, Project Leader, at 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or at (541) 416–6500, or by email at *tlkurtz@fs.fed.us.*

Responsible Official: The responsible official will be Stacey Forson, Forest Supervisor, Ochoco National Forest, 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need. The purpose of the proposed action is to revise the 1975 Plan to incorporate best available science and to be consistent with the 1971 Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act as amended (WFRHBA), 36 CFR 222 Subpart D, the Ochoco NF LRMP, Forest Service Manual 2260 and other associated direction. The need for the proposed action is to ensure the herd is managed as a self-sustaining population of healthy animals in a thriving natural ecological balance with other uses and the productive capacity of their habitat as required by the WFRHBA.

Proposed Action. The Ochoco National Forest is proposing the following actions to update and revise the 1975 Herd Management Plan:

1. Determine if the current AML of a maximum of 60 head, as established in the Ochoco National Forest LRMP, continues to be valid. If it is no longer valid, determine the optimum number of animals the Territory can support on a yearlong basis with a thriving natural ecological balance as required by the WFRHBA. An AML range will be proposed to provide for a thriving natural ecological balance incorporating the minimal feasible level of management as required by the WFRHBA. The AML analysis will be conducted according to the guidance of the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horses and Burros Management Handbook (H–4700–1). Under this guidance there is a three tier process to determine AML that considers: (1) The four essential habitat needs to sustain a healthy wild horse population and healthy lands over time; (2) the amount of sustainable forage use available for wild horses; and (3) management of the genetic diversity of the wild horse herd. In determining the AML, the most limiting factors for essential habitat needs must be used to create a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple use relationship in the area. The most limiting factors for the Big Summit Territory are winter forage and space. The AML analysis will calculate the winter forage available for horses and allocate the forage for maintenance of healthy horses with consideration of the multiple uses in the Territory. Based on an annual census, horses above the identified AML range would be considered excess animals.

2. Correct the Territory boundary map to remove private land that was mistakenly included in the original Territory map; this would revise the Territory acres to 26,975, as opposed to 27,300 acres as described in the original Environmental Assessment.

3. Manage for genetic diversity in the population through introduction of new genes, adjustments of the sex ratio or other actions. The Forest will continue to work with Texas A&M University and monitor genetic diversity with samples collected from captures or other opportunities to ensure genetic diversity is managed to the best of our ability.

4. Implement methods to slow the herd's rate of growth (reproductive rate) as needed to maintain AML within the identified range. Methods to slow the herd growth rate could include adjusting age distribution and approved fertility control methods such as Porcine Zona Pellucida (PZP).

5. Develop an Emergency Action Framework for effectively and humanely managing situations such as sick, lame, or old horses or public safety concerns. This Emergency Action Framework would be used to help inform the Forest Service's Responsible Official.

6. Develop an off-range plan that would include protocols for capturing horses, handling horses including identifying facilities and needs, adoption of horses, training programs and the sale of horses. At a minimum, a corral that is currently located at the Ochoco Ranger Station compound on the Lookout Mountain Ranger District would be improved to fit the needs of off-range management.

7. Forest Plan Amendment: If the analysis indicates that a different AML or range of AMLs is appropriate for the revised Herd Management Plan, a Forest Plan amendment would be required. The 2012 Planning Rule at 36 CFR 219 includes provisions that must be considered when a forest plan amendment is completed. Substantive rule requirements that are likely to be directly related to the proposed amendment include: 219.8(a)(2) Air, soil, and water; 219.8(a)(3) Riparian areas; 219.9(a)(1) Ecosystem integrity; 219.10(a)(1) Aesthetic values, air quality, cultural and heritage resources, ecosystem services, fish and wildlife species, forage, geologic features, grazing and rangelands, habitat and habitat connectivity, recreation settings and opportunities, riparian areas, scenery, soil, surface and subsurface water quality, timber, trails, vegetation, viewsheds, wilderness, and other relevant resources and uses; 219.10(a)(5) Habitat conditions, subject to the requirements of 219.9, for wildlife, fish, and plants commonly enjoyed and used by the public; for hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, observing, subsistence, and other activities (in collaboration with federally recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments); and 219.10(a)(10) Opportunities to connect people with nature.

Comment: Public comments about this proposal are requested in order to assist in identifying issues, determine how to best manage the resources, and to focus the analysis. Comments received on this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to file an objection to the Record of Decision under 36 CFR 218. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the Agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the Agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the Agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Agency officials to determine whether a proposed Federal action is an undertaking that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties. In addition, the Forest Service is required to provide those with significant interests in historic preservation issues the opportunity to participate in the consultation process as a consulting party. Participating in consultation during the early stages of a proposed

undertaking is in everyone's best interest to avoid having problems emerge later as a project develops. If effects are identified, the Forest must reduce or eliminate those effects through avoidance, data recovery, or other forms of mitigation and in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office, Native American tribes, and interested parties. In order for you to be considered as a consulting party, you must submit a written request to me in response to this letter. Each request will be reviewed in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office, Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Native American tribes to determine which should be consulting parties.

A draft EIS will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review by June, 2018. The EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The final EIS is scheduled to be available September, 2018.

The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions [*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp.* v. *NRDC,* 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)]. Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage, but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS, may be waived or dismissed by the courts [*City of Angoon* v. *Harris,* 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)]. It is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period, so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement.

Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS of the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft EIS. The Forest Service is the lead agency and the responsible official is the Forest Supervisor, Ochoco National Forest. The responsible official will decide whether and how to revise the Ochoco Wild Horse Herd Management Plan.

The Ochoco Wild Horse Herd Management Plan decision and the reasons for the decision will be documented in the record of decision. That decision will be subject to the Forest Service Project-level Predecisional Administrative Review Process (''Objection Process'' at 36 CFR 218).

Dated: June 7, 2017.

Jeanne M. Higgins,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XF490

Surveys of Marine Recreational Fishing Effort on the U.S. Atlantic Coast and in the Gulf of Mexico; Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP); Center for Independent Experts; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS is convening a peer review of a Calibration Model proposed by the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) to support its planned transition from a legacy telephone survey to a new mail survey for collecting data needed to estimate marine recreational fishing effort by shore and private/rental boat anglers on the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf of Mexico. The peer review includes reviewers appointed by the Center for Independent Experts (CIE), as well as reviewers selected by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Councils. This notice lists the time and place of the Peer Review Workshop.

DATES: The Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. on June 27, 2017 until 12 p.m. on June 29, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The Workshop will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD, 20910; Phone: 301/589–0800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Van Voorhees, Chief of Fisheries Statistics Division of NMFS Office of Science and Technology; phone 301/427–8189; FAX 301/427–4520; email: *Dave.Van.Voorhees@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Marine Recreational Information Program formed a Transition Team in 2015 to plan transitions from legacy survey designs to new, or improved, survey designs for monitoring marine recreational fishing effort and catch. The Transition Team consists of representatives from NOAA Fisheries, the regional fishery management councils, the interstate fisheries commissions, and several state marine fisheries agencies. The team prepared a transition plan for implementing a new mail survey called the ''Fishing Effort Survey'' to replace the legacy telephone survey called the ''Coastal Household Telephone Survey''. The plan requires development of a calibration model to account for consistent differences between the surveys in their statistical estimates of fishing effort.

The Peer Review Workshop will provide an assessment of the model developed by MRIP for this purpose. The product of the Workshop will be a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed calibration model. The panel of reviewers will consist of three persons selected by the Center of Independent Experts, and four persons selected by the regional fishery management councils and ASMFC. The Panel will be chaired by an individual also selected by the councils and ASMFC. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at *http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov.* The workshop will also be accessible by webinar in listen-only mode. Requests for webinar access should be directed to NMFS (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) three days prior to the workshop.

Special Accommodations

This workshop will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be

directed to NMFS (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) three days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in the agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: June 16, 2017.

Ned Cyr,

Director, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XF474

Endangered and Threatened Species; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews for the Endangered Baiji/Chinese River Dolphin/Yangtze River Dolphin and Endangered Saimaa Subspecies of Ringed Seal

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation of 5-year reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intent to conduct 5-year reviews for the endangered Baiji/Chinese River Dolphin/Yangtze River Dolphin (*Lipotes vexillifer*), and the endangered Saimaa subspecies of ringed seal (*Phoca hispida saimensis*). NMFS is required by the ESA to conduct 5-year reviews to ensure that the listing classifications of the species are accurate. The 5-year reviews must be based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time. We request submission of any such information on Baiji/Chinese River Dolphin/Yangtze River Dolphin and Saimaa ringed seal, particularly information on the status, threats, and recovery of the species that has become available since the previous status review for Baiji/Chinese River Dolphin/Yangtze River Dolphin in February 2012 and Saimaa seal in December 2010.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than August 21, 2017. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: You may submit information on this document identified by NOAA–NMFS–2017–0057 by either of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit electronic information via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to *www.regulations.gov.* To submit information via the e-Rulemaking Portal, first click the ''submit a comment'' icon, then enter NOAA–NMFS–2017–0057 in the keyword search. Locate the document you wish to respond to from the resulting list and click on the ''Submit a Comment'' icon on the right of that line.
- *Mail or Hand-Deliver:* Submit written comments to Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13535, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Attn: Ron Dean.

Instructions: Information must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure that the information is received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Information sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the specified period, may not be considered. All information received is a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on *www.regulations.gov* without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.,* name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous submissions (enter ''N/A'' in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Dean at the above address, by phone at (301) 427–8403 or *Ron.Dean@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces our active review of the Baiji/Chinese River Dolphin/Yangtze River Dolphin and the Saimaa seal. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every five years. The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing species currently under active review. On the basis of such reviews under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether a species should be delisted or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered. As described by the regulations in 50 CFR 424.11(d), delisting a species must be supported by the best scientific and commercial data available and only considered if such data substantiates that the species is neither endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons: (1) The species is considered extinct; (2) the species is considered to be recovered; or (3) the original data available when the species was listed, or the interpretation of such data, were in error. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process. The Baiji/Chinese River Dolphin/Yangtze River Dolphin was listed as endangered under the ESA on May 30, 1989 (54 FR 22906) and the Saimaa seal was listed as endangered under the ESA on May 6, 1993 (58 FR 26920).

Background information on Baiji/Chinese River Dolphin/Yangtze River Dolphin, including the endangered listing, is available on the NMFS Office of Protected Species Web site at: *http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/dolphins/chinese-river-dolphin.html.* Background information on Saimaa seal, including the endangered listing, is available on the NMFS Office of Protected Species Web site at: *http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/seals/saimaa-seal.html.*

Determining if a Species Is Threatened or Endangered

Section 4(a)(1) of the ESA requires that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the five following factors: (1) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range; (2) overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes; (3) disease or predation; (4) the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or (5) other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence. Section 4(b) also requires that our determination be made on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available after conducting a review of the status of the species and after taking into account those efforts, if any, being made by any State or foreign nation, to protect such species.

Public Solicitation of New Information

To ensure that the 5-year reviews are complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial data, we are soliciting new information from the public, governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of Baiji/Chinese River Dolphin/Yangtze River Dolphin, and the Saimaa seal. Categories of requested information include: (1) Species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics; (2) habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and important

features for conservation; (3) status and trends of threats; (4) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species, including monitoring data demonstrating effectiveness of such measures; (5) need for additional conservation measures; and (6) other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes and improved analytical methods for evaluating extinction risk.

If you wish to provide information for the 5-year reviews, you may submit your information and materials electronically or via mail (see **ADDRESSES** section). We request that all information be accompanied by supporting documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, or reprints of pertinent publications. We also would appreciate the submitter's name, address, and any association, institution, or business that the person represents; however, anonymous submissions will also be accepted.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Solicitation for a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement for the Transfer and Use of a Unique Infrared Laser

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army's Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) announces its intent to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) and seeks inquiries and proposals from potential partners. The goal of this CRADA will be the transfer of a one-of-a-kind infrared laser from AMRDEC to the partner's facilities and the cooperative demonstration of a new remote sensing methodology using this laser.

DATES: Preliminary inquiries and comments from potential partners must be received by August 1, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit inquiries and comments to U.S. Army RDECOM AMRDEC, ATTN: RDMR–CST (ORTA), 5400 Fowler Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898 (*usarmy.redstone.rdecom-amrdec.mbx.orta@mail.mil*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the proposed agreement, the Army's AMRDEC plans to collaborate with a single academic or industrial partner. Together, the AMRDEC and its CRADA partner will explore and demonstrate the new trace gas remote sensing methodology based on infrared/terahertz double resonance spectroscopy, as described in the cited references below.

The double resonance technique requires a specially designed infrared laser that produces powerful (100 mJ) short pulses (100 ps) of wavelength tunable radiation (9–11 microns). A laser that uniquely matches those requirements was fabricated by STI Optronics, Inc. as part of a DARPA-funded Phase II SBIR contract and delivered to AMRDEC in 2014.

The CRADA partner must have the resources to package, ship, and install this laser in its facilities and operate it in partnership with AMRDEC to demonstrate the double resonance spectroscopic technique in either a simulated atmospheric chamber containing a trace gas and/or in an actual outdoor laser test range in which a trace gas may be safely released and detected.

Ideally, the partner will have a history of performing laboratory and/or outdoor spectroscopic sensing and will have the necessary infrastructure and expertise to operate this laser safely and reliably. As necessary, the partner should be prepared to elicit funding from other sources to support this project and may anticipate active support from AMRDEC in the preparation of such proposals.

AMRDEC, with its CRADA partner, will create a structured and collaborative environment to advance concepts and technologies for this experimental proof of concept demonstration. The desired products of the proposed collaboration are a successful demonstration of the double resonance technique using this laser and quantitative validation of the performance predicted in the cited references. When the CRADA ends, the partner will retain ownership of the laser, which may be used for other applications during and after the CRADA period.

The AMRDEC's contributions under the proposed CRADA will include:

(1) Scientific expertise in foundational molecular spectroscopy and the double resonance technique developed by its researchers and collaborators;

(2) Access to AMRDEC's laboratories and facilities where molecular spectroscopic research is performed;

(3) Cooperation with the partner as they package, ship, and install the laser at the partner's facility; and

(4) Cooperation in the preparation of proposals and mentoring of researchers new to aspects of the proposed project.

The non-Federal party's contributions under the proposed CRADA will include:

(1) Making arrangements and providing funding to package and ship the laser from AMRDEC facilities and install the laser at the partner's facility;

(2) Expert operation and maintenance of this unique laser in support of the proof-of-concept demonstration of this double resonance technique as well as other applications of the laser based on the partner's unique expertise;

(3) Joint publications and/or patents and/or demonstration hardware as well as sharing of the accumulated intellectual property through the terms specified in the CRADA; and

(4) Writing and submitting research proposals for funding of this project to external sponsors, with the full support of AMRDEC.

AMRDEC reserves the right to select for its CRADA partner one or none of the proposals in response to this notice. AMRDEC will provide no funding for reimbursement of proposal development costs. Proposals (or any other material) submitted in response to this notice will not be returned. Proposals submitted are expected to be unclassified and have no more than 4 single-sided pages (excluding cover page and resumes). AMRDEC will select proposals at its sole discretion on the basis of:

(1) How well they communicate an understanding of, and ability to meet, the proposed CRADA's goal; and

(2) How well they address the following criteria:

(a) Technical capability to satisfy the non-Federal party's described contributions;

(b) Resources available for satisfying the non-Federal party's described contributions; and

(c) Technical expertise/understanding of infrared lasers, ultrafast laser spectroscopy, molecular spectroscopy, and remote sensing, as well as the necessary infrastructure to support a collaborative research project.

This is a technology transfer/development effort. AMRDEC has no plans to procure the technology. Proposals should clearly discuss how the concepts and technologies developed will be supported for the duration of the CRADA and outline plans to use the laser and the jointly

developed capabilities after the CRADA ends.

Special consideration will be given to universities and small business firms/consortia, and preference will be given to partners located in the U.S.

The deadline for submitting proposals is August 15, 2017, and the selected partner will be announced by September 1, 2017.

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Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intended Disinterment

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intended disinterment.

SUMMARY: Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) is honoring the requests of three families from the Northern Arapaho Tribe to disinter the human remains of three Native American children from the Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The decedent names are Little Plume (aka Hayes Vanderbilt Friday), Little Chief (aka Dickens Nor), and Horse (aka Horace Washington). The decedents died in the early 1880s while attending the Carlisle Indian Industrial School. ANMC will disinter, transfer custody, transport, and reinter the remains in private cemeteries in Fremont County, Wyoming. This disinterment will be conducted in accordance with Army Regulation 210–190. This is not a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) action because the remains are not part of a collection as they are interred in graves that are individually marked at the Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery.

DATES: Disinterment is scheduled to begin on August 8, 2017. Transportation to and re-interment in Fremont County, Wyoming will take place as soon as practical after the disinterment. If other living relatives object to the disinterment of these remains, please provide written objection to Lieutenant Colonel Brent Kauffman at the address listed below prior to July 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Objections from family members and public comments can be mailed to Lieutenant Colonel Brent Kauffman, ANMC Project Manager, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia 22211 or emailed to *usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anmc.mbx.accountability-coe@mail.mil* (preferred).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Colonel Brent Kauffman, ANMC Project Manager at the email address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information related to Native Americans buried at the Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery can be found at *http://www.belvoir.army.mil/ANMC/ReturnOfNativeAmericanRemains.asp.*

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Inland Waterways Users Board Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board (Board). This meeting is open to the public. For additional information about the Board, please visit the committee's Web site at *http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/InlandWaterwaysUsersBoard.aspx.*

DATES: The Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 19, 2017. Public registration will begin at 8:15 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Inland Waterways Users Board meeting will be conducted at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland—Airport, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97220, 503–460–3000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark R. Pointon, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the committee, in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR–GM, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315–3868; by telephone at 703–428–6438; and by email at *Mark.Pointon@usace.army.mil.* Alternatively, contact Mr. Kenneth E. Lichtman, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR–GW, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315–3868; by telephone at 703–428–8083; and by email at *Kenneth.E.Lichtman@usace.army.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act 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 § 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The Board is chartered to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on construction and rehabilitation project investments on the commercial navigation features of the inland waterways system of the United States. At this meeting, the Board will receive briefings and presentations regarding the investments, projects and status of the inland waterways system of the United States and conduct discussions and deliberations on those matters. The Board is interested in written and verbal comments from the public relevant to these purposes.

Agenda: At this meeting the agenda will include the status of FY 2017 funding and the FY 2018 Budget for the Navigation Program; status of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund and project updates; demo of the final modifications to the web viewer of the Lock Performance Monitoring System (LPMS); status of the Olmsted Locks and Dam Project, the Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4 on the Monongahela River Project, the Chickamauga Lock Project and the Kentucky Lock Project; status of the Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado River Locks Study; and presentation on the Standardization efforts within the Corps of Engineers.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting. A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the July 19,

2017 meeting. The final version will be provided at the meeting. All materials will be posted to the Web site after the meeting.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Registration of members of the public who wish to attend the meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Seating is limited and is on a first-to-arrive basis. Attendees will be asked to provide their name, title, affiliation, and contact information to include email address and daytime telephone number at registration. Any interested person may attend the meeting, file written comments or statements with the committee, or make verbal comments from the floor during the public meeting, at the times, and in the manner, permitted by the committee, as set forth below.

Special Accommodations: The meeting venue is fully handicap accessible, with wheelchair access. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting or seeking additional information about public access procedures, should contact Mr. Pointon, the committee DFO, or Mr. Lichtman, the ADFO, at the email addresses or telephone numbers listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Comments or Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the Board about its mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. Pointon, the committee DFO, or Mr. Lichtman, the committee ADFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. The comment or statement must include the author's name, title, affiliation, address, and daytime telephone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the committee DFO or ADFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that they may be made available to the Board for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the Board until its next meeting. Please note that because the Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection.

Verbal Comments: Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Board meeting only at the time and in the manner allowed herein. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least three business (3) days in advance to the committee DFO or ADFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The committee DFO and ADFO will log each request to make a comment, in the order received, and determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Board's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 15-minute period near the end of the meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more than three (3) minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the DFO and ADFO.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for domestic and foreign licensing by the Department of the Navy.

The following patents are available for licensing: Patent No. 9,647,343 (Navy Case No. 200337): PROCESS FOR ASSEMBLING DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF MULTI-ELEMENT ASSEMBLIES TO PREDETERMINED TOLERANCES AND ALIGNMENTS USING A RECONFIGURABLE ASSEMBLING AND ALIGNMENT APPARATUS// and Patent No. 9,651,509 (Navy Case No. 103114): METHOD FOR INVESTIGATING EARLY LINER COLLAPSE IN A SHAPED CHARGE.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patents cited should be directed to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522–5001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Monsey, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522–5001, Email *Christopher.Monsey@navy.mil.*

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.

Dated: June 7, 2017.

A.M. Nichols,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2017–ICCD–0036]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Study of an Information Strategy To Increase Enrollment in Postsecondary Education

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 21, 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–0036. 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 216–34, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Melanie Ali, 202–245–8345.

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: Study of An Information Strategy to Increase Enrollment in Postsecondary Education.

OMB Control Number: 1850—NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,013.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 594.

Abstract: This demonstration study will evaluate the use of a promising messaging strategy designed to help TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) grantees meet the program's goal of increasing college enrollment. EOCs are hosted at postsecondary institutions or nonprofit organizations and generally serve low-income individuals who are 19 years and older—most of whom are potential first-generation college-goers. The study will evaluate whether systematic text messaging can enhance EOCs' counseling services and lead to increased Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) completion and postsecondary education enrollment rates. Across 20 EOCs, approximately 6,000 adults will be randomly assigned to receive EOCs' typical services or to receive EOCs' typical services plus the text messaging.

Dated: June 16, 2017.

Kate Mullan,

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–0046]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Impact Evaluation of Parent Messaging Strategies on Student Attendance

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 21, 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–0046. 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 216–34, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Meredith Bachman, 202–245–7494.

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: Impact Evaluation of Parent Messaging Strategies on Student Attendance.

OMB Control Number: 1850—NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,890.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 597.

Abstract: Most school districts have policies in place to systematically address student absenteeism, which remains a considerable problem across grade levels in many parts of the country. Typical attendance practices include parent notification by letters, phone calls, parent meetings, home visitation, and, for students with significant numbers of absences, referrals to truancy programs and family courts. Such practices can be costly.

Text messaging interventions are becoming increasingly popular—in fields such as public health and prevention—due to their low cost, scalability, and evidence of impact. School districts have increasing capacity to use technology to implement messaging interventions. Thus, an

evaluation to determine whether a text messaging intervention can improve student attendance in a cost effective manner is warranted.

To our knowledge, this project is the first multidistrict random assignment study of the impact of a text messaging intervention for parents on student attendance and achievement. In addition, consistent with the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113–235), which provides the legislative authority to conduct this study, this study will focus on low-performing schools with high levels of poverty and student absenteeism.

Dated: June 16, 2017.

Kate Mullan,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17–462–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on June 8, 2017, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002–2700, filed a prior notice application pursuant to sections 157.205, and 157.216(b) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–76–000. Columbia requests authorization to construct and operate one new storage well and related appurtenances at Columbia's Pavonia Storage Field located in Ashland and Richland Counties, Ohio, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''eLibrary'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Robert D. Jackson, Manager, Certificates & Regulatory Administration, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002–2700, at (832) 320–5487 or FAX (832) 320–6487, or *robert_jackson@transcanada.com*.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenter will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at *http://www.ferc.gov*. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time on August 14, 2017.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17–461–000]

1057533 Alberta Ltd. and 1978740 Alberta Ltd.; Notice of Application for Section 3 Authorization and Presidential Permit

Take notice that on June 5, 2017, 1057533 Alberta Ltd. (Alberta Ltd.), 1500, 700 2nd Street SW., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2W1 Canada, and 1978740 Alberta Ltd. (Spartan US), 500, 850 2nd Street SW., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0R8 Canada, filed the above referenced docket an application, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Section 153 of the Commission's regulations, for the importation of natural gas and a Presidential Permit to operate and maintain the import facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be also viewed on the web at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''eLibrary'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502–8222 or TTY, (202) 208–1659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Gregory Junge, Esq., Van Ness Feldman LLP, 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street NW., Washington, DC 20007 or call (202) 298–1945 or Jon Lowes, Vice President, Land, Harvest Operations Corp., 1500, 700 2nd Street SW., Calgary, AB Canada T2P 2W1 or call (403) 231–5253.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the e-Filing link.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern daylight Savings Time on July 6, 2017.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2017–12926 Filed 6–20–17; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DI17–7–000]

Cole Rhoten; 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:* DI17–7–000.

c. *Date Filed:* May 18, 2017.

d. *Applicant:* Cole Rhoten.

e. *Name of Project:* Cowan Creek Reservoir Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed Cowan Creek Reservoir Hydroelectric Project would be located on the Cowan Creek, near the town of Wilmington, in Clinton County, Ohio.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b) (2012).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Cole Rhoten, 677 Milford Hills Drive, Milford, OH 45150, telephone: (317) 945–3936; email: *C.Rhoten@outloook.com;*

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Jennifer Polardino, (202) 502–6437, or email: *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,* (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 DI17–7–000.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed run-of-river Cowan Creek Reservoir Hydroelectric Project would consist of: (1) An existing Cowan Reservoir Dam; (2) an existing 4-foot-by-4 foot concrete conduit; (3) a conduit extension with flow gates at either side; (4) a powerhouse with a generating unit having a total capacity of 300–500 kilowatts rated at 42 feet of net head; (5) an outflow flange; (6) a transmission line connecting the generating units with Dayton Power and Light Company's electric distribution system; and (7) 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,* 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: June 14, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2114–209]

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

a. *Application Type:* Recreation Plan Update.

b. *Project No:* 2114–209.

c. *Date Filed:* June 16, 2017.

d. *Applicant:* Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington (Grant PUD).

e. *Name of Project:* Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the mid-Columbia River in portions of Grant, Yakima, Kittitas, Douglas, Benton, and Chelan Counties, Washington.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Shannon Lowry, Lands and Recreation Resources Manager, Grant PUD, PO Box 878, Euphrata, WA 98823; phone (509) 754–5088 ext. 2191 or *slowry@gcpud.org.*

i. *FERC Contact:* Mary Karwoski at (678) 245–3027, or *mary.karwoski@ferc.gov.*

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: July 17, 2017.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, and comments 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,* (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 P–2114–209. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Request:* Grant PUD requests Commission approval of a proposed recreation plan update for the project. The recreation plan provides a detailed description of all existing recreation facilities at the project, goals and objectives for operating and managing those facilities over the next 12 years, an overview of the interpretation and education program, and a schedule for monitoring recreation use. The recreation plan also includes a request to approve the following amendments: Removal of the Priest Rapids Dam Picnic Area; reduction of the number of campsites at the Priest Rapids Recreation Area from 34 to 14; and continued reservation of Airstrip site and Wanapum Recreation Area potential future development.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502–8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''eLibrary'' link. 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,* for TTY, call (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

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, .214, respectively. 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 Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, PROTEST, or MOTION TO INTERVENE as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD17–12–000]

Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On June 6, 2017, as supplemented on June 9, 2017, Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Davis & Weber Canal Micro-Hydropower Project would have an installed capacity of 20 kilowatts (kW), and would be located within the existing Davis & Weber Canal located in South Weber, Davis County, Utah.

Applicant Contact: Richard Smith, General Manager, 138 West 1300 North, Sunset, UT 84015, Phone No. (801) 774–6373.

FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, Phone No. (202) 502–6778, email: *Christopher.Chaney@ferc.gov.*

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) Initially installing two self-contained, 5-kW turbine/generating units, with the future installation of two additional self-contained, 5-kW turbine/generating units for a total installed capacity of 20 kW; (2) an approximately 6-foot by 6-foot control shelter; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 22,000 kilowatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: The proposed addition of the hydroelectric project within the agricultural and irrigation canal will not alter its primary purpose. Therefore, based upon the above information and criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

Comments and Motions to Intervene: Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY or MOTION TO INTERVENE, as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission's regulations.[1] All comments contesting Commission staff's preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments 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

[1] 18 CFR 385.2001–2005 (2016).

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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Locations of Notice of Intent: Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant or such copies can be viewed and reproduced at the Commission in its Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp* using the ''eLibrary'' link. Enter the docket number (*i.e.,* CD17–12) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3676 or email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.* For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: June 15, 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 rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER17–1715–001.
Applicants: Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Errata to May 2017 Western WDT Service Agreement Biannual Filing to be effective 8/1/2017.
Filed Date: 6/15/17.
Accession Number: 20170615–5144.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/6/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1835–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original Service Agreement No. 4722; Queue AC1–118 (WMPA) to be effective 5/17/2017.
Filed Date: 6/15/17.
Accession Number: 20170615–5072.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/6/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1836–000.
Applicants: Nautilus Power, LLC.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Nautilus MBR Tariff to be effective 6/15/2017.
Filed Date: 6/15/17.
Accession Number: 20170615–5077.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/6/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1837–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Queue Position #AC1–027, Original Service Agreement No. 4727 to be effective 5/17/2017.
Filed Date: 6/15/17.
Accession Number: 20170615–5109.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/6/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1838–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Queue Position #AC1–112, Original Service Agreement No. 4728 to be effective 5/17/2017.
Filed Date: 6/15/17.
Accession Number: 20170615–5110.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/6/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1839–000.
Applicants: Duke Energy Progress, LLC.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: DEP–RS No. 172 and 180 Revised PPAs to be effective 7/1/2017.
Filed Date: 6/15/17.
Accession Number: 20170615–5130.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/6/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1840–000.
Applicants: Canton Mountain Wind, LLC.
Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Application for Order Accepting Initial Tariff to be effective 8/14/2017.
Filed Date: 6/15/17.
Accession Number: 20170615–5139.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/6/17.

Docket Numbers: ER17–1841–000.
Applicants: Moxie Freedom LLC.
Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: MBR tariff to be effective 8/15/2017.
Filed Date: 6/15/17.
Accession Number: 20170615–5141.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/6/17.

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: June 15, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP17–458–000; PF17–3–000]

Midship Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on May 31, 2017, Midship Pipeline Company, LLC (Midship), 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900, Houston, TX 77002, filed in Docket No. CP17–458–000, an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to construct, own and operate a new 199.4-mile natural gas pipeline system (Midcontinent Supply Header Interstate Pipeline Project or Midship Project). The project also includes three new mainline compressor stations and one lateral booster station rated for a total of 118,440 horsepower (hp), metering and regulating stations, and appurtenant facilities with a total system capacity of 1,440 MMcf/d. The project will also include 20.3 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline lateral in Kingfisher County, Oklahoma, and 13.6 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline lateral in Stephens, Carter, and Garvin Counties Oklahoma. The proposed project will provide firm transportation capacity from the South Central Oklahoma Oil Province (SCOOP) and the Sooner Trend Anadarko Basin Canadian and Kingfisher (STACK) plays in the Anadarko Basin in Oklahoma to existing natural gas pipelines near Bennington, Oklahoma for transport to growing Gulf Coast and Southeast markets.

Midship also requests a blanket certificate pursuant to Part 157, Subpart F of the Commission's regulations, authorizing Midship to construct and operate certain facilities as described in Part 157, Subpart F, and a blanket certificate pursuant to Part 284, Subpart G of the Commission's regulations, authorizing Midship to provide open access firm and interruptible interstate natural gas transportation and parking

and lending services on a self-implementing basis, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''eLibrary'' link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Karri Mahmoud, Director, Regulatory Project Development, 700 Milam Street, Suite 1900, Houston, Texas 77002, or by calling (713) 375–5000 (telephone), *karri.mahmoud@cheniere.com.*

On November 9, 2016, the Commission staff granted Midship's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF17–3–000 to staff activities involving the project. Now, as of the filing of this application on May 31, 2017, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP17–458–000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules (18 CFR 157.9), within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission staff will issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for this proposal. The issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper; see, 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1) (iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 5, 2017.

Dated: June 14, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–R07–SFUND–0037; FRL–9960–34–Region7]

Proposed Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act; Beatrice Former Manufactured Gas Plant Superfund Site, Beatrice, Nebraska

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is announcing a cost recovery settlement with the City of Beatrice, Nebraska and Centel Corporation, for the compromise of past response costs concerning the Beatrice Former Manufactured Gas Plant Superfund Site in Beatrice, Nebraska.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 21, 2017

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the EPA Region 7 office, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from the Regional Hearing Clerk, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219, (913) 551–7567 or email address *robinson.kathy@epa.gov*. Requests should reference the Beatrice Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site, EPA Docket No. CERCLA–. Comments should be addressed to: Barbara L. Peterson, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219. The proposed settlement is also available at the following Web site: *http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-7-midwest*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara L. Peterson, at telephone: (913) 551–7277; fax number: (913) 551–7925/ Attn: Barbara Peterson; email address: *peterson.barbara@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement with the City of Beatrice, Nebraska and Centel Corporation, for the compromise of past response costs concerning the Beatrice Former Manufactured Gas Plant Superfund Site in Beatrice, Nebraska. The settlement includes a covenant not

to sue with the settling parties pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). For notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to the compromise of costs component of the settlement. EPA will consider all comments and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the compromise of costs is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the EPA Region 7 office located at 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

Dated: January 11, 2017.

Mary P. Peterson,

Division Director, Superfund Division, EPA Region 7.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0110]

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 July 21, 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;* and to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *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: 3060–0110.

Title: Application for Renewal of Broadcast Station License, FCC Form *18148 303–S; Section 73.3555(d), Daily Newspaper Cross-Ownership.

Form Number: FCC Form 303–S.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for profit entities; Not for profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondent and Responses: 4,023 respondents, 4,023 responses.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain benefits—Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 154(i), 303, 307 and 308 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 204 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.25–12 hours.

Frequency of Response: Every eight year reporting requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 10,797 hours.

Total Annual Costs: $5,073,271.

Obligation of Response: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for the collection is contained Sections 154(i), 303, 307 and 308 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 204 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 303–S is used in applying for renewal of license for commercial or noncommercial AM, FM, TV, FM translator, TV translator, Class A TV, or Low Power TV, and Low Power FM broadcast station licenses. Licensees of broadcast stations must apply for renewal of their licenses every eight years. The Commission is revising this collection to reflect the adoption of a Report and Order (''R&O'') in MB Docket No. 16–161, FCC 17–3, In the Matter of Revisions to Public Inspection File Requirements—Broadcaster Correspondence File and Cable Principal Headend Location, adopted and released on January 31, 2017. The R&O eliminated the requirement that commercial TV stations retain in their public inspection file copies of letters and emails from the public. As the Commission noted in the R&O, because commercial TV licensees will no longer

be required to maintain correspondence under our rules, under the terms of 47 U.S.C. Section 308(d) they also will not be required to file a summary of correspondence received regarding violent programming with their renewal application (FCC Form 303–S). Consistent with this decision, we are revising Form 303–S to remove the references in the form to this requirement.

We are making the following specific changes to FCC Form 303–S:

On page 5 of the form, we are removing item 4 (Violent Programming).

On page 25 of the instructions, we are removing the paragraph titled ''Item 4: Violent Programming.''

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0703]

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 August 21, 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* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.*

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0703.

Title: Determining Costs of Regulated Cable Equipment and Installation, FCC Form 1205.

Form Number: FCC Form 1205.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 4,000 respondents; 6,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 4–12 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement, Annual reporting requirement, Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Section 301(j) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and 623(a)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 52,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $1,800,000.

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: Information derived from FCC Form 1205 filings is used to facilitate the review of equipment and installation rates. This information is then reviewed by each cable system's respective local franchising authority. Section 76.923 records are kept by cable operators in order to demonstrate that charges for the sale and lease of equipment for installation have been developed in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Open Commission Meeting, Thursday, June 22, 2017

June 15, 2017.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, June 22, 2017 which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in Room TW–C305, at 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1	Public Safety & Homeland Security.	*Title:* Amendment of part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Emergency Alert System (PS Docket No. 15–94). *Summary:* The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would amend the Commission's Emergency Alert System (EAS) rules to add a dedicated event code, ''BLU,'' for Blue Alerts, so that EAS alerts can deliver actionable information to the public when a law enforcement officer is killed, seriously injured, missing in connection with his or her official duties, or if there is an imminent and credible threat to a law enforcement officer.
2	Public Safety & Homeland Security.	*Title:* Procedures for Commission Review of State Opt-Out Requests from the FirstNet Radio Access Network (PS Docket No. 16–269). *Summary:* The Commission will consider a Report and Order that establishes the procedures and standards the Commission will use to review alternative plans submitted by states seeking to ''opt-out'' of the FirstNet network and to build their own Radio Access Networks that are interoperable with FirstNet.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
3	Consumer & Governmental Affairs.	*Title:* Rules and Policies Regarding Calling Number Identification Service—Caller ID (CC Docket No. 91–281); Waiver of Federal Communications Commission Regulations at 47 CFR 64.1601(b) on Behalf of Jewish Community Centers. *Summary:* The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would amend the Caller ID rules to allow disclosure of blocked Caller ID information to aid law enforcement in investigating threatening calls and continue the waiver of those rules that is currently in effect for Jewish Community Centers.
4	International	*Title:* WorldVu Satellites Limited, d/b/a OneWeb (Call Sign S2963). *Summary:* The Commission will consider an Order and Declaratory Ruling that recommends granting OneWeb's request to be permitted to access the U.S. market using its proposed global non-geostationary satellite constellation for the provision of broadband communications services in the United States.
5	Wireline Competition	*Title:* Improving Competitive Broadband Access to Multiple Tenant Environments (GN Docket No. 17–142). *Summary:* The Commission will consider a Notice of Inquiry that seeks comment on ways to facilitate greater consumer choice and enhance broadband deployment in multiple tenant environments such as apartment buildings, condominium buildings, shopping malls, or cooperatives. The Notice of Inquiry further seeks comment on the current state of broadband competition in such locations and whether additional Commission action in this area is warranted to eliminate or reduce barriers faced by broadband providers that seek to serve the occupants of multiple tenant environments.
6	Media	*Title:* Electronic Annual Notice Declaratory Ruling (MB Docket No. 16–126). *Summary:* The Commission will consider a Declaratory Ruling which would clarify that the "written information" that cable operators must provide to their subscribers via annual notices pursuant to section 76.1602(b) of the Commission's rules may be provided via e-mail.
7	Wireline Competition	*Title:* Modernization of Payphone Compensation Rules (WC Docket No. 17–141); Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (CC Docket No. 96–128); 2016 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations (WC Docket No. 16–132). *Summary:* The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order that (1) proposes to eliminate the requirement that carriers that complete payphone calls conduct an annual audit of their payphone call tracking systems and file an associated annual audit report with the Commission, and (2) waives upcoming annual audit and associated reporting requirements.
8	Enforcement	*Title:* Enforcement Bureau Action. *Summary:* The Commission will consider an enforcement action.

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Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Office of Media Relations, (202) 418–0500; TTY 1–888–835–5322. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC Live Web page at *www.fcc.gov/live*.

For a fee this meeting can be viewed live over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the Internet. To purchase these services, call (703) 993–3100 or go to *www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu*.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0938]

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 August 21, 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* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov*.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0938.

Title: Application for a Low Power FM Broadcast Station License, FCC Form 319.

Form Number: FCC Form 319.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions, State, local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 200 respondents and 200 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 200 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $27,500.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 154(i), 303 and 308 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Privacy Impact Assessment(s): No impacts.

Needs and Uses: On January 20, 2000, the Commission adopted a Report and Order (R&O) in MM Docket No. 99–25, In the Matter of Creation of Low Power Radio Service. With the adoption of this R&O, the Commission authorized the licensing of two new classes of FM radio stations, generally referred to as low power FM stations (LPFM): A LP100 class for stations operating at 50–100 watts effective radiated power (ERP) at an antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) of 30 meters; and a LP10 class for stations operating at 1–10 watts ERP and an antenna height of 30 meters HAAT. These stations will be operated on a noncommercial educational basis by entities that do not hold attributable interests in any other broadcast station or other media subject to the Commission's ownership rules. The LPFM service authorized in this Report and Order provides significant opportunities for new radio services. The LPFM service creates a class of radio stations designed to serve very localized communities or underrepresented groups within communities.

In connection with this new service, the Commission developed a new FCC Form 319, Application for a Low Power FM Broadcast Station License. FCC Form 319 is required to apply for a license for a new or modified Low Power FM (LPFM) station.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2017–12955 Filed 6–20–17; 8:45 am]

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0400]

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 August 21, 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* and to *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: 3060–0400.

Title: Part 61, Tariff Review Plan (TRP).

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 2,749 respondents; 4,165 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.50 hours–53 hours.

Frequency of Response: One-time, on occasion, biennial, and annual reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection (IC) is contained in 47 U.S.C. 10(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 60,878 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Respondents are not being asked to submit confidential information to the Commission. If the Commission requests respondents to submit information which respondents believe are confidential, respondents may request confidential treatment of such information under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Needs and Uses: The Commission has developed standardized Tariff Review Plans (TRPs) that set forth the summary material that incumbent LECs (ILECs) file to support revisions to the rates in their interstate access service tariffs. The TRPs display basic data on rate development in a consistent manner, thereby facilitating review of the ILEC rate revisions by the Commission and interested parties. The TRPs have served this purpose effectively in past years.

On April 20, 2017, the Commission adopted the *Business Data Services Order,* FCC 17–43, reforming the business data services/special access regulations for incumbent and competitive LECs by detariffing certain business data services and modifying the regulatory obligations for those business data services that will remain tariffed. Additionally, the *Business Data Services Order* adopted an X-factor of two percent and required price cap ILECs to make a one-time filing to revise their TRPs to implement the new X-factor to become effective on December 1, 2017. In particular, the Commission amended section 61.45(b)(1)(iv) of its rules to state that the X-factor shall equal 2 percent effective December 1, 2017. To ease the burden on industry, the only factor that changes in the revised TRPs is the X-factor. Base period demand and the value of GDP–PI will stay constant for this particular filing.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0770]

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) 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 August 21, 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* and to *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: 3060–0770.

Title: Sections 61.49 and 69.4, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 94–1; Fifth Report and Order, FCC 99–206 (New Services).

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 13 respondents; 13 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201–205, 303(r), and 403.

Total Annual Burden: 130 hours.

Total Cost: $12,025.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: No information of a confidential nature is requested. However, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission to be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Needs and Uses: In an August 1999 *Fifth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (*Pricing Flexibility Order*), FCC–206, CC Docket Nos. 94–1 *et al.,* 64 FR 51280 (Sept. 22, 1999), the Commission permitted price cap local exchange carriers (LECs) to introduce new services on a streamlined basis, without prior approval or cost support requirements. The Commission eliminated the public interest showing required by section 69.4(g), and, except in the case of new loop-based access services, eliminated the new services test required by sections 61.49 (f) and (g).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2017–12960 Filed 6–20–17; 8:45 am]

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within twelve days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. A copy of the agreement is available through the Commission's Web site (*www.fmc.gov*) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202)–523–5793 or *tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.*

Agreement No.: 011284–077.

Title: Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association Agreement.

Parties: Alianca Navegacao e Logistica Ltda.; APL Co. Pte Ltd.; American President Lines, Ltd.; Maersk Line A/S; CMA CGM, S.A.; COSCO Shipping Co., Ltd; Evergreen Line Joint Service Agreement; Hamburg-Süd; Hapag-Lloyd AG; Hapag-Lloyd USA LLC; Ltd.; Hyundai Merchant Marine Co. Ltd.; Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.; Mediterranean Shipping Company, S.A.; Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd.; Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line; Orient Overseas Container Line Limited; United Arab Shipping Limited; Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp.; and Zim Integrated Shipping Services, Ltd.

Filing Party: Jeffrey F, Lawrence, Esq. and Donald J. Kassilke, Esq.; Cozen O'Connor; 1200 Nineteenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Synopsis: The amendment deletes parties to the agreement; revises the affiliations of certain members; and reflects updates to the name and address of a party.

Agreement No.: 012206–003.

Title: Grimaldi/''K'' Line Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: Grimaldi Deep Sea S.P.A.; Grimaldi Euromed S.p.A.; and Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.

Filing Party: John P. Meade, General Counsel; ''K'' Line America, Inc.; 6199 Bethlehem Road; Preston, MD 21655.

Synopsis: The amendment updates the Agreement to correct clerical errors and expands the geographic scope of the Agreement.

Agreement No.: 012486.

Title: Crowley/King Ocean Vessel Sharing Agreement.

Parties: Crowley Latin America Services, LLC and King Ocean Services Limited, Inc.

Filing Party: Wayne Rohde, Esq.; Cozen O'Connor; 1200 Nineteenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Synopsis: The agreement authorizes the parties to share vessels in the trade between Florida on the one hand and Costa Rica and Panama on the other hand.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: June 16, 2017.

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 July 7, 2017.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *Erika R. Feingold Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated August 1, 1985, Chad M. Feingold Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated August 1, 1985, Chad M. Feingold Grantor Trust dated August 24, 1998, Erika R. Feingold Grantor Trust, Mark A. Morgan Family Irrevocable Trust dated January 29, 1998, Thomas S. Morgan Family Irrevocable Trust dated January 30, 1998, Mia M. Velasquez Irrevocable Trust dated October 30, 2000, Avi Velasquez Irrevocable Trust dated June 2, 2003, Marley Blake Velasquez Irrevocable Trust dated December 13, 2004, all of Overland Park, Kansas, and Marilyn R. O'Halloran Revocable Trust, Leawood, Kansas, of which Robert J. O'Halloran, Overland Park, Kansas, serves as trustee or co-trustee, and Marilyn R. O'Halloran, individually as co-trustee of the Marilyn R. O'Halloran Revocable Trust;* to retain voting shares and be approved as members of the O'Halloran control group, which own voting shares of Valley View Bancshares, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas, and indirectly owns Security Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 16, 2017.

Yao-Chin Chao,

Assistant Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 2017–12930 Filed 6–20–17; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[CDC–2017–0028, Docket Number NIOSH–290]

Draft Current Intelligence Bulletin: The Occupational Exposure Banding Process: Guidance for the Evaluation of Chemical Hazards; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice and reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 15, 2017 the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), published a notice in the **Federal Register** [82 FR 13809] announcing the availability of a draft Current Intelligence Bulletin entitled *The Occupational Exposure Banding Process: Guidance for the Evaluation of Chemical Hazards* for public comment. NIOSH convened a public meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 to discuss the document. The draft document can be found at *www.regulations.gov.* by entering CDC–2017–0028 in the search field and clicking ''Search.'' Written comments were to be received by June 13, 2017. In response to a request from an interested party, NIOSH is announcing the reopening of the comment period.

DATES: Electronic or written comments must be received by July 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Seaton, NIOSH, Education and Information Division, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C–32, Cincinnati, OH 45226, telephone (513) 533–8248, Fax (513) 533–8230 (not toll free numbers), email *MSeaton@cdc.gov.*

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by CDC–2017–0028 and Docket Number NIOSH–290, by either of the following two methods:

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

• *Mail:* National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH Docket Office, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C–34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226–1998.

John Howard,

Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 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–2769]

Development of New Tuberculosis Treatment Regimens—Scientific and Clinical Trial Design Considerations; Public Workshop; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is/are announcing a public workshop regarding scientific and clinical trial design considerations for the development of new tuberculosis (TB) treatment regimens. This public workshop is intended to provide information for and gain perspective from health care providers, other U.S. Government Agencies, academic experts, industry, and other stakeholders regarding scientific and clinical trial design considerations related to the development of new TB regimens.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on July 19, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Submit either electronic or written comments on this public workshop by August 1, 2017. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for registration date and information. The workshop draft agenda will be made available at *https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/NewsEvents/ucm548365.htm* prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The public workshop will be held at FDA's White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Building 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD 20993. Entrance for the public workshop participants (non-FDA employees) is through Building 1 where routine security check procedures will be performed. For parking and security information, please refer to *https://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/BuildingsandFacilities/WhiteOakCampusInformation/ucm241740.htm.*

You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. Electronic comments must be submitted on or before August 1, 2017. The *https://www.regulations.gov* electronic filing system will accept comments until midnight eastern time on August 1, 2017. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are postmarked or the delivery service acceptance receipt is on or before that date.

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to *https://www.regulations.gov* will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on *https://www.regulations.gov.*

• If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see ''Written/Paper Submissions'' and ''Instructions'').

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

• *Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

• For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in ''Instructions.''

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2017–N–2769 for ''Development of New Tuberculosis Treatment Regimens—Scientific and Clinical Trial Design Considerations; Public Workshop; Request for Comments.'' Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see **ADDRESSES**), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as ''Confidential Submissions,'' publicly viewable at *https://www.regulations.gov* or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

• Confidential Submissions—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states ''THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.'' The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on *https://www.regulations.gov.* Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as ''confidential.'' Any information marked as ''confidential'' will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: *https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf.*

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the ''Search'' box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Benner and/or Jessica Barnes, Center for

Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 22, Rm. 6221, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–1300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing a public workshop regarding scientific and clinical trial design considerations for the development of new TB drug regimens. As such, discussions will focus on drug development programs and studies intended to evaluate shorter and better tolerated TB drug regimens and new regimens that have efficacy for treatment of sensitive and drug-resistant TB.

II. Topics for Discussion at the Public Workshop

The FDA is conducting this workshop to focus on scientific considerations needed to advance the development of new TB treatment regimens. FDA is particularly interested in discussing pre-clinical and clinical considerations relevant to the development of new TB treatment regimens. Discussions are planned around the following topics:

- Current landscape and challenges in TB drug development.
- In vitro and in vivo nonclinical models that may help select or deselect new investigational TB drug regimens to enter into clinical development.
- Biomarkers that may help predict responses to therapy at a time earlier than standard liquid or solid culture results would allow.
- Surrogate endpoints that may be used to predict clinical benefit.
- An update on TB diagnostics.
- Options for assessing the contribution of individual drugs in a new TB treatment regimen.
- Clinical trial design challenges in pediatric and special populations.

The Agency encourages health care providers, other U.S. Government Agencies, academic experts, industry, and other stakeholders to attend this public workshop.

III. Participating in the Public Workshop

Registration: Registration is free and based on space availability, with priority given to early registrants. Persons interested in attending this public workshop must register by July 14, 2017, midnight eastern standard time. To register, please provide complete contact information for each attendee, including name, title, affiliation, address, email, and telephone to *TuberculosisWorkshop2017@fda.hhs.gov.* Early registration is recommended because seating is limited; therefore, FDA may limit the number of participants from each organization. Registrants will receive confirmation when they have been accepted. If time and space permit, onsite registration on the day of the public workshop will be provided beginning at 7:30 a.m. We will let registrants know if registration closes before the day of the public workshop.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Jessica Barnes or Lori Benner (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than July 14, 2017.

Requests for Oral Presentations: During online registration you may indicate if you wish to present during a public comment session and which topic(s) you wish to address. We will do our best to accommodate requests to make public comments. Individuals and organizations with common interests are urged to consolidate or coordinate their presentations, and request time for a joint presentation, or submit requests for designated representatives to participate in the focused sessions. Following the close of registration, we will determine the amount of time allotted to each presenter and the approximate time each oral presentation is to begin, and will select and notify participants by July 11, 2017. All requests to make oral presentations must be received by July 10, 2017. If selected for presentation, any presentation materials must be emailed to *TuberculosisWorkshop2017@fda.hhs.gov* no later than July 13, 2017. No commercial or promotional material will be permitted to be presented or distributed at the public workshop.

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Dated: June 15, 2017.

Anna K. Abram,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Planning, Legislation, and Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2017–N–3203]

Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc. et al.; Withdrawal of Approval of 121 New Drug Applications and 161 Abbreviated New Drug Applications

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is withdrawing approval of 121 new drug applications (NDAs) and 161 abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) from multiple applicants. The holders of the applications notified the Agency in writing that the drug products were no longer marketed and requested that the approval of the applications be withdrawn.

DATES: The withdrawal is effective on July 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Florine P. Purdie, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, Rm. 6248, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–3601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The holders of the applications listed in table 1 in this document have informed FDA that these drug products are no longer marketed and have requested that FDA withdraw approval of the applications under the process in § 314.150(c) (21 CFR 314.150(c)). The applicants have also, by their requests, waived their opportunity for a hearing. Withdrawal of approval of an application or abbreviated application under § 314.150(c) is without prejudice to refiling.

TABLE 1

Application No.	Drug	Applicant
NDA 005897	Folvite (folic acid) Injection, 5 milligrams (mg)/milliliter (mL)	Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc., Subsidiary of Pfizer Inc., P.O. Box 8299, Philadelphia, PA 19101–8299.
NDA 006343	Wydase (hyaluronidase) Injection USP	Baxter Healthcare Corp., 32650 N. Wilson Rd., Round Lake, IL 60073.
NDA 007390	Banthine (methantheline bromide) Tablets, 50 mg	Shire Development Inc., 725 Chesterbrook Blvd., Wayne, PA 19087.
NDA 008126	Cortisone Acetate (cortisone acetate) Tablets, 5 mg, 10 mg, and 25 mg; and Injection, 25 mg/mL.	Pharmacia & Upjohn Co., Subsidiary of Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017.
NDA 008732	Pro-Banthine (propantheline bromide) Tablets, 7.5 mg and 15 mg.	Shire Development Inc.
NDA 011683	Thiotepa for Injection, 15 mg/vial	Immunex Corp., Subsidiary of Amgen, 1 Amgen Center Dr., MS 17 1B, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320–1799.
NDA 011836	Presamine (imipramine hydrochloride (HCl)) Tablets USP	Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC, 55 Corporate Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
NDA 012003	Akineton (biperiden HCl) Tablets, 2 mg	AbbVie Inc., 1 N. Waukegan Rd., Dept. PA77/Bldg. AP30–1, North Chicago, IL 60064.
NDA 012421	Medrol Acetate (methylprednisolone acetate) Topical Ointment, 0.25% and 1%.	Pharmacia & Upjohn Co.
NDA 013935	Herplex (idoxuridine) Ophthalmic Solution, 0.1%	Allergan, Inc., 2525 Dupont Dr., P.O. Box 19534, Irvine, CA 92623–9534.
NDA 013993	Chromitope Sodium (sodium chromate Cr 51) Injection USP, 2 millicuries (mCi)/vial and 200 microcuries (uCi)/mL.	Bracco Diagnostics Inc., 259 Prospect Plains Rd., Bldg. H, Monroe Township, NJ 08831.
NDA 014006	Maxibolin (ethylestrenol) Elixir, 2 mg/5 mL	Organon USA, Inc., Subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc., 2000 Galloping Hill Rd., Kenilworth, NJ 07033.
NDA 014214	NegGram (nalidixic acid) Tablets USP, 250 mg, 500 mg, and 1 gram (g).	Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC, c/o Sanofi U.S. Services Inc., 55 Corporate Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
NDA 014295	Conray 400 (iothalamate sodium) Injection USP, 66.8%	Mallinckrodt Inc., 675 McDonnell Blvd., Hazelwood, MO 63042.
NDA 016089	Rubratope-57 (cyanocobalamin CO-57) Capsules, 0.5–1 uCi and Rubratope-57 Kit (cobalt chloride CO-57, cyanocobalamin, cyanocobalamin CO-57, intrinsic factor).	Bracco Diagnostics Inc.
NDA 016672	Ovral (ethinyl estradiol and norgestrel) Tablets, 0.05 mg/0.5 mg.	Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.
NDA 016692	M/6 Sodium Lactate (sodium lactate) Injection USP, 1.87 g/100 mL.	Baxter Healthcare Corp.
NDA 016696	Dextrose 10% and Sodium Chloride 0.9% Injection USP in Plastic Container.	Do.
NDA 016708	Sodium Chromate Cr 51 Injection, 100 μCi/mL	Mallinckrodt Nuclear Medicine LLC., 2703 Wagner Place, Maryland Heights, MO 63043.
NDA 016744	Noriday 1+50 FE (mestranol and norethindrone) Tablets	GD Searle LLC, Subsidiary of Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017.
NDA 016806	Ovral-28 (ethinyl estradiol and norgestrel) Tablets, 0.05 mg/0.5 mg.	Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.
NDA 016860	Eskalith (lithium carbonate) Capsules, 300 mg	Noven Therapeutics, LLC., 11960 Southwest 144th St., Miami, FL 33186.
NDA 017038	Sodium Chloride Injection, 20 g/100 mL	B. Braun Medical Inc., 901 Marcon Blvd., Allentown, PA 18109.
NDA 017281	Technetium Tc99m Generator (Neutron)	Lantheus Medical Imaging, Inc., 331 Treble Cove Rd., North Billerica, MA 01862.
NDA 017283	Xenon Xe 133 Injection, 6.3 mCi/mL	Lantheus Medical Imaging, Inc.
NDA 017505	Noriday (mestranol and norethindrone) Tablets	GD Searle LLC.
NDA 017549	LidoPen (lidocaine HCl) Injection, 10%	Meridian Medical Technologies, Inc., Subsidiary of Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017.
NDA 017576	Ovcon-50 (ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone) Tablets USP, 0.05 mg/1 mg.	Warner Chilcott Co., LLC, Union Street Road, 195 km 1.1, Fajrado, Puerto Rico 00738.
NDA 017670	Sodium Chloride 0.45% in Plastic Container, Irrigation	Hospira, Inc. 275 North Field Dr., Lake Forest, IL 60045.
NDA 017756	Tylenol (acetaminophen) Suppositories, 120 mg and 650 mg	Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc., McNeil Consumer Healthcare Division, 7050 Camp Hill Rd., Fort Washington, PA 19034.
NDA 017748	Noriday 1+50 (mestranol and norethindrone) Tablets	GD Searle LLC.
NDA 018031	Inderide (propranolol HCl and hydrochlorothiazide) Tablets, 40 mg/25 mg and 80 mg/25 mg.	Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.
NDA 018039	Loxitane IM (loxapine HCl) Injection, Equivalent to (EQ) 50 mg base/mL.	Actavis Laboratories UT, Inc., Subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., 425 Privet Road, Horsham, PA 19044.
NDA 018104	Hylorel (guanadrel sulfate) Tablets, 10 mg and 25 mg	Pharmacia and Upjohn Co.
NDA 018239	Propine (dipivefrin HCl) Ophthalmic Solution USP, 0.1%	Allergan, Inc.
NDA 018254	Ringer's and Dextrose 5% (calcium chloride, dextrose, potassium chloride, sodium chloride) Injection USP (in Plastic Container).	Hospira Inc.
NDA 018353	Flagyl I.V. (metronidazole HCl) for Injection, EQ 500 mg base/vial.	GD Searle LLC.
NDA 018388	Lidocaine HCl in Dextrose 5% in Plastic Container Injection	Hospira, Inc.

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Application No.	Drug	Applicant
NDA 018404	0.25% Acetic Acid Irrigation Solution	Do.
NDA 018406	PhysioSol (magnesium chloride, potassium chloride, sodium acetate, sodium chloride, sodium gluconate) Irrigation Solution.	Do.
NDA 018460	Dialyte (Peritoneal Dialysis Solution) Pattern LM (calcium chloride, dextrose, magnesium chloride, sodium acetate, sodium chloride) with Dextrose.	B. Braun Medical Inc.
NDA 018465	Soyacal (soybean oil) Injection, 10%	Grifols Biologicals Inc., 5555 Valley Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90032.
NDA 018509	Baros (sodium bicarbonate, tartaric acid) Effervescent Granules, 460 mg/g; 420 mg/g).	Mallinckrodt Inc.
NDA 018713	Mycelex (clotrimazole) Troche/Lozenge, 10 mg	Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals Inc., 100 Bayer Blvd., Whippany, NJ 07981.
ANDA 018730	Indomethacin Capsules USP, 25 mg and 50 mg	Zenith Laboratories, Inc., 140 LeGrand Ave., Northvale, NJ 07647.
NDA 018786	Soyacal(Soybean Oil) Injection, 20%	Grifols Biologicals Inc., 5555 Valley Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90032.
NDA 018807	Dialyte (Peritoneal Dialysis Concentrates) (calcium chloride, dextrose, magnesium chloride, sodium acetate, sodium chloride) with Dextrose.	B. Braun Medical Inc.
NDA 018887	Intal (cromolyn sodium) Metered Dose Inhaler, 0.8 mg/inhalation.	King Pharmaceuticals Inc., Subsidiary of Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017.
NDA 018970	Liposyn III 20% (soybean oil) Injection	Hospira, Inc.
NDA 018991	Liposyn II 20% (safflower oil and soybean oil) Injection	Do.
NDA 018997	Liposyn II 10% (safflower oil and soybean oil) Injection	Do.
NDA 019038	Calan (verapamil HCl) Injection, 2.5 mg/mL	G.D. Searle LLC.
NDA 019121	Bretylium Tosylate in 5% Dextrose Injection	B. Braun Medical Inc.
NDA 019212	Theophylline and 5% Dextrose Injection	Do.
NDA 019229	Zinc Sulfate Injection, EQ 1 mg Zinc/mL	Abraxis Pharmaceutical Products, 6133 North River Rd., Suite 500, Rosemont, IL 60018.
NDA 019350	Cupric Sulfate Injection, EQ 0.4 mg Copper/mL	Do.
NDA 019415	Fertinex (urofollitropin) for Subcutaneous Injection, 75 international units (IU)/ampule and 150 IU/ampule, and Metrodin (urofollitropin) for Intramuscular Injection, 75 IU)/ampule and 150 IU/ampule.	EMD Serono, Inc., One Technology Pl., Rockland, MA 02370.
NDA 019510	Pepcid (famotidine) Injection, 10 mg/mL	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., Subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc., 1 Merck Dr., P.O. Box 100, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.
NDA 019514	Ionosol T and 5% Dextrose Injection	Hospira, Inc.
NDA 019515	Ionosol B and 5% Dextrose Injection	Do.
NDA 019641	Terazol 3 (terconazole) Vaginal Suppositories, 80 mg	Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 1000 U.S. Highway 202, Raritan, NJ 08869.
NDA 019643	Mevacor (lovastatin) Tablets, 10 mg, 20 mg, and 40 mg	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
NDA 019660	Tilade (nedocromil sodium) Metered Dose Inhaler, 1.75 mg/inhalation.	King Pharmaceuticals Inc.
NDA 019793	Pharmaseal Scrub Care (chlorhexidine gluconate) Sponge, 4%.	CareFusion 2200, Inc., 75 North Fairway Dr., Vernon Hills, IL 60061.
NDA 019802	Heparin Sodium in Sodium Chloride Injection	B. Braun Medical Inc.
NDA 019834	Plendil (felodipine) Extended-Release Tablets, 2.5 mg, 5 mg, and 10 mg.	AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, 1800 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803.
NDA 019907	Optipranolol (metipranolol HCl) Ophthalmic Solution, 0.3%	Bausch & Lomb, Inc., Subsidiary of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., 400 Somerset Corporate Blvd., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
NDA 019933	Lactated Ringer's (calcium chloride, potassium chloride, sodium chloride, sodium lactate) Irrigation Solution.	Baxter Healthcare Corp.
NDA 020092	Dilacor XR (diltiazem HCl) Extended-Release Capsules, 120 mg, 180 mg, and 240 mg.	Allergan Sales, LLC, 2525 Dupont Drive, Irvine, CA 92612.
NDA 020146	Nitrodisc (nitroglycerin) Transdermal System, 0.2 mg/hour (hr), 0.3 mg/hr, and 0.4 mg/hr.	GD Searle LLC.
NDA 020181	Liposyn III 30% (soybean oil) Injection	Hospira, Inc.
NDA 020249	Pepcid Preservative Free (famotidine) Injection, 0.4 mg/mL	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
NDA 020291	Combivent (albuterol sulfate and ipratropium bromide) Metered Dose Inhaler, EQ 0.09 mg base/inhalation; 0.018 mg/inhalation.	Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc., 900 Ridgebury Rd., P.O. Box 368, Ridgefield, CT 06877.
NDA 020292	FerriSeltz (ferric ammonium citrate) Powder for Oral Solution, 600 mg/packet.	Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., 508 Carnegie Center Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540.
ANDA 020360	Hepatasol Sulfite-free (amino acids) Injection, 8%	Baxter Healthcare Corp.
NDA 020409	Nasarel (flunisolide) Nasal Spray, 0.029 mg/spray	Teva Branded Pharmaceutical Products R&D, Inc., 74 NW 176th St., Miami, FL 33169.
NDA 020448	Imodium A–D (loperamide HCl) Tablets (Chewable), 2 mg	Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.
NDA 020506	Tiamate (diltiazem malate) Extended-Release Tablets	Merck & Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1000, UG2C–50, North Wales, PA 19454.

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Application No.	Drug	Applicant
NDA 020518	Retrovir (zidovudine) Tablets, 200 mg and 300 mg	ViiV Healthcare Co., Five Moore Dr., P.O. Box 13398, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.
NDA 020569	Vitrasert (ganciclovir) Implant, 4.5 mg	Bausch & Lomb Inc.
NDA 020606	Imodium Multi-Symptom Relief (loperamide HCl and simethicone) Tablets (Chewable), 2 mg/125 mg.	Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.
NDA 020635	Levaquin (levofloxacin) Injection, EQ 250 mg/50 mL, EQ 500 mg/100 mL, and EQ 750 mg/150 mL.	Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
NDA 020745	Zantac (ranitidine HCl) Tablets (Effervescent), EQ 75 mg base.	Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC, 55 Corporate Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
NDA 020752	Pepcid RPD (famotidine) Orally Disintegrating Tablets, 20 mg and 40 mg.	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
NDA 020799	Floxin Otic (ofloxacin) Otic Solution, 0.3%	Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd., 399 Thornall St., Edison, NJ 08837.
NDA 020813	Klonopin (clonazepam) Orally Disintegrating Tablets, 0.125 mg, 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, and 2 mg.	Hoffmann La-Roche, Inc., c/o Genentech, Inc., 1 DNA Way MS #242, South San Francisco, CA 94080.
NDA 020902	Pepcid AC (famotidine) Tablets OTC, 10 mg	Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.
NDA 021097	Visicol (sodium phosphate, monobasic monohydrate, and sodium phosphate dibasic anhydrous) Tablets USP.	Salix Pharmaceuticals Inc., Subsidiary of Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America LLC, 400 Somerset Corporate Blvd., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
NDA 021214	Rescula (unoprostone isopropyl) Ophthalmic Solution, 0.15%	R-Tech Ueno, Ltd., c/o Sucampo Pharma Americas, LLC, 805 King Farm Blvd., Suite 550, Rockville, MD 20850.
NDA 021224	Razadyne (galantamine hydrobromide) Oral Solution, 4 mg/mL.	Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
NDA 021317	Bayer Extra Strength Aspirin (aspirin) Tablets, 500 mg	Bayer Healthcare LLC, 100 Bayer Blvd., Whippany, NJ 07981.
NDA 021412	Tovalt ODT (zolpidem tartrate) Orally Disintegrating Tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg.	Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America, LLC, 400 Somerset Corporate Blvd., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
NDA 021453	Zerit XR (stavudine) Extended-Release Capsules, 37.5 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, and 100 mg.	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., 5 Research Parkway, Wallingford, CT 06492.
NDA 021483	Geodon (ziprasidone HCl) Oral Suspension, EQ10 mg base/mL.	Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017.
NDA 021494	Axid (nizatidine) Oral Solution, 15 mg/mL	Braintree Laboratories, Inc., 60 Columbian St. West, P.O. Box 850929, Braintree, MA 02185.
NDA 021589	Kemstro (baclofen) Orally Disintegrating Tablets, 10 mg and 20 mg.	UCB, Inc.,1950 Lake Park Dr., Smyrna, GA 30080.
NDA 021595	Sanctura (trospium chloride) Tablets, 20 mg	Allergan, Inc.
NDA 021721	Levaquin (levofloxacin) Oral Solution, 25 mg/mL	Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
NDA 021763	Citalopram Hydrobromide Orally Disintegrating Tablets, EQ 10 mg base, EQ 20 mg base, and EQ 40 mg base.	Valeant International (Barbados) SRL Welches, Christ Church, Barbados, BB17154.
NDA 021864	Lybrel (ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel) Tablets, 0.02 mg/0.09 mg.	Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.
NDA 022103	Sanctura XR (trospium chloride) Extended-Release Capsules, 60 mg.	Allergan, Inc.
NDA 022220	Trivaris (triamcinolone acetonide) Injectable Suspension, 80 mg/mL.	Do.
NDA 022294	Zidovudine Tablets, 60 mg	Aurobindo Pharma Limited, c/o Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc., 2400 Route 130 North, Dayton, NJ 08810.
NDA 022377	Alsuma (sumatriptan succinate) Auto-Injector, EQ 6 mg base/0.5 mL Injectable.	Meridian Medical Technologies, Inc., 1945 Craig Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146.
NDA 022411	Oleptro (trazodone HCl) Extended-Release Tablets, 150 mg and 300 mg.	Angelini Pharma Inc., 8322 Helgerman Ct., Gaithersburg, MD 20877.
NDA 022494	Sodium Fluoride F 18 Injection, 10–200 mCi/mL	National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute, Cancer Imaging Program, 9609 Medical Center Dr., Room 4–W236, MSC 9729, Bethesda, MD 20892–9729.
NDA 022545	Tekamlo (aliskiren hemifumarate and amlodipine besylate) Tablets.	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., One Health Plaza, East Hanover, NJ 07936.
ANDA 040032	Cyclophosphamide Tablets USP, 25 mg and 50 mg	Roxane Laboratories, Inc., 1809 Wilson Rd., Columbus, OH 43228.
ANDA 040262	Leucovorin Calcium for Injection, EQ 350 mg base/vial	Pharmachemie B.V., c/o SICOR Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 19 Hughes, Irvine, CA 92618.
ANDA 040772	Fluorouracil Injection USP, 50 mg/mL	Sandoz Inc., 100 College Road West, Princeton, NJ 08540.
ANDA 040793	A-Methapred (methylprednisolone sodium succinate) for Injection USP, EQ 40 mg base/vial.	Hospira, Inc.
ANDA 040827	A-Methapred (methylprednisolone sodium succinate) for Injection USP, EQ 125 mg base/vial.	Do.
NDA 050182	Erythrocin (erythromycin lactobionate) for Injection USP	Do.
NDA 050435	Geocillin (carbenicillin indanyl sodium) Tablets, EQ 382 mg base.	Pfizer, Inc.
NDA 050528	Duricef (cefadroxil) Tablets USP, EQ 1 g base	Warner Chilcott Co., Inc., 100 Enterprise Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866.
NDA 050545	Pipracil (piperacillin sodium) Injection	Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.
NDA 050590	Timentin (ticarcillin disodium and clavulanate potassium) for Injection.	GlaxoSmithKline.

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Application No.	Drug	Applicant
NDA 050658	Timentin Galaxy Plastic Container(ticarcillin disodium and clavulanate potassium) for Injection.	Do.
NDA 050664	Cefzil (cefprozil) Tablets, 250 mg and 500 mg	Corden Pharma Latina, S.p.A. , c/o Clinipace, Inc., 4840 Pearl East Circle, Suite 210E, Boulder, CO 80301.
NDA 050665	Cefzil (cefprozil) Oral Suspension, 125 mg/5 mL and 250 mg/5 mL.	Do.
ANDA 060076	Streptomycin Sulfate Powder for Injection, EQ 1 g base/vial and EQ 5 g base/vial.	Pfizer Inc.
ANDA 060111	Streptomycin Sulfate Powder for Injection, EQ 1 g base/2.5 mL.	Do.
ANDA 060607	Neomycin Sulfate Tablets, 500 mg	Lannett Co., Inc., 9000 State Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19136.
ANDA 061578	Poly-Rx (polymyxin B sulfate USP) for Prescription Compounding.	X–GEN Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 300 Daniel Zenker Dr., Horseheads, NY 14845.
ANDA 061580	Baci-Rx (bacitracinUSP) for Prescription Compounding	Do.
ANDA 061645	Econochlor (chloramphenicol) Ophthalmic Solution USP, 0.5%.	Alcon Laboratories, Inc., 6201 South Freeway, TC–45, Fort Worth, TX 76134–2099.
ANDA 061648	Chloramphenicol Ophthalmic Ointment, 1%	Do.
ANDA 062118	Cephalexin Capsules USP, EQ 250 mg base and EQ 500 mg base.	Do.
ANDA 062206	Cefaclor for Oral Suspension USP, EQ 125 mg base/5 mL, EQ 187 mg base/5 mL, EQ 250 mg base/5 mL, and EQ 375 mg base/5 mL.	Do.
ANDA 062339	Statrol (neomycin sulfate and polymyxin B sulfate) Ophthalmic Solution, EQ 3.5 mg base/mL and 16,250 units/mL.	Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 062523	Gentamicin Sulfate Ophthalmic Solution USP, EQ 0.3% base	Do.
ANDA 062628	Chloramphenicol Ophthalmic Solution USP, 0.5%	Do.
ANDA 062691	Timentin ADD-Vantage (ticarcillin disodium and clavulanate potassium) for Injection USP, EQ 3 g base/vial and EQ 100 mg base/vial.	GlaxoSmithKline.
ANDA 062714	Neomycin Sulfate and Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate Ophthalmic Solution, EQ 3.5 mg base/mL and EQ 0.1% and.	Alcon Pharmaceuticals Ltd., 6201 South Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76134.
ANDA 062721	Neomycin and Polymyxin B Sulfate and Dexamethasone Ophthalmic Suspension USP, EQ 3.5 mg base/mL; 10,000 units/mL; 0.1%.	Do.
ANDA 062822	Pediotic (neomycin sulfate and polymyxin B sulfate and hydrocortisone) Otic Suspension USP.	Monarch Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Subsidiary of Pfizer Inc., 235 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017–7555.
ANDA 063176	Tobramycin Ophthalmic Solution USP, 0.3%	Alcon Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.
ANDA 063208	Cefazolin for Injection USP, EQ 1 g base/100 mL vial	Steri-Pharma, LLC, 429 South West St., Syracuse, NY 13202.
ANDA 063216	Cefazolin for Injection USP, EQ 500 mg base/100 mL vial	Do.
ANDA 063283	Amikacin Sulfate Injection, EQ 62.5 mg base/mL	Hospira, Inc.
ANDA 064169	Cefazolin for Injection USP, EQ 500 mg base/vial and EQ 1 g base/vial.	Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC, Three Corporate Dr., Lake Zurich, IL 60047.
ANDA 064170	Cefazolin for Injection USP, EQ 10 g base/vial and EQ 20 g base/vial.	Do.
ANDA 065010	Neo-Fradin (neomycin sulfate) Oral Solution USP, EQ 87.5 mg base/5 mL.	X–GEN Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
ANDA 065011	Cefoxitin (cefoxitin sodium) for Injection, EQ 10 g base/Vial	Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC.
ANDA 065012	Cefoxitin for Injection USP, EQ 1 g base/vial and EQ 2 g base/vial.	Do.
ANDA 065245	Ceftriaxone for Injection USP, EQ 250 mg base/vial, EQ 500 mg base/vial, EQ 1 g base/vial, and EQ 2 g base/vial.	Do.
ANDA 065252	Ceftriaxone for Injection, EQ 10 g base/vial	Do.
ANDA 065324	Amoxicillin Tablets for Oral Suspension USP, 200 mg and 400 mg.	Aurobindo Pharma Limited.
ANDA 065339	Epirubicin HCl Injection, 50 mg/25 mL and 200 mg/100 mL	Sandoz, Inc.
ANDA 065465	Ceftriaxone for Injection USP, EQ 250 mg base/vial, EQ 500 mg base/vial, EQ 1 g base/vial, and EQ 2 g base/vial.	Bedford Laboratories, c/o PAREXEL International, 4600 East-West Highway, Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814.
ANDA 065475	Ceftriaxone for Injection USP, EQ 10 g base/vial	Do.
ANDA 070088	Ibuprofen Tablets USP, 600 mg	BASF Corp., 5738 County Rd. 4, Bishop, TX 78343.
ANDA 070187	Disopyramide Phosphate Capsules USP, EQ 150 mg base	Ivax Pharmaceuticals Inc., Subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., 425 Privet Road, Horsham, PA 19044.
ANDA 070587	Bupivacaine HCl Injection USP, 0.75%	Hospira, Inc.
ANDA 070659	Clonidine HCl Tablets, 0.3 mg	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., 1090 Horsham Rd., P.O. Box 1090, North Wales, PA 19454.
ANDA 070702	Clonidine HCl Tablets, 0.2 mg	Do.
ANDA 070747	Clonidine HCl Tablets, 0.1 mg	Do.
ANDA 070804	Metaproterenol Sulfate Inhalation Solution USP, 0.6%	Mylan Specialty, L.P., 781 Chestnut Ridge Rd., P.O. Box 4310, Morgantown, WV 26504.
ANDA 071067	Methyldopa Tablets USP, 500 mg	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.

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Application No.	Drug	Applicant
ANDA 071101	Clonidine HCl Tablets USP, 0.3 mg	Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 2 Quaker Rd., P.O. Box 2900, Pomona, NY 10970.
ANDA 071102	Clonidine HCl Tablets USP, 0.2 mg	Do.
ANDA 071103	Clonidine HCl Tablets USP, 0.1 mg	Do.
ANDA 071105	Methyldopa Tablets USP, 125 mg	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
ANDA 071106	Methyldopa Tablets USP, 250 mg	Do.
ANDA 071426	Vincasar PFS (vincristine sulfate) Injection USP, 1 mg/mL	Teva Parenteral Medicines Inc., 19 Hughes, Irvine, CA 92618.
ANDA 071584	Diazepam Injection USP, 5 mg/mL	Hospira, Inc.
ANDA 071786	Metaproterenol Sulfate Inhalation Solution USP, 0.4%	Mylan Specialty L.P.
ANDA 072323	Acetylcysteine Solution USP, 10%	Roxane Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 072324	Acetylcysteine Solution USP, 20%	Do.
ANDA 073034	Metaproterenol Sulfate Oral Solution USP, 10 mg/5 mL	G&W Laboratories Inc., 111 Coolidge St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.
ANDA 073636	Dipivefrin HCl Ophthalmic Solution USP, 0.1%	Alcon Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.
ANDA 073676	Atenolol Tablets, 50 mg and 100 mg	GD Searle LLC.
ANDA 074023	Ranitidine Tablets USP, 150 mg and 300 mg	Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.
ANDA 074160	Bumetanide Injection USP, 0.25 mg/mL	Hospira, Inc.
ANDA 074269	Cimetidine in Sodium Chloride 0.9% Injection USP, EQ6 mg base/mL).	Do.
ANDA 074300	Lorazepam Injection USP, 2 mg/mL and 4 mg/mL	Do.
ANDA 074396	Enflurane Inhalation , 99.9%	Piramal Critical Care, Inc., 3950 Schelden Circle, Bethlehem, PA 18017.
ANDA 074546	Clozapine Tablets USP, 25 mg and 100 mg	Sandoz, Inc.
ANDA 074632	Atracurium Besylate Injection, 10 mg/mL	Hospira, Inc.
ANDA 074851	Levobunolol HCl Ophthalmic Solution USP, 0.25%	Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 074927	Etodolac Tablets USP, 400 mg	Lehigh Valley Technologies, Inc., 514 North 12th St., Allentown, PA 18102.
ANDA 075117	Orapred (prednisolone sodium phosphate) Oral Solution, EQ 15 mg base/5 mL.	Concordia Pharmaceuticals, Inc., c/o Mapi USA, Inc., 2343 Alexandria Dr., Suite 100, Lexington, KY 40504.
ANDA 075436	Paclitaxel Injection USP, 6 mg/mL	Accord Healthcare Inc., 1009 Slater Rd., Suite 210–B, Durham, NC 27703.
ANDA 075721	Leuprolide Acetate Injection, 1 mg/0.2 mL	Genzyme Corp., 500 Kendall St., Cambridge, MA 02142.
ANDA 075963	Tramadol HCl Tablets, 50 mg	Ivax Pharmaceuticals Inc.
ANDA 076234	Flavoxate HCl Tablets, 100 mg	Impax Laboratories, Inc., 30831 Huntwood Ave., Hayward, CA 94544.
ANDA 076296	Vincristine Sulfate Injection USP, 1 mg/mL	Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC.
ANDA 076394	Amiodarone HCl Injection, 50 mg/mL	Par Sterile Products, LLC, Morris Corporate Center 2, One Upper Pond Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07054.
ANDA 076401	Vincristine Sulfate Injection USP, 1 mg/mL	Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC.
ANDA 076414	Milrinone Lactate in 5% Dextrose Injection, EQ 20 mg base/100 mL.	B. Braun Medical Inc.
ANDA 076563	Diltiazem HCl Extended-Release Capsules USP, 120 mg, 180 mg, 240 mg, 300 mg, 360 mg, 420 mg.	Nesher Pharmaceuticals (USA) LLC, 13910 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton, MO 63044.
ANDA 076699	Parcopa (carbidopa and levodopa) Orally Disintegrating Tablets, 10 mg/100 mg, 25 mg/100 mg, and 25 mg/250 mg.	UCB, Inc., 1950 Lake Park Dr., Bldg. 2100, Smyrna, GA 30080.
ANDA 077275	Didanosine Tablets for Oral Suspension USP, 100 mg, 150 mg, and 200 mg.	Aurobindo Pharma Limited.
ANDA 077774	Stavudine for Oral Solution USP, 1 mg/mL	Do.
ANDA 077887	Carvedilol Tablets USP, 3.125 mg, 6.25 mg, 12.5 mg, 25 mg	Hikma Pharmaceuticals, c/o West-Ward Pharmaceuticals Corp., 401 Industrial Way West, Eatontown, NJ 07724.
ANDA 077968	Alprazolam Extended-Release Tablets, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, and 3 mg.	Impax Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 077996	Alprazolam Extended-Release Tablets, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg.	Do.
ANDA 078112	Didanosine for Oral Solution USP, 10 mg/mL	Aurobindo Pharma Limited.
ANDA 078240	Carvedilol Tablets, 3.125 mg, 6.25 mg, 12.5 mg, and 25 mg	Pliva Hrvatska d.o.o., Subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., 425 Privet Rd., Horsham, PA 19044.
ANDA 078254	Atenolol Tablets USP, 25 mg, 50 mg, and 100 mg	Northstar Healthcare Holdings, c/o Quality Regulatory Consultants, 1966 Anglers Cove, Vero Beach, FL 32963.
ANDA 078285	Bicalutamide Tablets USP, 50 mg	Roxane Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 078298	Sumatriptan Succinate Tablets USP, EQ 25 mg base, EQ 50 mg base, EQ 100 mg base.	Hikma Pharmaceuticals.
ANDA 078310	Lamotrigine Tablets USP, 25 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, and 200 mg.	Pharmascience Inc., c/o Pharmascience Laboratories Inc., 295 Firetower Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150.
ANDA 078334	Granisol (granisetron HCl Oral Solution, 2 mg base/10mL	PediatRx, Inc., c/o Cardinal Health Regulatory Sciences, 7400 West 110th St., Commerce Plaza II, Suite 300, Overland Park, KS 66210.
ANDA 078374	Metoclopramide Tablets USP, EQ 5 mg base and EQ 10 mg base.	Northstar Healthcare Holdings.
ANDA 078408	Vinorelbine Injection USP, EQ 10 mg base/mL	Sandoz Inc.

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Application No.	Drug	Applicant
ANDA 078501	Dronabinol Capsules USP, 2.5 mg, 5 mg, and 10 mg	Insys Therapeutics, Inc., 1333 South Spectrum Blvd., Suite 100, Chandler, AZ 85286.
ANDA 078577	Levofloxacin Injection, EQ 750 mg/30 mL and EQ 500 mg/20 mL.	Hospira Inc.
ANDA 078782	Gabapentin Tablets USP, 600 mg and 800 mg	Hikma Pharmaceuticals.
ANDA 078808	Granisetron HCl Injection USP, EQ 0.1 mg base/mL	Sandoz Inc.
ANDA 078812	Oxaliplatin Injection USP, 50 mg/10 mL and 100 mg/20 mL	Do.
ANDA 078952	Glimepiride Tablets USP, 1 mg, 2 mg, and 4 mg	Hikma Pharmaceuticals.
ANDA 079033	Fomepizole Injection, 1.5 g/1.5 mL	Mylan Institutional LLC, 4901 Hiawatha Dr., Rockford, IL 61103.
ANDA 080020	Isopto Cetamide (sulfacetamide sodium) Ophthalmic Solution, 15%.	Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 080021	Sulfacetamide Sodium Ophthalmic Ointment, 10%	Do.
ANDA 080229	Naphcon Forte (naphazoline HCl) Ophthalmic Solution USP 0.1%.	Do.
ANDA 080248	Albalon (naphazoline HCl) Ophthalmic Solution USP, 0.1%	Allergan, Inc.
ANDA 080472	Hytone (hydrocortisone) Cream, 1% and 2.5%	Valeant International (Barbados) SRL, c/o Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America LLC, 400 Somerset Corporate Blvd., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
ANDA 080473	Hytone (hydrocortisone) Lotion, 1% and 2.5%	Do.
ANDA 081043	Prednisolone Sodium Phosphate Ophthalmic Solution USP, EQ 0.11% phosphate.	Alcon Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.
ANDA 081044	Prednisolone Sodium Phosphate Ophthalmic Solution USP, EQ 0.9% phosphate.	Do.
ANDA 083205	Orabase HCA (hydrocortisone acetate) Topical Paste, 0.5%	Colgate-Palmolive Co., 909 River Rd., P.O. Box 1343, Piscataway, NJ 08855–1343.
ANDA 083342	Maxidex (dexamethasone sodium phosphate) Ophthalmic Ointment, EQ 0.05% phosphate.	Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 084645	Chlordiazepoxide HCl Capsules USP, 25 mg	Upsher-Smith Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 084927	Methocarbamol Tablets USP, 500 mg	Impax Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 084928	Methocarbamol Tablets USP, 750 mg	Do.
ANDA 085000	Chlordiazepoxide HCl Capsules USP, 10 mg	Hikma Pharmaceuticals.
ANDA 085014	Chlordiazepoxide HCl Capsules USP, 5 mg	Do.
ANDA 085095	Statobex-G (phendimetrazine tartrate) Tablets, 35 mg	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
ANDA 085294	Chlordiazepoxide HCl Capsules USP, 25 mg	Hikma Pharmaceuticals.
ANDA 085380	Butisol Sodium (butabarbital sodium) Oral Solution USP, 30 mg/5 mL.	Meda Pharmaceuticals Inc., 265 Davidson Ave., Suite #4300, Somerset, NJ 08873.
ANDA 085734	Ammonium Chloride Injection USP, 40 mEQ/100 mL	B. Braun Medical Inc.
ANDA 085981	Hydrocortisone Acetate USP Micronized for Prescription Compounding, 100%.	X-Gen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
ANDA 085982	Hydro-Rx (hydrocortisone) USP Micronized for Prescription Compounding, 100%.	Do.
ANDA 085995	Pediatric LTA Kit (lidocaine HCl) Topical Solution USP, 2%	Hospira, Inc.
ANDA 086535	Acticort (hydrocortisone) Lotion USP, 1%	Baker Norton Pharmaceuticals Inc., 8800 N.W. 36 St., Miami, FL 33178–2404.
ANDA 086911	Phentermine HCl Capsules USP, 30 mg	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
ANDA 087547	Isopto Cetapred (sulfacetamide sodium and prednisolone acetate) Ophthalmic Ointment USP, 10%/0.25%.	Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
ANDA 087771	Cetapred (sulfacetamide sodium and prednisolone acetate) Ophthalmic Ointment USP, 10%/0.25%.	Do.
ANDA 087907	Epinephrine Inhalation Aerosol USP, 0.2 mg/inhalation)	Armstrong Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 25 John Rd., Canton MA 02021.
ANDA 088613	Phentermine HCl Capsules USP, 30 mg	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
ANDA 088614	Phentermine HCl Capsules USP, 30 mg	Do.
ANDA 088630	Pseudoephedrine HCl and Triprolidine HCl Tablets, 60 mg/2.5 mg.	Do.
ANDA 088631	Butabarbital Sodium Tablets, 30 mg	Do.
ANDA 088632	Butabarbital Sodium Tablets, 15 mg	Do.
ANDA 088797	Phentermine HCl Capsules USP, 30 mg	USL Pharma Inc., 301 South Cherokee St., Denver, CO 80223
ANDA 088910	Phentermine HCl Tablets USP, 37.5 mg	Do.
ANDA 088917	Phentermine HCl Tablets USP, 37.5	Do.
ANDA 088999	Dipyridamole Tablets USP, 25 mg	Glenmark Generics Limited, c/o Glenmark Generics Inc., USA, 750 Corporate Dr., Mahwah, NJ 07430.
ANDA 089000	Dipyridamole Tablets USP, 50 mg	Do.
ANDA 089001	Dipyridamole Tablets USP, 75 mg	Do.
ANDA 089068	Sulfacetamide Sodium Ophthalmic Solution, 30%	Alcon Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.
ANDA 089172	Tropicamide Ophthalmic Solution, 1%	Do.
ANDA 089422	Imipramine HCl Tablets USP, 10 mg	Par Pharmaceutical Inc., One Ram Ridge Rd., Spring Valley, NY 10977.
ANDA 089440	Hydrocortisone Acetate and Pramoxine HCl Topical Aerosol, 1%/1%.	Vintage Pharmaceuticals, 150 Vintage Dr., Huntsville, AL 35811.

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Application No.	Drug	Applicant
ANDA 089497	Imipramine HCl Tablets USP, 25 mg	Par Pharmaceutical Inc.
ANDA 089628	Leucovorin Calcium for Injection, EQ 50 mg base/vial	Pharmachemie USA Inc., 323 Davis St., Northborough, MA 01532.
ANDA 089681	Bromfed-DM (brompheniramine maleate, dextromethorphan hydrobromide, and pseudoephedrine HCl) Syrup, 2 mg/5 mL; 10mg/5 mL; 30mg/5 mL.	Wockhardt Bio AG, c/o Morton Grove Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 6451 Main St., Morton Grove, IL 60053.
ANDA 089915	Leucovorin Calcium for Injection, EQ 100 mg base/vial	Pharmachemie USA Inc.
ANDA 090098	Tretinoin Cream USP, 0.0375%	Allergan Sales, LLC.
ANDA 090137	Irinotecan HCl Injection, 40 mg/2 mL and 100 mg/5 mL	Sandoz Inc.
ANDA 090190	Pramipexole Dihydrochloride Tablets, 0.125 mg, 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, 0.75 mg, 1 mg, and 1.5 mg.	Do.
ANDA 090220	Adenosine Injection USP, 3 mg/mL	Wockhardt Limited, c/o Wockhardt USA LLC, 20 Waterview Blvd., 3rd Floor, Parsippany, NJ 07054.
ANDA 090300	Children's Cetirizine HCl Allergy and Hives Relief Oral Solution OTC, 5 mg/5 mL.	Cypress Pharmaceutical, Inc., 10 North Park Place, Suite 210, Morristown, NJ 07960.
ANDA 090751	Cetirizine HCl Oral Solution USP, 5 mg/5 mL	Aurobindo Pharma Limited.
ANDA 090985	Octreotide Acetate Preservative Free Injection EQ 0.05 mg base/mL, EQ 0.1 mg base/mL, and EQ 0.5 mg base/mL.	Wockhardt Limited.
ANDA 090986	Octreotide Acetate Injection EQ 0.2 mg base/mL and EQ 1 mg base/mL.	Do.
ANDA 091068	Ceftriaxone for Injection USP, EQ 10 g base/vial	Agila Specialties Private Limited, c/o Agila Specialties Inc., 201 South Main St., Suite 3, Lambertville, NJ 08530.
ANDA 091185	Topiramate Tablets USP, 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg.	Hikma Pharmaceuticals.
ANDA 091293	Idarubicin HCl Injection, 1 mg/mL	Sandoz Inc.
ANDA 091299	Fluorouracil Injection USP, 2.5 g/50 mL and 5 g/100 mL	Do.
NDA 200045	Amturnide (aliskiren hemifumarate, amlodipine, andhydrochlorothiazide) Tablets.	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.
ANDA 200146	Doxorubicin HCl Injection USP, 2 mg/mL	Sandoz Inc.
NDA 200199	Topotecan Injection, EQ 1 mg base/mL, EQ 3 mg base/3 mL, and EQ 4 mg base/4 mL.	Do.
ANDA 201211	Bromfenac Sodium Ophthalmic Solution, EQ 0.09% acid	Coastal Pharmaceuticals, 1240 Sugg Parkway, Greenville, NC 27834.
NDA 201917	Incivek (telaprevir) Tablets, 375 mg	Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 50 Northern Ave., Boston, MA 02210.
NDA 202088	Suprenza (phentermine HCl) Orally Disintegrating Tablets, 15 mg, 30 mg, and 37.5 mg.	Citius Pharmaceuticals, LLC, 11 Commerce Dr., First Floor, Cranford, NJ 07016.
ANDA 202209	Tretinoin Cream USP, 0.075%	Allergan Sales, LLC.
NDA 202513	Gelnique (oxybutynin) Gel, 3%	Do.
NDA 203595	Suclear (magnesium sufate, polyethylene glycol 3350, potassium chloride, potassium sulfate, sodium bicarbonate, sodium chloride, and sodium sulfate) Oral Solution.	Braintree Laboratories, Inc.
NDA 204508	Clinolipid 20% (olive oil and soybean oil) USP, 16%/4%	Baxter Healthcare Corp.
NDA 206510	Dutrebis (lamivudine and raltegravir potassium) Tablets, 150 mg/EQ 300 mg base.	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

Therefore, under authority delegated to the Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, by the Commissioner, approval of the applications listed in table 1, and all amendments and supplements thereto, is hereby withdrawn. Introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of products without approved new drug applications violates section 301(a) and (d) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 331(a) and (d)). Drug products that are listed in table 1 that are in inventory on the date that this notice becomes effective (see the **DATES** section) may continue to be dispensed until the inventories have been depleted or the drug products have reached their expiration dates or otherwise become violative, whichever occurs first.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Anna K. Abram,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Planning, Legislation, and Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

[CFDA Number: 93.085]

Awards Unsolicited Proposal for the Professionalism and Integrity in Research Program

AGENCY: Office of Research Integrity, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of award of a single-source unsolicited grant to Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

SUMMARY: The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) announces the award of a single-source, grant in response to an unsolicited proposal from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. The proposal submitted was not solicited either formally or informally by any federal government official.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Partin at *kathryn.partin@hhs.gov* or by telephone at 240–453–8200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Recipient: Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Purpose of the Award: Grant to provide remediation training through

the Professionalism and Integrity in Research Program (PI Program) to promote research integrity and prevent research misconduct.

Amount of Award: $135,763 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 funds and estimated $135,665 in FFY 2018 funds subject to the enactment of appropriations and availability of funds.

Project Period: July 1, 2017–June 30, 2019.

ORI performed an objective review of the unsolicited proposal from Washington University to expand and evaluate the Professionalism and Integrity in Research Program (PI Program), the only remediation program for researchers who violate expectations for the responsible conduct of research. Based on an external and internal review of the proposal, ORI determined that it has merit.

There is a strategic importance of access to this type of training. Research misconduct involving Public Health Service (PHS) support is contrary to the interests of PHS and the federal government, the health and safety of the public, the integrity of research, and the conservation of public funds. Participants in the PI Program will demonstrate better research compliance and integrity outcomes, such as developing better, more ethical research practices. These outcomes will promote research integrity and help prevent future research misconduct.

This award is being made non-competitively because there is no current, pending, or planned funding opportunity announcement under which this proposal could be competed. ORI has identified three additional key reasons to support rationale for awarding this unsolicited proposal:

1. ORI's federal regulation directs us to focus on remediation of Respondents who have been found to commit research misconduct, and the PI Program permits a pathway for that remediation after any sanctions have been completed.

2. Washington University is uniquely positioned to provide this type of training. As the only remediation program for researchers, the grantee has developed a comprehensive and intensive program that will improve research compliance and integrity outcomes.

3. With this experience, Washington University is well known in the research community and is an important service to PHS funded institutions. The program has a robust and unique process for assessment and data analysis.

Legislative Authority: Sec. 301 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 241.

Kathryn M. Partin,

Director of the Office of Research Integrity.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; 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.

The meeting 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 Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Partnerships for Development of Vaccines to Prevent Mycobacterium Tuberculosis and or Tuberculosis Disease.

Date: July 18–20, 2017.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Amir E. Zeituni, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, NIAID/NIH/DHHS, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC–9834, Rockville, MD 20852, 301–496–2550, *amir.zeituni@nih.gov.*

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Natasha M. Copeland,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; 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 on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel; Clinical Trial (U01) Review.

Date: July 10, 2017.

Time: 4:00 p.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 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Kausik Ray, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, National Institutes of Health, Rockville, MD 20850, 301–402–3587, *rayk@nidcd.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: July 24, 2017.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 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: Shiguang Yang, DVM, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDCD, NIH, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 8349, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–496–8683, *yangshi@nidcd.nih.gov.*

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Sylvia L. Neal,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin 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 Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Division of Skin and Rheumatic Disease Risk.

Date: July 7, 2017.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Xincheng Zheng, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, NIH, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 820, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–451–4838, *xincheng.zheng@nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Ancillary Studies.

Date: July 13, 2017.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Yin Liu, Ph.D., MD, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Health/NIAMS, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Suite 824, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–594–4952, *liuy@exchange.nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.846, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Sylvia L. Neal,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

Date: July 18, 2017.

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: OAR Director's Report; Update on NIH Activities; OAR Task Force on Cost Sharing; OAR Task Force on Implementation and Behavioral and Social Science Research. Participants are encouraged to join the WebEx meeting, found at *www.oar.nih.gov*, at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. For logistical information to join the WebEx, please contact Ms. Piper Brown at *brownp1@mail.nih.gov*.

Place: Office of AIDS Research Conference Room (2F100) 5601 Fisher Lane, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Elizabeth S. Church, Ph.D., Executive Secretary Office of AIDS Research DPCPSI, Office of the Director, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 2E–60, Rockville, MD 20852–9830, 240–627–3201, *elizabeth.church@nih.gov*.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: *www.oar.nih.gov,* where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Natasha M. Copeland,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Integrative Health.

The meeting 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 Advisory Council for Complementary and Integrative Health.

Date: August 14, 2017.

Closed: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Partap Singh Khalsa, Ph.D., DC, Director, Division of Extramural Activities, National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, NIH, National Institutes of Health, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Ste. 401, Bethesda, MD 20892–5475, (301) 594–3462, *khalsap@mail.nih.gov.*

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: *https://nccih.nih.gov/about/naccih/,* where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.213, Research and Training in Complementary and Integrative Health, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Michelle Trout,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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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

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276–1243.

Project: Mental Health Block Grant Ten Percent Set Aside Evaluation of First Episode Psychosis—NEW

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is directed by Congress through its FY 2016 Omnibus bill, Public Law 114–113, to set aside ten percent of the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) allocation for each state to support evidence-based programs that provide treatment for those with early serious mental illness (SMI) and a first episode psychosis (FEP)—an increase from the previous five percent set aside.

The purpose of this 3-year evaluation is to assess the relationship between fidelity of selected coordinated specialty care (CSC) programs supported with Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Ten Percent Set Aside funding and participant outcomes. There are approximately 250 sites implementing CSC programs with MHBG ten percent set aside funding. All 250 sites will be asked to report on their implementation through an online survey. Up to 32 CSC sites across the nation will be recruited to participate in a process and outcome evaluation. The data collection activities for the Mental Health Block Grant Ten Percent Set Aside Evaluation will include the following seven data collection activities:

- *Site Survey:* This is a one-time online survey with site directors of all 250 centers using MHBG ten percent set aside funding (not just those included in the evaluation). The survey focuses on how centers across the U.S. are providing services to individuals with First Episode Psychosis (FEP) in their communities.
- *Agency Director/Administrator Interview:* This semi-structured interview will be conducted twice with Agency Director/Administrators at each of the 32 CSC sites in the evaluation about the successes and challenges involved in implementing the CSC program.
- *Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Staff Interview:* This semi-structured interview will be conducted twice with CSC Staff at each of the 32 CSC sites in the evaluation about the successes and challenges involved in implementing the CSC program.
- *Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Participant Interview:* This semi-structured interview will be conducted twice with participants involved in programs at the 32 CSC sites in the evaluation. The purpose of the interview is to gather participant input on how CSC programs are operating and their thoughts and opinions about successes and challenges while participating in the CSC program.
- *State Mental Health Authority Interview:* This is a one-time semi-structured interview with state mental health leadership in the states where the 32 sites in the evaluation are located. The interview focuses on their thoughts and opinions about context in which CSC programs are implemented within their state and the state's role in the implementation of the CSC programs.
- *Fidelity Interview:* This interview will be conducted twice during the evaluation with up to four CSC staff at each site. The phone interview is designed to be used in conjunction with the First Episode Psychosis Fidelity Scale (FEPS–FS) to examine whether elements of CSC are implemented at the sites.
- *Possible Administrative Data Elements:* Each site will provide the evaluation team with administrative data elements on participant demographics and outcomes. To minimize burden and maximize the number of sites reporting outcome measures, we will seek sites that are already collecting the individual level outcome measures identified for this study including quality of life, symptomology, employment status, educational status, and living situation. These administrative data elements are included in the core collection of measures recommended by the Mental Health Research Panel through the PhenX Toolkit (*www.phenxtoolkit.org*) for use by all mental health researchers. Thus, we expect that majority of the sites will already be collecting these measures as a part of their routine practice.

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS

Data collection activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Site Survey	250	1	250	0.2	50
Agency Director/Administrator Interview	64	1	64	2.0	128
Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Staff Interview	192	1	192	2.0	384
Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Participant Interview	128	1	128	1.0	128
State Mental Health Authority Interview	32	1	32	2.0	64
Fidelity Interview	64	4	256	4.0	1,024
Possible Administrative Data Elements	32	18	576	5.0	2,880
Total	762		1,498		4,658

Please note this notice supersedes the one that was published on 6/12/15.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by July 21, 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.* 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: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Project: 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (OMB No. 0930–0110)—Revision

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.

While NSDUH must be updated periodically to reflect changing substance use and mental health issues and to continue producing current data, for the 2018 NSDUH only the following minor changes are planned: (1) At the request of ONDCP, re-inserted the marijuana marketplace module, previously included in the 2014 NSDUH (as well as prior years), into the respondent-administered portion of the 2018 questionnaire; (2) the addition of four new questions, asked only of respondents age 18 and older, about the perception of problems with and recovery from drug/alcohol and mental health problems; and (3) included other minor wording changes to improve the flow of the interview, increase respondent comprehension or to be consistent with text in other questions.

The marijuana marketplace module consists of a series of questions that seek to gather data such as the location, quantity, cost and type of marijuana being purchased across the nation. This module is unchanged from the version last included in the 2014 NSDUH. As with all NSDUH/NHSDA surveys conducted since 1999, the sample size of the survey for 2018 will be sufficient to permit prevalence estimates for each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia. Prior to 2002, the NSDUH was referred to as the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA).

The total annual burden estimate is shown below.

ANNUALIZED ESTIMATED BURDEN FOR 2018 NSDUH

Instrument	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Household Screening	133,586	1	133,586	0.083	11,088
Interview	67,507	1	67,507	1.000	67,507
Screening Verification	4,008	1	4,008	0.067	269
Interview Verification	10,126	1	10,126	0.067	678
Total	133,586		215,227		79,542

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by July 21, 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.* 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 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6038–N–01]

Authority To Accept Unsolicited Proposals for Research Partnerships

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) has the authority to accept unsolicited research proposals that address current research priorities. In accordance with statutory requirements, the research projects must be funded at least 50 percent by philanthropic entities or Federal, state, or local government agencies. This notice announces that HUD is accepting research proposals and provides a general description of information that should be included in any research proposal.

DATES: Proposals may be submitted at any time and will be evaluated as they are received. Available funds will be awarded as proposals are received, evaluated, and approved, until funds are exhausted.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by email, at: *ResearchPartnerships@hud.gov,* or by mail, at: Attention: Housing and Urban Development, Office of University Partnerships, 451 7th Street SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kinnard Wright, Grant Specialist, Room 8226, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202–402–7495, or Madlyn Wohlman-Rodriguez, Grant Specialist, Room 8226, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202–402–5939. ATTENTION: Persons with speech or hearing impairments may call the Federal Relay Service TTY at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, (Pub. L. 115–31, enacted May 5, 2017) (FY 2017 appropriation) authorizes PD&R to enter non-competitive cooperative agreements for research projects that are aligned with PD&R's research priorities and that will help inform HUD's policies and programs

I. Program Description

HUD developed the Research Partnerships vehicle to allow greater flexibility in addressing important policy questions and to better utilize external expertise in evaluating the local innovations and effectiveness of programs impacting residents of urban, suburban, rural and tribal areas. Through this notice, HUD can accept unsolicited research proposals that address current research priorities and allow PD&R to participate in innovative research projects that inform HUD's policies and programs. These projects are meant to align with PD&R's research priorities and help HUD answer key policy and programmatic questions in ways that can inform new policy and program development efforts.

II. Research Priorities

The documents that establish a framework for HUD's research priorities are the *HUD Strategic Plan* (*https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=hudstrategicplan2014-2018.pd*), which specifies the Department's mission and strategic goals for program activities; and the *HUD Research Roadmap: 2017 Update* (*https://www.huduser.gov/portal/pdf/ResearchRoadmap-2017Update.pdf*), which is the most recent integration of diverse stakeholder viewpoints into a five-year research agenda. PD&R developed and published this research agenda to focus research resources on timely, policy-relevant research questions that lie within the Department's area of comparative advantage. This focus on comparative advantage has a corollary, which is the accompanying need for PD&R to collaborate with other research organizations to support their comparative advantage in areas that are mutually important. The *Roadmap Update* identifies research projects that PD&R is considering for the near future under 12 focus areas:

(1) Housing Affordability (Markets)
(2) Housing Affordability (Programs)
(3) Policy Lessons from Moving to Work Expansion
(4) Energy and Resilience
(5) Education
(6) Health
(7) Mobility
(8) Place-based Strategies
(9) Crosscutting—Fair Housing
(10) Crosscutting—Building Technology
(11) Crosscutting—Other
(12) Data Infrastructure

The authority that Congress provided HUD to enter noncompetitive cooperative agreements for research is a central tool for fulfilling the *Roadmap's* vision for research collaboration. Potential research partners are encouraged to develop research proposals that inform important and emerging policy and program objectives of HUD that are not otherwise being addressed and that focus on HUD research priorities. A few examples of potentially useful research topics are presented in the following list for each of HUD's current strategic goals.

A. *Strengthening Housing Markets: Homeownership and Housing Finance.* HUD is interested in research in diverse areas of homeownership and housing finance:

1. Improving outcomes for struggling homeowners and communities in the areas of foreclosures, mortgage modification protocols, and real-estate owned properties;
2. Finding ways that are safer for both borrowers and lenders to extend mortgage credit to first-time homebuyers and homeowners with less-than-stellar credit;
3. Updating federal support structures for single-family and multifamily housing finance in a reformed housing finance system; and
4. Strengthening models of public-private partnership to increase availability of mortgage capital and ensure sustained homeownership and wealth accumulation by low-income and disadvantaged homebuyers.

B. *Affordable Quality Rental Housing.* HUD is interested in research that improves the efficiency and effectiveness of HUD's housing programs (*e.g.,* public housing, Housing Choice Vouchers, assisted multifamily programs, and FHA insurance):

1. Improving program operations and responses to changing market conditions;
2. Identifying rent subsidy approaches that could meet housing needs more efficiently and support self-sufficiency, such as by leveraging opportunities for rent reform experiments when extending Moving To Work flexibilities to additional housing agencies;
3. Better understanding how HUD's programs and tenant outcomes are affected by tenant and landlord behavior, supports, and the framing of choices; and
4. Strengthening models of public-private partnership to increase production and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing in neighborhoods of opportunity.

C. *Housing as a platform for improving quality of life.* HUD is interested in how housing matters for human outcomes, and specifically how HUD-provided housing assistance, and HUD collaborations with public and private partners, can best improve quality of life of assisted residents and produce spillover benefits for other systems and communities:

1. Improving educational outcomes of children and adults, and early learning, child development, and parenting;
2. Improving health and wellness outcomes and integration with health systems;
3. Increasing economic security and self-sufficiency, including work participation and asset development by able-bodied residents; and
4. Improving housing stability for vulnerable populations, including the elderly, people with disabilities, homeless families and individuals, and those individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless.

D. *Resilient and inclusive communities.* HUD is interested in collaborative, innovative, evidence-based approaches to deal with long-standing and emerging community development challenges in suburban, rural and tribal areas:

1. Leveraging cost-effective housing technology in HUD-funded housing or other housing to reduce energy costs, improve disaster resilience, and improve tenant outcomes;
2. Cost-effective approaches to address the public health burden of lead paint, lead dust in soil, and asthma triggers in housing and communities;
3. Strengthening fair housing outcomes in local markets, including through public-private partnerships;
4. Strengthening community resilience in the face of climate change, disasters, pestilence and energy shocks; and
5. Promoting reduction of regulatory barriers to affordable housing and integrated mixed-income communities.

III. HUD Research Assets

HUD has made, and continues to make, significant investments in ''Research Assets,'' as described below, including program demonstrations and in the production of datasets. PD&R is interested in seeing these assets leveraged in ways that may, or may not, be specifically referenced in the *Roadmap Update* or HUD's *Strategic Plan.* Such studies demonstrate a broader usefulness of HUD's Research Assets that further increases the return on these investments for the taxpayer. In considering potential research partnerships, PD&R urges organizations to consider ways to take advantage of key research assets, HUD's data infrastructure, that the *Roadmap Update* identifies as part of HUD's comparative advantage.

A. *HUD demonstrations.* HUD values demonstrations as a method for evaluating new policy and program initiatives and significantly advancing evidence-based policy, especially when rigorous random-assignment methods are feasible. HUD also is interested in research opportunities that take advantage of completed and ongoing demonstrations. For example, regarding the Moving to Opportunity demonstration, researchers continue to answer relevant policy questions using the existing data. Examples of demonstrations that are underway include Family Options, the Rental Assistance Demonstration, Pre-Purchase Counseling Outcome Study, and Rent Reform. Electronic versions of published HUD research can be found at *https://www.huduser.gov/portal/research/home.html.*

B. *HUD data infrastructure.* HUD makes significant investments to improve and support the nation's housing data, so submitting institutions are encouraged to consider opportunities to use HUD-sponsored survey data and administrative data. The American Housing Survey (AHS) is one of HUD's largest research investments. The AHS provides a wealth of data on size and composition of the nation's housing inventory that researchers could use more effectively to address questions about housing market dynamics.

C. *HUD administrative data linkages.* PD&R has partnered with the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) to longitudinally link HUD's administrative records for rental assistance participants with the National Health Interview Survey, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, and associated NCHS linked files for Medicare, Medicaid, and mortality data. These data resources are available through the NCHS research data centers (*https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-linkage/hud.htm*).

HUD and the Census Bureau have entered an interagency agreement for the Center for Administrative Records Research and Applications (CARRA) to link data from demonstrations and administrative systems with survey data and other administrative records. PD&R encourages research partnerships that effectively use data assets through public use data or restricted access arrangements with CARRA or NCHS research data centers. Further information is available at: *https://www.huduser.gov/portal/pdrdatas_landing.html.*

IV. Protection of Human Research Subjects

HUD will require successful applicants to comply with requirements of the federal Common Rule (24 CFR part 60) for protecting human research subjects when applicable. Compliance may require grantees to seek review and approval of research plans by an Institutional Review Board (IRB). For research requiring an IRB review, work plans shall identify the IRB that the awardee will use and factor in the necessary cost and time involved in that review. HUD will require awardees to provide appropriate assurances and certifications of compliance before human subject's research begins.

A. *Privacy.* Submission of any information to databases (whether Web site, computer, paper, or other format) of personal identifiable information is subject to the protections of the Privacy Act of 1974. You should also check to ensure you meet state and local privacy regulations.

B. *Cost Sharing.* The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, set forth in 2 CFR part 200, shall apply to this Federal award. Cost sharing or matching means the portion of project costs not paid by Federal funds (unless otherwise authorized by Federal statute.) Applicants should refer to 2 CFR 200.306 for specific requirements.

C. *Data Only Requests.* For those who are interested in requesting only HUD data (no funds), a HUD data license agreement will be required. To obtain a copy of the data license application go to the following Web site: *https://www.huduser.gov/portal/publications/pdf/data_license.pdf* for research that is in alignment with one of the research priorities listed in this notice. Applications may be submitted to HUD at *DataLicense@hud.gov.*

D. Upon receipt, the application will be forwarded to the appropriate PD&R office for review and approval. A HUD data license is not required to use the HUD–NCHS linked datasets, but a HUD research partnership can support waivers of NCHS fees for the research data center if a research proposal is accepted by NCHS.

V. Description of Awards

A. *Available Funds.* HUD is making approximately $1 million available for Research Partnerships. Additional funds may become available for award because of HUD's efforts to recapture unused funds or use carryover funds. Use of these funds will be subject to statutory constraints.

B. *Number of Awards.* The number of awards will be based on the number of proposals HUD reviews, approves, and funds.

C. *Period of Performance.* The period of performance will be determined by the applicant's proposal and subject to negotiation by HUD.

D. *Type of Funding Instrument.* Cooperative Agreement.

VI. Eligibility Information

A. *Eligible Applicants.* Eligible applicants under this Notice include academic institutions, philanthropic entities, state and units of local government, not-for-profit and for-profit institutions located in the United States. For-profit firms are not allowed to earn a fee (*i.e.,* make a profit from the project).

B. *Cost Sharing.* Cost sharing is required for research projects to be eligible for funding through HUD's non-competitive cooperative agreement authority. Research projects must include at least a 50 percent cost share from philanthropic organizations, Federal, state, local government agencies, or a combination of these entities. For the purposes of the cost-sharing requirement, HUD defines a philanthropic entity as the subset of 501(c)(3) organizations that directly fund research activities. These include private foundations, educational institutions that may have a separate foundation, public charities, and operating foundations. Philanthropic entities may include foreign entities. HUD will not count waiver of overhead or similar costs as cost-sharing contributions.

VII. Proposal and Submission Information

A. *Proposal Submission.* All proposals should be submitted

electronically to *Research Partnerships@hud.gov* or mail to Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of University Partnerships, 451 7th Street SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410, ATTENTION: Research Partnerships.

B. *Content and Form of Proposal Submission.* Proposals should contain sufficient information for PD&R to identify whether the research would meet statutory requirements for cost sharing and alignment with the research priorities identified in Section II of this Notice. At a minimum, proposals must include:

1. *Proposal Abstract.* Applicants should provide a Proposal Abstract with the project title, the names and affiliations of all investigators, a summary of the objectives, study design and expected results, and the total funds requested.

2. *Points of Contact.* Applicants should clearly identify the name of the entity(s) submitting the proposal and detailed contact information for the point of contact;

3. *Key Personnel.* Applicants should provide information on key personnel that will be engaged with the project. HUD will assess the qualifications of key personnel to carry out the proposed study as evidenced by academic and professional background, publications, and recent (within the past 5 years) research experience. The proposed Principal Investigator must directly represent and be compensated directly by the applicant for his or her role in the proposed study. Publications and/or research experience are considered relevant if they required the acquisition and use of knowledge and skills that can be applied in the planning and execution of the technical study that is proposed.

4. *Research Proposal Description.* Applicants should provide a clear description of the research project, including the methodology being used, and its alignment with the PD&R research priorities identified. Specific components should include:

a. Clearly and thoroughly describe your proposed study and its design, and identify the major objectives;

b. The study should be presented as a logical sequence of steps or phases with individual tasks described for each phase;

c. Your narrative should reflect the relevant literature, which should be thoroughly cited in your application. Your proposed study will be judged in part on the soundness of the underlying body of research upon which it is based and the clarity and soundness of your summary and interpretation of this research base;

d. Describe the methodological and statistical basis for your study design and demonstrate that you would have adequate statistical power to test your stated hypotheses and achieve your study objectives;

e. Discuss your plans for data management, analysis, and archiving;

f. You should identify any important ''decision points'' in your study plan;

g. You should describe/list deliverables and associated timeframes; and

h. You should demonstrate that it is clearly feasible to complete the study within the proposed period of performance and successfully achieve your objectives.

5. *Budget.* Applicants should provide a detailed budget with line items including the amount of the HUD share and the contributions of any partners (cost sharing component) and/or the submitting institution. HUD strongly encourages using form HUD–424CBW to detail your budget request. The form is available at: *https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/304/hud-form-424cbw//.* Proposals for research partnerships that have already been to HUD as part of a grant competition are ineligible as the subject of a non-competitive cooperative agreement.

C. *Review and Selection Process.*

1. Proposals that meet all the threshold requirements will be eligible for review and rating.

2. Proposals will be reviewed by individuals who are knowledgeable in the field covered by the research proposal.

3. As required by the statutory authority within the appropriations bill, HUD will report each award provided through a cooperative agreement in the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Sub-award Reporting System created under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Matthew E. Ammon,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6024–N–01]

Notice of Annual Factors for Determining Public Housing Agency Administrative Fees for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, Mainstream, and Moderate Rehabilitation Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the monthly per unit fee rates for use in determining the on-going administrative fees for housing agencies administering the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), 5 Year Mainstream, and Moderate Rehabilitation programs, including Single Room Occupancy, during calendar year (CY) 2017.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miguel Fontanez, Director, Housing Voucher Financial Management Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 4222, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone number 202–402–2934. (This is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech impaired individuals may call TTY number 1 (800) 877–8337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This Notice provides the Department's methodology used to determine the CY 2017 administrative fee rates by area, which the Office of Housing Voucher Programs (OHVP) will use to compensate public housing agencies (PHA) for administering the HCV programs.

B. CY 2017 Methodology

For CY 2017, in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115–31), administrative fees will be earned on the basis of vouchers leased as of the first day of each month. This data will be extracted from the Voucher Management System (VMS) at the close of each reporting cycle and validated prior to use.

Two fee rates are provided for each PHA. The first rate, Column A, applies to the first 7200 voucher unit months leased in CY 2017. The second rate, Column B, applies to all remaining voucher unit months leased in CY 2017.

The fee rates established for CY 2017, using the standard procedures, in some

cases resulted in fee rates lower than those established for CY 2016. In those cases, the affected PHAs are being held harmless at the CY 2016 fee rates.

The fee rates for each PHA are generally those rates covering the fee areas in which each PHA has the greatest proportion of its participants, based on Public Housing Information Center (PIC) data submitted by the PHA. In some cases, PHAs have participants in more than one fee area. If such a PHA so chooses, the PHA may request that the Department establish a blended fee rate schedule that will consider proportionately all areas in which participants are located. Once a blended rate schedule is established, it will be used to determine the PHA's fee eligibility for all months in CY 2017. The PHAs were advised via PIH Notice 2017–07, and other electronic communications on June 9 and June 13, 2017, about the terms for applying for blended fee rates and the deadline date for submitting such requests.

PHAs that operate over a large geographic area, defined as multiple counties, may request a higher administrative fee rate if eligible under the circumstance. The PHAs were advised via PIH Notice 2017–07, and via electronic communication on June 13, 2017, about the terms for applying for higher fee rates and the deadline date for submitting such requests. This information will also be described in the CY 2017 funding implementation notice.

Accordingly, the Department issues the monthly per voucher unit fee rates to be used to determine PHA administrative fee eligibility for the programs identified in this Notice. These fee rates are posted on HUD's Web site at: *http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv.,* under Program Related Information.

Any questions concerning this Notice should be directed to the PHA's assigned representative at the Financial Management Center or to the Financial Management Division at *PIH.Financial.Management.Division@hud.gov.*

C. MTW Agencies

Where an MTW Agency has an alternative formula for calculating HCV Administrative Fees in Attachment A of their MTW Agreements, HUD will continue to calculate the HCV Administrative Fees in accordance with that MTW Agreement provision.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Jemine A. Bryon,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
AK901	$94.54	$88.24
AL001	63.85	59.59
AL002	64.86	60.54
AL004	63.01	58.81
AL005	65.15	60.80
AL006	63.01	58.81
AL007	63.01	58.81
AL008	62.21	58.06
AL011	62.21	58.06
AL012	63.01	58.81
AL014	62.21	58.06
AL047	64.87	60.56
AL048	63.01	58.81
AL049	63.01	58.81
AL050	63.01	58.81
AL052	62.21	58.06
AL053	62.21	58.06
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AL061	63.01	58.81
AL063	63.85	59.59
AL068	63.01	58.81
AL069	63.85	59.59
AL072	63.85	59.59
AL073	62.36	58.19
AL075	62.21	58.06
AL077	63.01	58.81
AL086	63.85	59.59
AL090	62.21	58.06
AL091	62.21	58.06
AL099	62.21	58.06
AL105	62.21	58.06
AL107	62.21	58.06
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AL116	62.21	58.06
AL118	62.21	58.06
AL121	62.21	58.06
AL124	62.36	58.19
AL125	63.85	59.59
AL129	63.01	58.81
AL131	63.01	58.81
AL138	63.01	58.81
AL139	63.01	58.81
AL152	63.01	58.81
AL154	62.21	58.06
AL155	62.21	58.06
AL160	62.21	58.06
AL165	65.80	61.42
AL169	64.86	60.54
AL171	62.21	58.06
AL172	63.01	58.81
AL174	62.21	58.06
AL177	62.21	58.06
AL181	62.21	58.06
AL192	62.21	58.06
AL202	64.86	60.54
AR002	68.06	63.53
AR003	62.38	58.22
AR004	68.06	63.53
AR006	68.06	63.53
AR010	59.67	55.69
AR012	59.67	55.69
AR015	61.30	57.22
AR016	59.67	55.69
AR017	62.38	58.22
AR020	59.68	55.70
AR024	64.27	59.98
AR031	62.38	58.22
AR033	59.67	55.69
AR034	62.38	58.22
AR035	59.67	55.69
AR037	59.67	55.69
AR039	59.67	55.69
AR041	68.06	63.53
AR042	62.38	58.22
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AR068	59.67	55.69
AR082	59.67	55.69
AR104	62.38	58.22
AR117	59.67	55.69
AR121	59.67	55.69
AR131	62.38	58.22
AR135	59.67	55.69
AR152	59.67	55.69
AR161	59.67	55.69
AR163	62.38	58.22
AR166	59.67	55.69
AR170	68.06	63.53
AR175	68.06	63.53
AR176	59.67	55.69
AR177	59.67	55.69
AR181	62.38	58.22
AR194	62.38	58.22
AR197	59.67	55.69
AR200	59.67	55.69
AR210	59.67	55.69
AR211	59.67	55.69
AR213	59.67	55.69
AR214	59.67	55.69
AR215	59.67	55.69
AR219	68.06	63.53
AR223	59.67	55.69
AR224	59.67	55.69
AR225	59.67	55.69
AR232	62.38	58.22
AR240	59.67	55.69
AR241	62.38	58.22
AR247	59.67	55.69
AR252	68.06	63.53
AR257	59.67	55.69
AR264	64.27	59.98
AR265	59.67	55.69
AR266	59.67	55.69
AZ001	68.71	64.12
AZ003	68.71	64.12
AZ004	67.92	63.39
AZ005	68.71	64.12
AZ006	75.12	70.12
AZ008	54.47	50.84
AZ009	68.71	64.12
AZ010	68.71	64.12
AZ013	76.33	71.24
AZ021	68.71	64.12
AZ023	57.39	53.57
AZ025	67.92	63.39
AZ028	68.71	64.12
AZ031	68.71	64.12
AZ032	68.71	64.12
AZ033	67.92	63.39
AZ034	56.45	52.68
AZ035	76.33	71.24
AZ037	56.45	52.68
AZ041	75.12	70.12
AZ043	91.99	85.87
AZ045	56.44	52.68
AZ880	68.71	64.12

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
AZ901	75.12	70.12
C0921	72.68	67.84
CA001	117.52	109.70
CA002	117.52	109.70
CA003	117.52	109.70
CA004	117.52	109.70
CA005	89.25	83.30
CA006	81.89	76.42
CA007	89.25	83.30
CA008	89.56	83.59
CA009	93.76	87.51
CA010	117.52	109.70
CA011	117.52	109.70
CA014	117.52	109.70
CA019	93.76	87.51
CA021	114.76	107.09
CA022	93.76	87.51
CA023	76.94	71.82
CA024	85.64	79.94
CA026	86.24	80.48
CA027	93.76	87.51
CA028	81.89	76.42
CA030	76.36	71.28
CA031	117.52	109.70
CA032	117.52	109.70
CA033	101.25	94.49
CA035	117.52	109.70
CA039	85.21	79.53
CA041	102.03	95.22
CA043	78.70	73.45
CA044	89.25	83.30
CA048	67.53	63.03
CA052	117.52	109.70
CA053	73.91	68.98
CA055	102.03	95.22
CA056	117.52	109.70
CA058	117.52	109.70
CA059	117.52	109.70
CA060	117.52	109.70
CA061	78.25	73.04
CA062	117.52	109.70
CA063	105.08	98.06
CA064	101.74	94.95
CA065	102.03	95.22
CA066	102.03	95.22
CA067	117.52	109.70
CA068	117.52	109.70
CA069	81.89	76.42
CA070	71.62	66.84
CA071	117.52	109.70
CA072	117.52	109.70
CA073	102.03	95.22
CA074	117.52	109.70
CA075	117.52	109.70
CA076	114.76	107.09
CA077	105.08	98.06
CA079	117.52	109.70
CA082	117.52	109.70
CA084	84.34	78.72
CA085	114.62	106.99
CA086	80.61	75.23
CA088	114.62	106.99
CA092	117.52	109.70
CA093	117.52	109.70
CA094	117.52	109.70
CA096	81.89	76.42
CA102	117.52	109.70
CA103	117.52	109.70
CA104	117.52	109.70
CA105	117.52	109.70
CA106	81.89	76.42
CA108	105.08	98.06
CA110	117.52	109.70
CA111	117.52	109.70
CA114	117.52	109.70
CA116	105.08	98.06
CA117	117.52	109.70
CA118	117.52	109.70
CA119	117.52	109.70
CA120	117.52	109.70
CA121	117.52	109.70
CA123	117.52	109.70
CA125	102.03	95.22
CA126	117.52	109.70
CA128	89.25	83.30
CA131	102.03	95.22
CA132	105.08	98.06
CA136	117.52	109.70
CA143	85.21	79.53
CA144	78.25	73.04
CA149	89.25	83.30
CA151	89.25	83.30
CA155	105.08	98.06
CO001	72.68	67.84
CO002	67.14	62.66
CO005	74.90	69.91
CO006	64.12	59.84
CO016	82.48	76.97
CO019	72.68	67.84
CO024	64.12	59.84
CO028	67.80	63.28
CO031	64.12	59.84
CO034	78.15	72.95
CO035	67.39	62.91
CO036	72.68	67.84
CO040	99.01	92.42
CO041	78.15	72.95
CO043	74.90	69.91
CO045	64.12	59.84
CO048	72.68	67.84
CO049	72.68	67.84
CO050	72.68	67.84
CO051	85.02	79.36
CO052	72.68	67.84
CO057	72.68	67.84
CO058	72.68	67.84
CO061	82.48	76.97
CO070	82.48	76.97
CO071	67.80	63.28
CO072	72.68	67.84
CO079	74.90	69.91
CO087	99.01	92.42
CO090	67.39	62.91
CO095	94.68	88.37
CO101	64.12	59.84
CO103	78.15	72.95
CO888	67.14	62.66
CO911	72.68	67.84
CT001	94.56	88.26
CT002	101.36	94.61
CT003	89.13	83.18
CT004	98.24	91.69
CT005	89.13	83.18
CT006	80.21	74.86
CT007	101.36	94.61
CT008	89.13	83.18
CT009	89.13	83.18
CT010	78.30	73.08
CT011	98.24	91.69
CT013	89.13	83.18
CT015	94.56	88.26
CT017	94.56	88.26
CT018	87.49	81.66
CT019	101.36	94.61
CT020	101.36	94.61
CT023	89.13	83.18
CT024	78.30	73.08
CT026	89.13	83.18
CT027	94.56	88.26
CT028	89.13	83.18
CT029	98.24	91.69
CT030	94.56	88.26
CT031	78.30	73.08
CT032	89.13	83.18
CT033	89.13	83.18
CT036	89.13	83.18
CT038	89.13	83.18
CT039	89.13	83.18
CT040	89.13	83.18
CT041	89.13	83.18
CT042	98.24	91.69
CT047	80.21	74.86
CT048	89.13	83.18
CT049	89.13	83.18
CT051	89.13	83.18
CT052	94.56	88.26
CT053	89.13	83.18
CT058	78.30	73.08
CT061	78.30	73.08
CT063	98.24	91.69
CT067	98.24	91.69
CT068	89.13	83.18
CT901	89.13	83.18
DC001	109.86	102.54
DC880	109.86	102.54
DE001	87.60	81.76
DE002	77.36	72.20
DE003	87.60	81.76
DE005	87.60	81.76
DE901	77.36	72.20
FL001	69.40	64.77
FL002	73.26	68.37
FL003	73.26	68.37
FL004	76.52	71.41
FL005	99.42	92.80
FL007	73.44	68.55
FL008	80.41	75.05
FL009	77.64	72.46
FL010	93.09	86.88
FL011	60.98	56.91
FL013	102.09	95.30
FL015	65.21	60.85
FL017	99.42	92.80
FL018	59.57	55.60
FL019	70.64	65.94
FL020	70.64	65.94
FL021	77.64	72.46
FL022	73.44	68.55
FL023	80.41	75.05
FL024	73.44	68.55
FL025	70.64	65.94
FL026	60.98	56.91
FL028	93.09	86.88
FL030	73.44	68.55
FL031	59.38	55.42
FL032	60.04	56.03
FL033	76.52	71.41
FL034	73.26	68.37
FL035	59.57	55.60
FL037	69.40	64.77
FL041	78.05	72.85
FL045	78.05	72.85
FL046	59.57	55.60
FL047	77.02	71.90
FL049	59.38	55.42
FL053	60.04	56.03
FL057	59.38	55.42
FL060	75.01	70.01
FL062	73.26	68.37

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
FL063	65.84	61.45
FL066	99.42	92.80
FL068	99.42	92.80
FL069	59.57	55.60
FL070	65.84	61.45
FL071	60.98	56.91
FL072	73.44	68.55
FL073	65.21	60.85
FL075	73.26	68.37
FL079	93.09	86.88
FL080	77.64	72.46
FL081	93.09	86.88
FL083	77.64	72.46
FL092	60.04	56.03
FL093	76.52	71.41
FL102	59.57	55.60
FL104	73.26	68.37
FL105	80.41	75.05
FL106	76.52	71.41
FL109	59.38	55.42
FL110	59.57	55.60
FL113	73.44	68.55
FL116	93.09	86.88
FL119	77.64	72.46
FL123	74.91	69.92
FL128	77.02	71.90
FL132	77.76	72.60
FL136	93.09	86.88
FL137	73.26	68.37
FL139	60.98	56.91
FL141	80.15	74.81
FL144	102.09	95.30
FL145	99.42	92.80
FL147	59.57	55.60
FL201	76.52	71.41
FL202	59.38	55.42
FL881	99.42	92.80
FL888	73.26	68.37
GA001	65.15	60.80
GA002	65.15	60.80
GA004	65.15	60.80
GA006	79.43	74.12
GA007	65.15	60.80
GA009	65.15	60.80
GA010	79.43	74.12
GA011	79.43	74.12
GA023	65.15	60.80
GA062	65.15	60.80
GA078	79.43	74.12
GA095	79.43	74.12
GA116	79.43	74.12
GA188	79.43	74.12
GA228	79.43	74.12
GA232	79.43	74.12
GA237	79.43	74.12
GA264	79.43	74.12
GA269	79.43	74.12
GA285	65.15	60.80
GA901	79.43	74.12
GQ901	110.80	103.42
HI002	104.28	97.33
HI003	116.83	109.05
HI004	116.84	109.06
HI005	117.45	109.63
HI901	116.83	109.05
IA002	63.16	58.95
IA004	66.41	61.98
IA015	63.16	58.95
IA018	66.63	62.18
IA020	76.04	70.98
IA022	77.51	72.35
IA023	67.39	62.90
IA024	73.62	68.71
IA030	63.16	58.95
IA038	73.91	68.98
IA042	63.16	58.95
IA045	70.55	65.85
IA047	63.16	58.95
IA049	63.16	58.95
IA050	73.91	68.98
IA054	63.16	58.95
IA056	63.16	58.95
IA057	63.16	58.95
IA084	63.16	58.95
IA087	68.13	63.59
IA098	66.55	62.12
IA100	63.16	58.95
IA107	63.16	58.95
IA108	63.16	58.95
IA113	73.91	68.98
IA114	63.16	58.95
IA117	67.39	62.90
IA119	63.16	58.95
IA120	76.04	70.98
IA122	63.16	58.95
IA124	63.16	58.95
IA125	63.16	58.95
IA126	70.55	65.85
IA127	63.16	58.95
IA128	63.16	58.95
IA129	63.16	58.95
IA130	63.16	58.95
IA131	76.04	70.98
IA132	73.91	68.98
IA136	63.44	59.21
ID005	63.82	59.56
ID013	79.30	74.02
ID016	79.30	74.02
ID021	79.30	74.02
ID901	69.01	64.42
IL002	93.41	87.17
IL003	73.76	68.84
IL004	67.22	62.73
IL006	65.83	61.45
IL009	70.55	65.85
IL010	70.55	65.85
IL011	59.05	55.12
IL012	63.60	59.36
IL014	69.94	65.28
IL015	63.72	59.46
IL016	58.47	54.57
IL018	70.55	65.85
IL020	70.55	65.85
IL022	67.08	62.60
IL024	93.41	87.17
IL025	93.41	87.17
IL026	93.41	87.17
IL028	67.22	62.73
IL030	63.72	59.46
IL032	69.94	65.28
IL034	65.83	61.45
IL035	69.94	65.28
IL036	59.05	55.12
IL037	58.47	54.57
IL038	58.47	54.57
IL039	63.73	59.49
IL040	58.47	54.57
IL042	58.47	54.57
IL043	58.47	54.57
IL050	59.05	55.12
IL051	65.60	61.23
IL052	58.47	54.57
IL053	59.05	55.12
IL054	93.41	87.17
IL056	93.41	87.17
IL057	58.47	54.57
IL059	58.47	54.57
IL061	59.16	55.21
IL074	63.72	59.46
IL076	58.47	54.57
IL079	58.47	54.57
IL082	58.47	54.57
IL083	67.08	62.60
IL084	62.02	57.88
IL085	59.69	55.72
IL086	62.02	57.88
IL087	58.47	54.57
IL088	58.47	54.57
IL089	74.02	69.09
IL090	93.41	87.17
IL091	58.47	54.57
IL092	93.41	87.17
IL095	68.57	64.00
IL096	58.47	54.57
IL101	93.41	87.17
IL103	93.41	87.17
IL104	73.76	68.84
IL107	93.41	87.17
IL116	93.41	87.17
IL117	65.60	61.23
IL120	58.47	54.57
IL122	67.08	62.60
IL123	58.47	54.57
IL124	73.76	68.84
IL126	59.05	55.12
IL130	93.41	87.17
IL131	70.55	65.85
IL136	93.41	87.17
IL137	94.21	87.92
IL901	93.41	87.17
IN002	50.20	46.85
IN003	55.64	51.94
IN004	51.82	48.37
IN005	51.82	48.37
IN006	61.51	57.41
IN007	54.12	50.52
IN009	50.20	46.85
IN010	67.92	63.40
IN011	67.92	63.40
IN012	59.53	55.56
IN015	54.76	51.11
IN016	53.77	50.19
IN017	61.51	57.41
IN018	50.20	46.85
IN019	53.65	50.07
IN020	54.76	51.11
IN021	51.82	48.37
IN022	55.13	51.47
IN023	59.53	55.56
IN025	59.53	55.56
IN026	53.76	50.18
IN029	67.92	63.40
IN031	50.20	46.85
IN032	51.10	47.70
IN035	51.82	48.37
IN037	53.77	50.19
IN041	50.20	46.85
IN043	50.20	46.85
IN047	50.20	46.85
IN048	50.20	46.85
IN050	50.20	46.85
IN055	51.10	47.70
IN056	52.55	49.04
IN058	56.14	52.41
IN060	50.20	46.85
IN062	53.89	50.31
IN067	50.20	46.85
IN071	59.41	55.44
IN073	50.20	46.85

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
IN077	51.10	47.70
IN078	52.55	49.04
IN079	61.51	57.41
IN080	61.51	57.41
IN084	50.20	46.85
IN086	50.20	46.85
IN091	50.20	46.85
IN092	50.20	46.85
IN094	51.95	48.48
IN100	54.76	51.11
IN101	53.76	50.18
IN901	61.51	57.41
KS001	61.94	57.81
KS002	57.92	54.07
KS004	62.40	58.24
KS006	54.75	51.10
KS017	54.75	51.10
KS038	54.75	51.10
KS041	54.75	51.10
KS043	61.94	57.81
KS053	64.01	59.74
KS062	54.75	51.10
KS063	54.75	51.10
KS068	61.94	57.81
KS073	62.40	58.24
KS091	54.75	51.10
KS149	54.75	51.10
KS159	61.94	57.81
KS161	54.75	51.10
KS162	61.94	57.81
KS165	54.75	51.10
KS166	54.75	51.10
KS167	54.75	51.10
KS168	54.75	51.10
KS169	62.40	58.24
KS170	54.75	51.10
KY001	59.53	55.56
KY003	54.78	51.13
KY004	65.93	61.53
KY007	53.77	50.19
KY008	53.77	50.19
KY009	59.53	55.56
KY011	65.10	60.76
KY012	53.77	50.19
KY015	66.88	62.41
KY017	53.77	50.19
KY021	53.77	50.19
KY022	53.77	50.19
KY026	53.77	50.19
KY027	53.77	50.19
KY035	53.77	50.19
KY040	53.77	50.19
KY047	53.77	50.19
KY053	53.77	50.19
KY056	53.77	50.19
KY061	65.93	61.53
KY071	59.78	55.79
KY086	53.77	50.19
KY107	53.77	50.19
KY121	53.77	50.19
KY132	59.55	55.58
KY133	66.88	62.41
KY135	66.88	62.41
KY136	66.88	62.41
KY137	53.77	50.19
KY138	53.77	50.19
KY140	65.93	61.53
KY141	53.77	50.19
KY142	59.96	55.96
KY150	53.77	50.19
KY157	53.77	50.19
KY160	53.77	50.19
KY161	59.96	55.96
KY163	53.77	50.19
KY169	53.77	50.19
KY171	59.53	55.56
KY901	65.93	61.53
LA001	69.89	65.22
LA002	68.42	63.87
LA003	75.46	70.43
LA004	65.31	60.95
LA005	65.31	60.95
LA006	65.31	60.95
LA009	75.46	70.43
LA012	69.89	65.22
LA013	69.89	65.22
LA023	65.31	60.95
LA024	64.69	60.38
LA029	65.31	60.95
LA031	64.69	60.38
LA032	65.31	60.95
LA033	64.69	60.38
LA036	64.69	60.38
LA037	69.72	65.08
LA046	65.31	60.95
LA057	65.31	60.95
LA063	65.31	60.95
LA067	64.69	60.38
LA074	64.69	60.38
LA075	65.31	60.95
LA086	64.69	60.38
LA094	69.89	65.22
LA097	64.69	60.38
LA099	65.31	60.95
LA101	75.46	70.43
LA103	69.89	65.22
LA104	65.31	60.95
LA111	64.69	60.38
LA114	64.69	60.38
LA115	64.69	60.38
LA120	65.31	60.95
LA122	65.31	60.95
LA125	64.69	60.38
LA128	64.69	60.38
LA129	65.31	60.95
LA132	64.69	60.38
LA159	64.69	60.38
LA163	64.69	60.38
LA165	65.31	60.95
LA166	64.69	60.38
LA168	65.31	60.95
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LA171	65.31	60.95
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LA173	65.31	60.95
LA174	65.31	60.95
LA178	65.31	60.95
LA179	65.31	60.95
LA181	69.89	65.22
LA182	64.69	60.38
LA184	68.42	63.87
LA186	65.31	60.95
LA187	69.89	65.22
LA188	64.69	60.38
LA189	65.31	60.95
LA190	68.42	63.87
LA192	64.69	60.38
LA194	66.92	62.47
LA195	64.69	60.38
LA196	65.31	60.95
LA199	75.46	70.43
LA202	75.46	70.43
LA204	75.46	70.43
LA205	75.46	70.43
LA206	65.31	60.95
LA207	65.31	60.95
LA211	66.92	62.47
LA212	64.69	60.38
LA213	69.72	65.08
LA214	65.31	60.95
LA215	64.69	60.38
LA217	64.69	60.38
LA219	75.46	70.43
LA220	64.69	60.38
LA222	64.69	60.38
LA229	64.69	60.38
LA230	68.42	63.87
LA232	64.69	60.38
LA233	64.69	60.38
LA238	69.89	65.22
LA241	64.69	60.38
LA242	64.69	60.38
LA246	64.69	60.38
LA247	64.69	60.38
LA248	64.69	60.38
LA253	66.92	62.47
LA257	64.69	60.38
LA258	64.69	60.38
LA266	65.31	60.95
LA888	68.42	63.87
LA889	69.89	65.22
LA903	69.89	65.22
MA001	112.39	104.91
MA002	121.48	113.37
MA003	121.48	113.37
MA005	112.39	104.91
MA006	110.58	103.21
MA007	112.39	104.91
MA008	112.39	104.91
MA010	112.39	104.91
MA012	112.39	104.91
MA013	121.48	113.37
MA014	121.48	113.37
MA015	121.48	113.37
MA016	121.48	113.37
MA017	121.48	113.37
MA018	110.58	103.21
MA019	121.48	113.37
MA020	121.48	113.37
MA022	121.48	113.37
MA023	121.48	113.37
MA024	112.39	104.91
MA025	121.48	113.37
MA026	112.39	104.91
MA027	121.48	113.37
MA028	121.48	113.37
MA029	112.39	104.91
MA031	121.48	113.37
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MA033	121.48	113.37
MA034	112.39	104.91
MA035	112.39	104.91
MA036	121.48	113.37
MA037	112.39	104.91
MA039	112.39	104.91
MA040	121.48	113.37
MA041	112.39	104.91
MA042	121.48	113.37
MA043	112.39	104.91
MA044	121.48	113.37
MA045	121.48	113.37
MA046	121.76	113.65
MA047	121.76	113.65
MA048	121.48	113.37
MA050	112.39	104.91
MA051	112.39	104.91
MA053	121.48	113.37
MA054	121.48	113.37
MA055	121.48	113.37

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
MA056	121.48	113.37
MA057	121.48	113.37
MA059	121.48	113.37
MA060	112.39	104.91
MA061	121.48	113.37
MA063	121.48	113.37
MA065	121.48	113.37
MA066	112.39	104.91
MA067	121.48	113.37
MA069	121.48	113.37
MA070	121.48	113.37
MA071	121.48	113.37
MA072	121.48	113.37
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MA075	121.48	113.37
MA076	112.39	104.91
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MA078	112.39	104.91
MA079	112.39	104.91
MA080	112.39	104.91
MA081	112.39	104.91
MA082	112.39	104.91
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MA089	121.48	113.37
MA090	121.48	113.37
MA091	121.48	113.37
MA092	121.48	113.37
MA093	121.48	113.37
MA094	112.36	104.88
MA095	121.76	113.65
MA096	112.36	104.88
MA098	121.48	113.37
MA099	121.48	113.37
MA100	112.39	104.91
MA101	121.48	113.37
MA105	112.39	104.91
MA106	112.39	104.91
MA107	112.39	104.91
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MA112	121.48	113.37
MA116	121.48	113.37
MA117	121.48	113.37
MA118	121.48	113.37
MA119	121.48	113.37
MA121	121.48	113.37
MA122	112.39	104.91
MA123	112.39	104.91
MA125	121.48	113.37
MA127	112.39	104.91
MA133	121.48	113.37
MA134	121.48	113.37
MA135	121.48	113.37
MA138	121.76	113.65
MA139	112.39	104.91
MA140	121.48	113.37
MA147	121.48	113.37
MA154	121.48	113.37
MA155	121.48	113.37
MA165	121.48	113.37
MA170	110.58	103.21
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MA180	121.76	113.65
MA181	121.76	113.65
MA188	112.39	104.91
MA880	121.48	113.37
MA881	112.39	104.91
MA882	112.39	104.91
MA883	112.39	104.91
MA901	121.48	113.37
MD001	82.12	76.64
MD002	82.12	76.64
MD003	109.86	102.54
MD004	109.86	102.54
MD006	64.42	60.11
MD007	109.86	102.54
MD009	62.09	57.95
MD013	73.88	68.94
MD014	73.80	68.88
MD015	109.86	102.54
MD016	87.60	81.76
MD018	82.12	76.64
MD019	73.88	68.94
MD021	93.15	86.94
MD022	109.86	102.54
MD023	82.12	76.64
MD024	109.86	102.54
MD025	82.12	76.64
MD027	82.12	76.64
MD028	64.42	60.11
MD029	87.60	81.76
MD032	82.12	76.64
MD033	82.12	76.64
MD034	82.12	76.64
MD901	102.33	95.52
ME001	62.92	58.73
ME002	62.92	58.73
ME003	99.94	93.29
ME004	62.92	58.73
ME005	71.52	66.74
ME006	76.42	71.32
ME007	71.52	66.74
ME008	66.15	61.74
ME009	72.59	67.76
ME011	87.93	82.06
ME015	99.94	93.29
ME018	72.59	67.76
ME019	80.10	74.74
ME020	99.94	93.29
ME021	72.59	67.76
ME025	62.92	58.73
ME027	64.59	60.29
ME028	87.93	82.06
ME030	66.15	61.74
ME901	61.77	57.64
MI001	65.26	60.91
MI003	65.26	60.91
MI005	65.26	60.91
MI006	55.81	52.09
MI008	65.26	60.91
MI009	56.18	52.42
MI010	56.89	53.10
MI019	53.87	50.27
MI020	53.87	50.27
MI023	53.87	50.27
MI027	65.26	60.91
MI030	53.87	50.27
MI031	61.60	57.50
MI032	56.89	53.10
MI035	58.82	54.90
MI036	53.87	50.27
MI037	65.26	60.91
MI038	56.40	52.65
MI039	65.26	60.91
MI040	65.26	60.91
MI044	65.26	60.91
MI045	65.26	60.91
MI047	53.87	50.27
MI048	65.26	60.91
MI049	53.87	50.27
MI050	53.87	50.27
MI051	65.26	60.91
MI052	65.26	60.91
MI055	65.26	60.91
MI058	62.57	58.40
MI059	65.26	60.91
MI060	57.78	53.92
MI061	58.14	54.27
MI063	53.87	50.27
MI064	77.76	72.57
MI066	61.60	57.50
MI070	57.78	53.92
MI073	61.60	57.50
MI074	58.14	54.27
MI080	59.79	55.81
MI084	57.78	53.92
MI087	57.78	53.92
MI089	65.26	60.91
MI093	61.60	57.50
MI094	53.87	50.27
MI096	65.26	60.91
MI097	65.26	60.91
MI100	65.26	60.91
MI112	53.87	50.27
MI115	61.60	57.50
MI117	53.87	50.27
MI119	53.87	50.27
MI120	56.89	53.10
MI121	58.14	54.27
MI132	53.87	50.27
MI139	65.26	60.91
MI157	65.26	60.91
MI167	62.57	58.40
MI168	62.57	58.40
MI178	53.87	50.27
MI186	53.87	50.27
MI194	62.57	58.40
MI198	61.60	57.50
MI880	62.57	58.40
MI901	65.26	60.91
MN001	85.68	79.97
MN002	85.68	79.97
MN003	63.38	59.15
MN006	58.78	54.86
MN007	63.38	59.15
MN008	57.97	54.10
MN009	57.97	54.10
MN017	73.30	68.41
MN018	57.97	54.10
MN021	71.41	66.64
MN032	57.97	54.10
MN034	57.97	54.10
MN037	58.02	54.15
MN038	65.28	60.93
MN049	57.97	54.10
MN063	63.65	59.41
MN067	85.68	79.97
MN073	63.38	59.15
MN077	63.24	59.03
MN085	57.97	54.10
MN090	57.97	54.10
MN101	57.97	54.10
MN107	57.97	54.10
MN128	57.97	54.10
MN144	85.68	79.97
MN147	85.68	79.97
MN151	70.94	66.23
MN152	85.68	79.97
MN153	57.97	54.10
MN154	57.97	54.10
MN158	71.41	66.64

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
MN161	60.82	56.76
MN163	85.68	79.97
MN164	73.30	68.41
MN166	57.97	54.10
MN167	63.65	59.41
MN168	60.82	56.76
MN169	57.97	54.10
MN170	85.68	79.97
MN171	60.33	56.30
MN172	65.28	60.93
MN173	57.97	54.10
MN174	57.97	54.10
MN176	57.97	54.10
MN177	57.97	54.10
MN178	60.82	56.76
MN179	57.97	54.10
MN180	57.97	54.10
MN182	57.97	54.10
MN184	85.68	79.97
MN188	57.97	54.10
MN190	57.97	54.10
MN191	57.97	54.10
MN192	57.97	54.10
MN193	65.14	60.80
MN197	57.97	54.10
MN200	57.97	54.10
MN203	60.82	56.76
MN212	85.68	79.97
MN216	85.68	79.97
MN219	63.65	59.41
MN220	63.24	59.03
MN801	85.68	79.97
MN802	85.68	79.97
MN803	85.68	79.97
MO001	63.72	59.46
MO002	61.94	57.81
MO003	60.90	56.84
MO004	63.72	59.46
MO006	63.72	59.46
MO007	60.90	56.84
MO008	60.34	56.32
MO009	60.90	56.84
MO010	60.34	56.32
MO014	60.90	56.84
MO016	60.34	56.32
MO017	61.94	57.81
MO030	61.94	57.81
MO037	60.34	56.32
MO040	60.34	56.32
MO053	61.94	57.81
MO058	60.90	56.84
MO064	60.34	56.32
MO065	60.34	56.32
MO072	60.34	56.32
MO074	60.34	56.32
MO107	60.34	56.32
MO129	60.34	56.32
MO133	60.34	56.32
MO145	60.34	56.32
MO149	60.34	56.32
MO188	60.90	56.84
MO190	60.34	56.32
MO192	60.34	56.32
MO193	61.94	57.81
MO196	61.94	57.81
MO197	61.94	57.81
MO198	60.90	56.84
MO199	63.72	59.46
MO200	60.34	56.32
MO203	60.90	56.84
MO204	61.94	57.81
MO205	63.72	59.46
MO206	60.34	56.32
MO207	60.34	56.32
MO209	60.34	56.32
MO210	61.94	57.81
MO212	60.34	56.32
MO213	61.94	57.81
MO215	60.90	56.84
MO216	60.90	56.84
MO217	60.34	56.32
MO227	63.72	59.46
MS004	61.07	57.00
MS005	63.40	59.17
MS006	61.07	57.00
MS016	64.27	59.98
MS019	61.07	57.00
MS030	61.07	57.00
MS040	63.40	59.17
MS057	61.07	57.00
MS058	74.81	69.81
MS095	61.07	57.00
MS103	74.81	69.81
MS107	61.07	57.00
MS128	61.07	57.00
MS301	63.40	59.17
MT001	81.97	76.51
MT002	72.57	67.74
MT003	67.71	63.19
MT004	78.73	73.48
MT006	63.78	59.54
MT015	69.11	64.49
MT033	73.78	68.85
MT036	69.11	64.49
MT901	81.97	76.51
NC001	63.01	58.81
NC002	75.28	70.26
NC003	69.04	64.43
NC004	59.43	55.47
NC006	65.21	60.87
NC007	63.01	58.81
NC008	69.04	64.43
NC009	64.05	59.77
NC011	65.21	60.87
NC012	65.21	60.87
NC013	75.28	70.26
NC014	59.43	55.47
NC015	63.01	58.81
NC018	59.43	55.47
NC019	63.01	58.81
NC020	59.43	55.47
NC021	75.28	70.26
NC022	63.01	58.81
NC025	59.43	55.47
NC032	59.43	55.47
NC035	59.99	55.99
NC039	62.03	57.91
NC050	62.48	58.31
NC056	66.39	61.97
NC057	69.04	64.43
NC059	65.21	60.87
NC065	69.04	64.43
NC070	65.68	61.29
NC071	62.03	57.91
NC072	65.40	61.04
NC075	59.43	55.47
NC077	59.43	55.47
NC081	65.21	60.87
NC087	63.01	58.81
NC089	59.43	55.47
NC098	63.01	58.81
NC102	65.68	61.29
NC104	75.28	70.26
NC118	59.43	55.47
NC120	75.28	70.26
NC134	65.68	61.29
NC137	63.01	58.81
NC138	59.43	55.47
NC139	59.43	55.47
NC140	63.01	58.81
NC141	59.43	55.47
NC144	63.01	58.81
NC145	59.43	55.47
NC146	59.43	55.47
NC147	63.01	58.81
NC149	59.43	55.47
NC150	59.43	55.47
NC151	59.94	55.95
NC152	63.01	58.81
NC155	59.43	55.47
NC159	66.39	61.97
NC160	59.43	55.47
NC161	59.43	55.47
NC163	62.48	58.31
NC164	75.28	70.26
NC165	59.43	55.47
NC166	59.43	55.47
NC167	60.54	56.51
NC173	63.01	58.81
NC175	63.01	58.81
NC901	59.43	55.47
ND001	73.30	68.41
ND002	71.41	66.64
ND003	71.41	66.64
ND009	71.41	66.64
ND010	73.46	68.56
ND011	71.41	66.64
ND012	71.41	66.64
ND013	71.41	66.64
ND014	73.30	68.41
ND015	71.41	66.64
ND016	71.41	66.64
ND017	71.41	66.64
ND019	71.41	66.64
ND021	73.46	68.56
ND022	71.41	66.64
ND024	71.41	66.64
ND025	71.41	66.64
ND026	71.41	66.64
ND028	71.41	66.64
ND030	71.41	66.64
ND031	71.41	66.64
ND035	71.41	66.64
ND036	71.41	66.64
ND037	71.41	66.64
ND038	71.41	66.64
ND039	71.41	66.64
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ND049	71.41	66.64
ND052	71.41	66.64
ND054	71.41	66.64
ND055	71.41	66.64
ND057	71.41	66.64
ND070	71.41	66.64
ND901	73.46	68.56
NE001	67.39	62.90
NE002	66.51	62.07
NE003	66.29	61.87
NE004	65.64	61.27
NE010	65.64	61.27
NE041	65.64	61.27
NE078	65.64	61.27
NE083	65.64	61.27
NE094	65.64	61.27
NE100	65.64	61.27
NE104	65.64	61.27
NE114	65.64	61.27
NE120	65.64	61.27

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
NE123	65.64	61.27
NE141	65.64	61.27
NE143	65.64	61.27
NE150	65.64	61.27
NE153	67.39	62.90
NE157	65.64	61.27
NE174	67.39	62.90
NE175	66.63	62.18
NE179	65.64	61.27
NE180	65.64	61.27
NE181	65.64	61.27
NE182	65.64	61.27
NH001	89.58	83.60
NH002	95.17	88.82
NH003	92.76	86.58
NH004	92.76	86.58
NH005	102.26	95.43
NH006	92.76	86.58
NH007	80.54	75.17
NH008	92.76	86.58
NH009	83.14	77.59
NH010	95.56	89.19
NH011	73.30	68.42
NH012	78.08	72.88
NH013	92.76	86.58
NH014	92.76	86.58
NH015	73.30	68.42
NH016	73.30	68.42
NH022	112.39	104.91
NH888	95.17	88.82
NH901	89.58	83.60
NJ002	106.81	99.67
NJ003	106.81	99.67
NJ004	91.16	85.09
NJ006	109.38	102.10
NJ007	107.08	99.94
NJ008	107.08	99.94
NJ009	91.16	85.09
NJ010	87.60	81.76
NJ011	109.38	102.10
NJ012	91.16	85.09
NJ013	109.38	102.10
NJ014	90.32	84.31
NJ015	91.16	85.09
NJ021	109.38	102.10
NJ022	109.38	102.10
NJ023	106.81	99.67
NJ025	106.81	99.67
NJ026	91.16	85.09
NJ030	91.16	85.09
NJ032	106.81	99.67
NJ033	109.38	102.10
NJ035	109.38	102.10
NJ036	91.16	85.09
NJ037	106.81	99.67
NJ039	106.81	99.67
NJ042	109.38	102.10
NJ043	109.38	102.10
NJ044	109.38	102.10
NJ046	107.08	99.94
NJ047	109.38	102.10
NJ048	107.08	99.94
NJ049	86.83	81.04
NJ050	106.81	99.67
NJ051	87.60	81.76
NJ052	106.81	99.67
NJ054	107.08	99.94
NJ055	109.38	102.10
NJ056	107.08	99.94
NJ058	87.60	81.76
NJ059	90.32	84.31
NJ060	107.08	99.94
NJ061	86.83	81.04
NJ063	86.83	81.04
NJ065	107.08	99.94
NJ066	106.81	99.67
NJ067	109.38	102.10
NJ068	106.81	99.67
NJ070	109.38	102.10
NJ071	109.38	102.10
NJ073	87.60	81.76
NJ074	87.60	81.76
NJ075	109.38	102.10
NJ077	91.16	85.09
NJ081	107.08	99.94
NJ083	91.16	85.09
NJ084	109.38	102.10
NJ086	106.81	99.67
NJ088	106.81	99.67
NJ089	109.38	102.10
NJ090	109.38	102.10
NJ092	106.81	99.67
NJ095	107.08	99.94
NJ097	109.38	102.10
NJ099	106.81	99.67
NJ102	106.81	99.67
NJ105	106.81	99.67
NJ106	109.38	102.10
NJ108	106.81	99.67
NJ109	106.81	99.67
NJ110	109.38	102.10
NJ112	109.38	102.10
NJ113	106.81	99.67
NJ114	109.38	102.10
NJ118	87.60	81.76
NJ204	87.60	81.76
NJ212	104.94	97.94
NJ214	107.08	99.94
NJ215	87.60	81.76
NJ880	107.08	99.94
NJ881	109.38	102.10
NJ882	106.81	99.67
NJ902	104.94	97.94
NJ912	106.81	99.67
NM001	75.73	70.68
NM002	58.68	54.77
NM003	60.10	56.09
NM006	75.82	70.76
NM009	89.62	83.63
NM020	59.37	55.41
NM030	58.68	54.77
NM033	58.68	54.77
NM039	58.68	54.77
NM050	89.62	83.63
NM057	75.73	70.68
NM061	58.68	54.77
NM063	59.37	55.41
NM066	74.52	69.55
NM067	58.68	54.77
NM077	75.73	70.68
NM088	62.57	58.40
NV001	78.96	73.70
NV018	88.70	82.79
NV905	78.96	73.70
NY001	70.73	66.02
NY002	66.11	61.71
NY003	110.10	102.77
NY005	95.71	89.32
NY006	64.75	60.45
NY009	76.86	71.74
NY012	76.86	71.74
NY015	76.86	71.74
NY016	67.07	62.60
NY017	59.01	55.07
NY018	62.55	58.38
NY019	64.75	60.45
NY020	76.86	71.74
NY021	68.12	63.58
NY022	76.86	71.74
NY023	110.10	102.77
NY025	76.86	71.74
NY027	70.73	66.02
NY028	76.86	71.74
NY033	76.86	71.74
NY034	64.75	60.45
NY035	110.10	102.77
NY041	80.92	75.53
NY042	110.10	102.77
NY044	80.92	75.53
NY045	86.57	80.79
NY048	55.97	52.24
NY049	98.37	91.82
NY050	110.10	102.77
NY051	98.37	91.82
NY054	75.60	70.57
NY057	110.10	102.77
NY059	64.75	60.45
NY060	71.68	66.91
NY061	64.61	60.31
NY062	98.37	91.82
NY065	65.46	61.10
NY066	65.96	61.57
NY067	62.43	58.26
NY068	61.17	57.08
NY070	66.11	61.71
NY071	73.14	68.26
NY073	72.77	67.92
NY077	110.10	102.77
NY079	72.77	67.92
NY084	95.71	89.32
NY085	110.10	102.77
NY086	110.10	102.77
NY087	60.15	56.14
NY088	110.10	102.77
NY089	80.92	75.53
NY091	66.11	61.71
NY094	110.10	102.77
NY098	71.68	66.91
NY102	70.73	66.02
NY103	86.57	80.79
NY107	70.73	66.02
NY109	64.75	60.45
NY110	95.71	89.32
NY111	110.10	102.77
NY113	110.10	102.77
NY114	95.71	89.32
NY117	110.10	102.77
NY120	110.10	102.77
NY121	110.10	102.77
NY123	110.10	102.77
NY125	98.37	91.82
NY127	110.10	102.77
NY128	110.10	102.77
NY130	110.10	102.77
NY132	110.10	102.77
NY134	98.37	91.82
NY137	98.37	91.82
NY138	95.71	89.32
NY141	110.10	102.77
NY146	110.10	102.77
NY147	110.10	102.77
NY148	95.71	89.32
NY149	110.10	102.77
NY151	110.10	102.77
NY152	110.10	102.77
NY154	110.10	102.77
NY155	110.10	102.77
NY158	98.37	91.82
NY159	110.10	102.77

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
NY160	95.71	89.32
NY165	110.10	102.77
NY176	110.10	102.77
NY402	68.30	63.74
NY403	55.71	52.00
NY404	66.11	61.71
NY405	66.11	61.71
NY406	80.92	75.53
NY408	76.86	71.74
NY409	66.11	61.71
NY413	71.68	66.91
NY416	76.86	71.74
NY417	64.75	60.45
NY421	76.86	71.74
NY422	76.86	71.74
NY424	76.86	71.74
NY427	76.86	71.74
NY428	76.86	71.74
NY430	76.86	71.74
NY431	76.86	71.74
NY433	55.97	52.24
NY443	64.75	60.45
NY447	76.86	71.74
NY449	66.11	61.71
NY501	76.86	71.74
NY503	76.86	71.74
NY504	70.73	66.02
NY505	67.07	62.60
NY512	76.86	71.74
NY513	76.86	71.74
NY516	76.86	71.74
NY519	76.86	71.74
NY521	70.73	66.02
NY522	60.15	56.14
NY527	70.73	66.02
NY529	86.57	80.79
NY530	71.68	66.91
NY532	76.86	71.74
NY534	64.75	60.45
NY535	76.86	71.74
NY538	76.86	71.74
NY541	61.17	57.08
NY552	64.75	60.45
NY557	76.86	71.74
NY561	76.86	71.74
NY562	76.86	71.74
NY564	76.86	71.74
NY630	76.86	71.74
NY888	110.10	102.77
NY889	59.01	55.07
NY891	110.10	102.77
NY892	110.10	102.77
NY895	110.10	102.77
NY904	110.10	102.77
NY912	66.11	61.71
OH001	65.51	61.14
OH002	59.49	55.52
OH003	69.07	64.45
OH004	66.88	62.41
OH005	61.01	56.94
OH006	68.65	64.07
OH007	67.94	63.41
OH008	59.49	55.52
OH009	56.65	52.87
OH010	56.65	52.87
OH012	69.07	64.45
OH014	59.90	55.90
OH015	66.88	62.41
OH016	58.53	54.63
OH018	58.53	54.63
OH019	59.96	55.96
OH020	57.20	53.39
OH021	61.01	56.94
OH022	61.01	56.94
OH024	56.65	52.87
OH025	69.07	64.45
OH026	57.58	53.74
OH027	69.07	64.45
OH028	60.32	56.30
OH029	66.85	62.38
OH030	56.65	52.87
OH031	67.94	63.41
OH032	57.28	53.46
OH033	56.65	52.87
OH034	57.28	53.46
OH035	56.65	52.87
OH036	56.91	53.12
OH037	56.65	52.87
OH038	66.88	62.41
OH039	56.65	52.87
OH040	56.65	52.87
OH041	56.65	52.87
OH042	69.07	64.45
OH043	65.51	61.14
OH044	59.49	55.52
OH045	56.65	52.87
OH046	56.65	52.87
OH047	56.65	52.87
OH049	66.88	62.41
OH050	56.65	52.87
OH053	56.65	52.87
OH054	59.03	55.10
OH056	56.65	52.87
OH058	56.65	52.87
OH059	65.51	61.14
OH060	56.65	52.87
OH061	57.95	54.09
OH062	61.01	56.94
OH063	56.65	52.87
OH066	56.65	52.87
OH067	56.65	52.87
OH069	56.65	52.87
OH070	65.51	61.14
OH071	68.65	64.07
OH072	56.65	52.87
OH073	69.07	64.45
OH074	58.24	54.35
OH075	56.65	52.87
OH076	56.65	52.87
OH077	56.65	52.87
OH078	56.65	52.87
OH079	65.51	61.14
OH080	58.03	54.16
OH081	58.53	54.63
OH082	56.79	53.00
OH083	65.51	61.14
OH085	68.65	64.07
OH086	56.65	52.87
OH880	69.07	64.45
OH882	69.07	64.45
OK002	62.72	58.54
OK005	61.01	56.95
OK006	59.92	55.93
OK024	59.92	55.93
OK027	59.92	55.93
OK032	59.92	55.93
OK033	61.01	56.95
OK044	59.92	55.93
OK062	59.92	55.93
OK067	59.92	55.93
OK073	61.01	56.95
OK095	61.60	57.50
OK096	59.92	55.93
OK099	59.92	55.93
OK111	59.92	55.93
OK118	59.92	55.93
OK139	62.72	58.54
OK142	61.01	56.95
OK146	59.92	55.93
OK148	61.60	57.50
OK901	62.72	58.54
OR001	78.11	72.89
OR002	78.11	72.89
OR003	80.82	75.44
OR005	75.22	70.21
OR006	89.76	83.78
OR007	77.33	72.17
OR008	83.86	78.27
OR011	83.86	78.27
OR014	83.86	78.27
OR015	89.17	83.23
OR016	78.11	72.89
OR017	73.82	68.90
OR019	79.29	74.00
OR020	80.82	75.44
OR022	78.11	72.89
OR026	81.81	76.36
OR027	73.82	68.90
OR028	78.11	72.89
OR031	81.24	75.84
OR032	77.33	72.17
OR034	86.22	80.47
PA001	61.13	57.06
PA002	87.60	81.76
PA003	59.27	55.32
PA004	74.61	69.62
PA005	61.13	57.06
PA006	61.13	57.06
PA007	87.60	81.76
PA008	76.35	71.26
PA009	72.76	67.90
PA010	61.13	57.06
PA011	74.61	69.62
PA012	87.60	81.76
PA013	74.22	69.27
PA014	61.13	57.06
PA015	61.13	57.06
PA016	67.21	62.73
PA017	61.13	57.06
PA018	61.13	57.06
PA019	62.74	58.55
PA020	68.88	64.29
PA021	62.74	58.55
PA022	70.09	65.41
PA023	87.60	81.76
PA024	74.61	69.62
PA026	61.71	57.59
PA027	58.48	54.57
PA028	79.57	74.27
PA029	63.18	58.97
PA030	59.27	55.32
PA031	64.61	60.30
PA032	62.35	58.19
PA033	61.71	57.59
PA034	66.66	62.21
PA035	76.35	71.26
PA036	77.54	72.38
PA037	67.21	62.73
PA038	59.27	55.32
PA039	71.81	67.03
PA041	61.56	57.46
PA042	59.27	55.32
PA043	59.27	55.32
PA044	59.27	55.32
PA045	62.25	58.09
PA046	87.60	81.76
PA047	59.27	55.32
PA048	72.32	67.50
PA050	60.08	56.08

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
PA051	87.60	81.76
PA052	76.35	71.26
PA053	62.25	58.09
PA054	60.90	56.83
PA055	62.25	58.09
PA056	59.56	55.58
PA057	59.27	55.32
PA058	61.71	57.59
PA059	59.56	55.58
PA060	62.25	58.09
PA061	62.25	58.09
PA063	62.25	58.09
PA064	60.08	56.08
PA065	62.25	58.09
PA067	74.61	69.62
PA068	60.08	56.08
PA069	64.61	60.30
PA071	72.76	67.90
PA073	59.27	55.32
PA074	60.08	56.08
PA075	76.35	71.26
PA076	74.61	69.62
PA077	60.90	56.83
PA078	96.71	90.27
PA079	61.71	57.59
PA080	60.90	56.83
PA081	74.61	69.62
PA082	70.44	65.74
PA083	59.78	55.80
PA085	58.48	54.57
PA086	59.56	55.58
PA087	74.22	69.27
PA088	83.17	77.62
PA089	59.56	55.58
PA090	77.54	72.38
PA091	70.70	65.98
PA092	60.22	56.21
PA889	87.60	81.76
RI001	110.58	103.21
RI002	110.58	103.21
RI003	110.58	103.21
RI004	110.58	103.21
RI005	105.64	98.59
RI006	110.58	103.21
RI007	110.58	103.21
RI008	96.15	89.74
RI009	110.58	103.21
RI010	110.58	103.21
RI011	110.58	103.21
RI012	110.58	103.21
RI013	105.64	98.59
RI014	110.58	103.21
RI015	110.58	103.21
RI016	110.58	103.21
RI017	110.58	103.21
RI018	110.58	103.21
RI019	110.58	103.21
RI020	110.58	103.21
RI022	110.58	103.21
RI024	110.58	103.21
RI026	110.58	103.21
RI027	110.58	103.21
RI028	110.58	103.21
RI029	110.58	103.21
RI901	110.58	103.21
RQ006	79.49	74.19
RQ007	73.96	69.03
RQ008	79.49	74.19
RQ009	73.96	69.03
RQ010	73.96	69.03
RQ011	79.49	74.19
RQ012	73.96	69.03
RQ013	79.49	74.19
RQ014	79.49	74.19
RQ015	79.49	74.19
RQ016	79.49	74.19
RQ017	73.96	69.03
RQ018	73.96	69.03
RQ019	79.49	74.19
RQ020	81.22	75.81
RQ021	79.49	74.19
RQ022	79.49	74.19
RQ023	79.49	74.19
RQ024	79.49	74.19
RQ025	79.49	74.19
RQ026	73.96	69.03
RQ027	79.49	74.19
RQ028	79.49	74.19
RQ029	73.96	69.03
RQ030	73.96	69.03
RQ031	73.96	69.03
RQ032	79.49	74.19
RQ033	73.96	69.03
RQ034	79.49	74.19
RQ035	73.96	69.03
RQ036	79.49	74.19
RQ037	73.96	69.03
RQ038	79.49	74.19
RQ039	81.22	75.81
RQ040	81.22	75.81
RQ041	73.96	69.03
RQ042	73.96	69.03
RQ043	73.96	69.03
RQ044	79.49	74.19
RQ045	79.49	74.19
RQ046	73.96	69.03
RQ047	79.49	74.19
RQ048	73.96	69.03
RQ049	79.49	74.19
RQ050	79.49	74.19
RQ052	73.96	69.03
RQ053	79.49	74.19
RQ054	79.49	74.19
RQ055	73.96	69.03
RQ056	79.49	74.19
RQ057	73.96	69.03
RQ058	73.96	69.03
RQ059	73.96	69.03
RQ060	73.96	69.03
RQ061	73.96	69.03
RQ062	73.96	69.03
RQ063	79.49	74.19
RQ064	79.49	74.19
RQ065	73.96	69.03
RQ066	73.96	69.03
RQ067	73.96	69.03
RQ068	73.96	69.03
RQ069	73.96	69.03
RQ070	79.49	74.19
RQ071	73.96	69.03
RQ072	79.49	74.19
RQ073	73.96	69.03
RQ074	73.96	69.03
RQ075	79.49	74.19
RQ076	73.96	69.03
RQ077	79.49	74.19
RQ080	73.96	69.03
RQ081	79.49	74.19
RQ082	79.49	74.19
RQ083	79.49	74.19
RQ901	79.49	74.19
RQ911	79.49	74.19
SC001	67.85	63.33
SC002	68.59	64.01
SC003	62.61	58.43
SC004	62.61	58.43
SC005	62.61	58.43
SC007	65.15	60.80
SC008	62.61	58.43
SC015	61.59	57.48
SC016	62.61	58.43
SC018	62.61	58.43
SC019	62.61	58.43
SC020	62.61	58.43
SC021	61.59	57.48
SC022	69.04	64.43
SC023	62.61	58.43
SC024	67.85	63.33
SC025	62.61	58.43
SC026	63.89	59.62
SC027	62.61	58.43
SC028	61.59	57.48
SC029	62.61	58.43
SC030	61.59	57.48
SC031	61.59	57.48
SC032	62.61	58.43
SC033	61.59	57.48
SC034	62.61	58.43
SC035	61.59	57.48
SC036	69.04	64.43
SC037	62.61	58.43
SC046	69.04	64.43
SC056	67.85	63.33
SC057	67.85	63.33
SC059	61.59	57.48
SC911	68.59	64.01
SD010	64.67	60.35
SD011	61.82	57.69
SD014	61.82	57.69
SD016	64.67	60.35
SD021	61.82	57.69
SD026	61.82	57.69
SD034	61.82	57.69
SD035	67.17	62.68
SD036	61.82	57.69
SD037	61.82	57.69
SD039	64.67	60.35
SD043	61.82	57.69
SD045	61.82	57.69
SD047	61.82	57.69
SD048	61.82	57.69
SD055	61.82	57.69
SD056	61.82	57.69
SD057	61.82	57.69
SD058	61.82	57.69
SD059	61.82	57.69
TN001	64.27	59.98
TN002	59.59	55.62
TN003	59.95	55.96
TN004	65.15	60.80
TN005	71.22	66.47
TN006	59.59	55.62
TN007	59.59	55.62
TN012	59.95	55.96
TN013	58.50	54.60
TN020	71.22	66.47
TN024	58.50	54.60
TN026	58.50	54.60
TN035	71.22	66.47
TN038	59.59	55.62
TN042	58.50	54.60
TN054	59.59	55.62
TN062	58.50	54.60
TN065	59.95	55.96
TN066	59.59	55.62
TN076	59.59	55.62
TN079	71.22	66.47
TN088	59.95	55.96
TN113	59.95	55.96

PHA	Column A rate	Column B rate
TN117	65.15	60.80
TN903	71.22	66.47
TQ901	116.83	109.05
TX001	79.75	74.44
TX003	67.76	63.23
TX004	76.20	71.12
TX005	72.34	67.53
TX006	70.11	65.45
TX007	62.16	58.02
TX008	71.48	66.71
TX009	81.78	76.33
TX010	61.30	57.22
TX011	61.30	57.22
TX012	72.34	67.53
TX014	61.30	57.22
TX016	59.15	55.21
TX017	72.34	67.53
TX018	61.30	57.22
TX019	59.15	55.21
TX021	59.15	55.21
TX023	70.05	65.37
TX025	62.16	58.02
TX027	81.78	76.33
TX028	61.46	57.35
TX029	61.46	57.35
TX030	61.30	57.22
TX031	79.75	74.44
TX032	72.34	67.53
TX034	70.05	65.37
TX035	59.30	55.34
TX037	70.05	65.37
TX039	59.15	55.21
TX042	59.15	55.21
TX044	59.15	55.21
TX046	61.46	57.35
TX048	59.15	55.21
TX049	59.15	55.21
TX051	61.46	57.35
TX062	61.46	57.35
TX064	61.46	57.35
TX065	62.16	58.02
TX072	59.15	55.21
TX073	61.46	57.35
TX075	59.15	55.21
TX079	61.30	57.22
TX081	59.15	55.21
TX085	84.95	79.27
TX087	79.75	74.44
TX095	81.78	76.33
TX096	59.15	55.21
TX105	59.15	55.21
TX111	62.74	58.55
TX114	59.15	55.21
TX128	81.78	76.33
TX134	59.15	55.21
TX137	61.30	57.22
TX147	59.15	55.21
TX152	59.15	55.21
TX158	61.30	57.22
TX163	71.48	66.71
TX164	71.48	66.71
TX173	62.16	58.02
TX174	71.48	66.71
TX175	59.15	55.21
TX177	61.46	57.35
TX178	59.15	55.21
TX183	59.15	55.21
TX189	59.15	55.21
TX193	70.11	65.45
TX197	61.30	57.22
TX201	59.15	55.21
TX202	61.46	57.35
TX206	62.16	58.02
TX208	61.30	57.22
TX210	61.30	57.22
TX217	59.15	55.21
TX224	61.46	57.35
TX236	61.30	57.22
TX242	59.15	55.21
TX257	61.30	57.22
TX259	79.75	74.44
TX263	59.15	55.21
TX264	79.75	74.44
TX266	79.75	74.44
TX272	59.15	55.21
TX284	59.15	55.21
TX298	59.15	55.21
TX300	59.15	55.21
TX302	71.48	66.71
TX303	70.11	65.45
TX309	59.15	55.21
TX313	71.48	66.71
TX322	79.75	74.44
TX327	61.30	57.22
TX330	59.15	55.21
TX332	59.15	55.21
TX335	59.15	55.21
TX341	68.75	64.17
TX343	70.11	65.45
TX349	76.20	71.12
TX350	70.11	65.45
TX358	59.15	55.21
TX372	59.15	55.21
TX376	59.15	55.21
TX377	79.75	74.44
TX378	59.30	55.34
TX381	59.15	55.21
TX392	81.78	76.33
TX395	61.11	57.04
TX396	59.15	55.21
TX397	59.15	55.21
TX421	59.15	55.21
TX431	76.20	71.12
TX432	67.76	63.23
TX433	76.20	71.12
TX434	81.78	76.33
TX435	81.78	76.33
TX436	81.78	76.33
TX439	67.76	63.23
TX440	72.34	67.53
TX441	72.34	67.53
TX444	61.30	57.22
TX445	61.46	57.35
TX447	61.46	57.35
TX448	61.46	57.35
TX449	59.15	55.21
TX452	70.11	65.45
TX454	59.15	55.21
TX455	78.78	73.53
TX456	69.90	65.24
TX457	66.34	61.92
TX458	61.30	57.22
TX459	68.75	64.17
TX461	62.93	58.75
TX470	61.30	57.22
TX472	61.30	57.22
TX480	79.75	74.44
TX481	61.30	57.22
TX482	61.30	57.22
TX483	72.34	67.53
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TX500	59.15	55.21
TX505	72.34	67.53
TX509	62.16	58.02
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TX516	59.15	55.21
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TX534	78.78	73.53
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TX542	61.30	57.22
TX546	61.30	57.22
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UT026	66.12	61.72
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VA002	59.59	55.62
VA003	74.51	69.54
VA004	109.86	102.54
VA005	67.59	63.07
VA006	74.51	69.54
VA007	67.59	63.07
VA010	57.07	53.27
VA011	59.48	55.51
VA012	74.51	69.54
VA013	60.15	56.14
VA014	60.15	56.14
VA015	53.69	50.11
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VA017	74.51	69.54
VA018	53.69	50.11
VA019	109.86	102.54
VA020	67.59	63.07
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VA023	54.68	51.03
VA024	53.69	50.11
VA025	74.51	69.54
VA028	109.86	102.54
VA030	53.69	50.11
VA031	59.59	55.62
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VA037	53.82	50.23
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VA040	53.69	50.11
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VA042	59.59	55.62
VA044	54.66	51.01
VA046	109.86	102.54
VA901	67.59	63.07
VQ901	95.33	88.98
VT001	91.61	85.50
VT002	79.33	74.04
VT003	82.06	76.59
VT004	81.24	75.83
VT005	76.06	70.99
VT006	91.61	85.50
VT008	76.06	70.99
VT009	76.88	71.75
VT901	91.61	85.50
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WA005	80.71	75.35
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WA018	79.27	73.97
WA020	64.72	60.40
WA021	73.33	68.43
WA024	93.13	86.90
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WA036	83.96	78.36
WA039	95.05	88.70
WA042	76.24	71.15
WA049	86.74	80.94
WA054	80.71	75.35
WA055	73.02	68.16
WA057	79.27	73.98
WA061	82.50	77.00
WA064	75.08	70.06
WA071	66.99	62.51
WI001	63.38	59.15
WI002	63.92	59.66
WI003	71.14	66.40
WI006	61.16	57.08
WI011	53.73	50.14
WI019	52.86	49.33
WI020	85.68	79.97
WI031	52.86	49.33
WI043	53.82	50.24
WI045	52.86	49.33
WI047	52.97	49.44
WI048	52.86	49.33
WI060	85.68	79.97
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WI070	52.86	49.33
WI083	63.92	59.66
WI085	52.86	49.33
WI091	52.86	49.33
WI096	52.86	49.33
WI127	52.86	49.33
WI131	52.86	49.33
WI142	63.92	59.66
WI160	52.86	49.33
WI166	52.86	49.33
WI183	58.39	54.49
WI186	53.58	50.00
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WI201	63.92	59.66
WI203	59.31	55.36
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WI214	71.14	66.40
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WI221	52.86	49.33
WI222	52.86	49.33
WI230	52.86	49.33
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WV046	57.00	53.20
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WY013	67.20	62.72

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2017–0027; FXIA16710900000–178–FF09A30000]

Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before July 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES:

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2017–0027.
- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2017–0027; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

When submitting comments, please indicate the name of the applicant and the PRT# you are commenting on. We will post all comments on *http://www.regulations.gov.* This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Public Comments section below for more information).

Viewing Comments: Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection on *http://www.regulations.gov,* or by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; telephone 703–358–2095.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: IA; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; telephone 703–358–2023; facsimile 703–358–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant

in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, ''Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,'' and the President's Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; Jan. 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

We invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.;* ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

Applicant: Nature Conservation Trust, Decatur, IL; PRT–22994C

The applicant requests a permit to import two dead Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) mounts from South Africa for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers a single import conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, New York, NY; PRT–04182C

The applicant requests a permit to export one captive born male babirusa (*Babyrousa celebensis*) to Antwerp Zoo, Antwerpen, Belgium for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers a single export conducted by the applicant.

Applicant: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA; PRT–26612C

The applicant requests authorization to import biological samples for wild and captive-held common Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: International Crane Foundation, Baraboo, WA; PRT–93674B

The applicant requests a permit to export 20 vials of Siberian crane (*Grus leucogeranus*) blood to Oka State Reserve in Russia for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers a single export conducted by the applicant.

Applicant: H & L Sales, Inc. dba The Patio Ranch, Hunt, TX; PRT–667872

The applicant requests a renewal of his captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance propagation or survival of the species: Barasingha (*Cervus duvauceli*) and Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Alexandria Zoological Park, Alexandria, LA; PRT–185788

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance the propagation or survival of the species: Galapagos giant tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), Yellow-spot river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*), Tartaruga (*Podocnemis expansa*), Chinese alligator (*Alligator sinensis*), Broad-snouted caiman (*Caiman latirostris*), African slender-snouted crocodile (*Crocodylus cataphractus*), African dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*) and (*O. t. osborni*), Andean condor (*Vultur gryphus*), Military macaw (*Ara militaris*), Palawan peacock pheasant (*Polyplectron napoleonis*), Parma wallaby (*Macropus parma*), Ring-tail lemur (*Lemur catta*), Ruffed lemur (*Varecia*), Cottontop tamarin (*Saguinus Oedipus*), Pied tamarin (*Saguinus bicolor*), Geoffroy's tamarin (*Saguinus geoffroyi*), golden-headed lion tamarin (*Leontopithecus chrysomelas*), lion-tailed macaque (*Macaca silenus*), Lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*), Gibbon (*Nomascus species*), Siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*), Maned wolf (*Chrysocyon brachyurus*), black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*), clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosi*), Snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*), Amur leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*), African lion (*Panthera leo leo*), Tiger (*Panthera tigris*), South American tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*), Central American tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*), Grevy's zebra (*Equus grevyi*), Somali wild ass (*Equus africanus somalicus*), Southern pudu (*Pudu puda*), and Anoa (*Bubalus depressicornis*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: FairPlay Pythons LLC, Punta Gorda, FL; PRT–93140B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Paula Hansen, Salem OR; PRT–055381

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for red siskins (*Carduelis cucullata*) to enhance propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Temple, East Stroudsburg, PA; PRT–14837C

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) to enhance propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: White Oak Conservation Holdings, LLC; PRT–03134B

The applicant requests amendment of a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to add North Sulawesi babirusa (*Babyrousa celebensis*) and slender-horned gazelle (*Gazella leptoceros*) to their current registration to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities until the expiration of the current registration on June 6, 2018.

Applicant: Virginia Stigen, Escondido, CA; PRT–06377C

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) and Galapagos giant tortoise (*Chelonoidis niger*) to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant:*Feld Entertainment, Inc., Palmetto, FL; PRT–22685C

On May 26, 2017, we published a **Federal Register** notice inviting the public to comment on an application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species (82 FR 24381). We are now republishing the notice to allow the public the opportunity to review additional information that was mistakenly omitted in the first notice and changes to the application. This application is for the re-export of four male and four female captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to Alexander Lacey Einbeck, Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Kevin Chestnut, Moses Lake, WA; PRT–20534C

Applicant: James LeGendre, Junction City, OR; PRT–23328C

Applicant: Will Perry, Conroe, TX; PRT–21851C

Applicant: Julian Sullivan, Madison, AL; PRT–24105C

Applicant: Janis Maund, Austin, TX; PRT–23963C

IV. Next Steps

If the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the **Federal Register** notice announcing the permit issuance date by searching in *www.regulations.gov* under the permit number listed above in this document.

V. Public Comments

You may submit your comments and materials concerning this notice by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax or to an address not listed in **ADDRESSES**.

If you submit a comment via *http://www.regulations.gov,* your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the Web site. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

We will post all hardcopy comments on *http://www.regulations.gov.*

VI. Authorities

Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531).

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R2–ES–2017–N063; FXES11140200000–178–FF02ENEH00]

Incidental Take Permit Applications Received To Participate in American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan in Oklahoma

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (Act), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on federally listed American burying beetle incidental take permit applications. The applicants anticipate American burying beetle take as a result of impacts to habitat the species uses for breeding, feeding, and sheltering in Oklahoma. The take would be incidental to the applicants' activities associated with oil and gas well field and pipeline infrastructure (gathering, transmission, and distribution), including geophysical exploration (seismic), construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation. If approved, the permits would be issued under the approved *American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan (ICP) Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit Issuance in Oklahoma.*

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before July 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain copies of all documents and submit comments on the applicants' incidental take permit (ITP) applications by one of the following methods. Please refer to the proposed permit number when requesting documents or submitting comments.

- *U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Endangered Species—HCP Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103.
- *Electronically: fw2_hcp_permits@fws.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marty Tuegel, Branch Chief, by U.S. mail at: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Review Division, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103; or by telephone at 505–248–6651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

Under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.;* Act), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on incidental take permit (ITP) applications to take the federally listed American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) during oil and gas well field infrastructure geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning, as well as oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation in Oklahoma.

If approved, the permits would be issued to the applicant under the *American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan (ICP) Endangered Species Act Section*

10(a)(1)(B) Permit Issuance in Oklahoma. The original ICP was approved on May 21, 2014, and the ''no significant impact'' finding notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 25, 2014 (79 FR 43504). The draft amended ICP was made available for comment on March 8, 2016 (81 FR 12113), and approved on April 13, 2016. The ICP and the associated environmental assessment/finding of no significant impact are available on the Web site at *http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/oklahoma/ABBICP*. However, we are no longer taking comments on these finalized, approved documents.

Application Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications under the ICP, for incidentally taking the federally listed American burying beetle. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (*e.g.,* TE–123456) when requesting application documents and when submitting comments. Documents and other information the applicant has submitted with this application are available for review, subject to Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) requirements.

Permit TE29847C

Applicant: Council Oak Resources, LLC, Tulsa, OK.

Applicant requests a permit for oil and gas upstream and midstream production, including oil and gas well field infrastructure geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning, as well as oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation in Oklahoma.

Permit TE33336C

Applicant: Corterra Energy Operating, LLC, Tulsa, OK.

Applicant requests a permit for oil and gas upstream and midstream production, including oil and gas well field infrastructure geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning, as well as oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation in Oklahoma.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority: We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Benjamin N. Tuggle,

Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage Control Ordinance

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an amendment to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Chapter 14, Alcoholic Beverages and Prohibited Substances, which was published in the **Federal Register** on January 21, 2016 (81 FR 3453).

DATES: This Amendment shall become effective July 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sharlot Johnson, Tribal Government Services Officer, Western Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2600 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, Telephone: (602) 379–6786, Fax: (602) 379–4100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953, Public Law 83–277, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Rice* v. *Rehner,* 463 U.S. 713 (1983), the Secretary of the Interior shall certify and publish in the **Federal Register** notice of adopted liquor control ordinances for the purpose of regulating liquor transactions in Indian country. On February 22, 2017, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council duly adopted the amendment to the Community's Chapter 14, Alcoholic Beverages and Prohibited Substances, by Ordinance SRO–491–2017.

This notice is published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. 209 DM 81. I certify that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona, duly adopted this amendment to the Community's Chapter 14, Alcoholic Beverages and Prohibited Substances, on February 22, 2017.

Dated: May 16, 2017.

Michael S. Black,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

Section 14–55 of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Code of Ordinances shall be amended by adding a new subsection (7).

Section 14–55(7)

(7) Sports Stadium/Entertainment Venue.

The director may issue a Sport Stadium/Entertainment Venue license to any professional sports stadium or arena, or an entertainment venue (bowling alley, concert hall, theatre, etc) that is otherwise qualified to hold a license.

The holder of a Sport Stadium/Entertainment Venue license is authorized to sell and serve alcoholic beverages solely for consumption on the licensed premises. For the purposes of this section, the term ''licensed premises'' includes all public areas of the venue, food service facilities, outdoor patio enclosures, outdoor pool areas, and private banquet or meeting rooms.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

[S1D1S SS08011000 SX066A0067F 178S180110; S2D2D SS08011000 SX066A00 33F 17XS501520]

Agency Information Collection Activities: OMB Control Number 1029–0114; Technical Evaluation Surveys

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments for 1029–0114.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is announcing that the information collection request for its Technical Evaluation customer surveys has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1029–0114 and is on the forms as well as the expiration date.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by July 21, 2017, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395–5806 or via email to *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.* Also, please send a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 203—SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to *jtrelease@osmre.gov.* Please refer to OMB control number 1029–0114 in your correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request, contact John Trelease at (202) 208–2783, or electronically at *jtrelease@osmre.gov.* You may also review this collection by going to *http://www.reginfo.gov* (Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review, Agency is Department of the Interior, DOI–OSMRE).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSMRE has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information contained in a series of technical evaluation customer surveys. OSMRE is requesting a 3-year term of approval for the information collection activity.

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 OMB control number for this collection of information is 1029–0114.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 7, 2017 (82 FR 12840). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: Technical Evaluation Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0114.

Summary: The series of surveys are needed to ensure that technical assistance activities, technology transfer activities and technical forums are useful for those who participate or receive the assistance. Specifically, representatives from State and Tribal regulatory and reclamation authorities are the primary respondents, although representatives of industry, environmental or citizen groups, or the public, may be recipients of the assistance or may participate in these forums. These surveys are the primary means through which OSMRE evaluates its performance in meeting the performance goals outlined in its annual plans developed pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: Individuals who request information or assistance, although generally States and Tribal employees.

Total Annual Responses: 106.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 9.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burdens on respondents, such as use of automated means of collections of the information, to the addresses listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please refer to the appropriate OMB control number in all correspondence.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should 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: The authorities for this action are the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, as amended (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*), and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 10, 2017.

John A. Trelease,

Acting Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

[S1D1S SS08011000 SX066A0067F 178S180110; S2D2D SS08011000 SX066A00 33F 17XS501520]

Agency Information Collection Activities: OMB Control Number 1029–0055; Rights of Entry

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments for 1029–0055.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is announcing its intention to request renewed approval for the collection of information for states or Indian tribes, pursuant to an approved reclamation program, to use police powers, if necessary, to effect entry upon private lands to conduct reclamation activities or exploratory studies if the landowner's consent is refused or the landowner is not available. The collection described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burdens and costs.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, your comments should

be submitted to OMB by July 21, 2017, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Your comments should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior Desk Officer, via email to *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov,* or by facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 203—SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to *jtrelease@osmre.gov.* Please reference 1029–0055 in your submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request, contact John Trelease at (202) 208–2783, or electronically at *jtrelease@osmre.gov.* You may also review this collection by going to *http://www.reginfo.gov* (Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review, Agency is Department of the Interior, DOI–OSMRE).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. We have submitted a request to OMB to approve the collection of information for 30 CFR part 877—Rights of Entry. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is displayed in 30 CFR 877.10 (1029–0055).

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), we published a **Federal Register** notice seeking public comments on this collection of information on March 7, 2017 (82 FR 12840). No comments were received. This notice gives you an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: 30 CFR 877—Rights of Entry.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0055.

Summary: This regulation establishes procedures for non-consensual entry upon private lands for the purpose of abandoned mine land reclamation activities or exploratory studies when the landowner refuses consent or is not available.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: State and tribal abandoned mine land reclamation agencies.

Total Annual Responses: 336.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.5 hours to prepare each of the estimated 5 notices to landowners per project.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,520 hours.

Total Annual Non-wage Costs: $3,350 for newspaper publication costs.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information, to the addresses listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please refer to the appropriate OMB control number in all correspondence.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should 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: The authorities for this action are the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, as amended (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*), and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 10, 2017.

John A. Trelease,

Acting Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

[S1D1S SS08011000 SX066A0067F 178S180110; S2D2D SS08011000 SX066A00 33F 17XS501520]

Agency Information Collection Activities: OMB Control Number 1029–0067; Restriction on Financial Interests of State Employees

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments for 1029–0067.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is announcing that the information collection request for the restriction on financial interests of State employees has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reauthorization. The information collection package was previously approved and assigned clearance number 1029–0067. This notice describes the nature of the information collection activity and the expected burden and cost.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, you should submit your comments to OMB by July 21, 2017, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395–5806 or via email at *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.* Also, please send a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 203—SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to *jtrelease@osmre.gov.* Please refer to OMB control number 1029–0067 in your correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection package, contact John Trelease at (202) 208–2783, or electronically at *jtrelease@osmre.gov.* You may also view the collection at *http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain* (Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review, Agency is Department of the Interior, DOI–OSMRE).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. We have submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval for the collection of information for 30 CFR 705 and the Form OSM–23, Restriction on financial interests of State employees. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

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 OMB control number for this collection of information is 1029–0067. Responses are mandatory.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on 30 CFR 705 was published on March 7, 2017 (82 FR 12839). No comments were received. This notice provides you with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: 30 CFR 705—Restriction on financial interests of State employees.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0067.

Summary: Respondents supply information on employment and financial interests. The purpose of the collection is to ensure compliance with section 517(g) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, which places an absolute prohibition on employees of regulatory authorities having a direct or indirect financial interest in underground or surface coal mining operations.

Bureau Form Number: OSM–23.

Frequency of Collection: Entrance on duty and annually.

Description of Respondents: Any State regulatory authority employee or member of advisory boards or commissions established in accordance with State law or regulation to represent multiple interests who performs any function or duty under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

Total Annual Responses: 5,016.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 428.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information, to the addresses listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1029–0067 in your correspondence.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should 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: The authorities for this action are the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, as amended (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*), and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 12, 2017.

John A. Trelease,

Acting Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

[S1D1S SS08011000 SX066A0067F 178S180110; S2D2D SS08011000 SX066A00 33F 17XS501520]

Agency Information Collection Activities: OMB Control Number 1029–0118; Federal Inspections and Monitoring

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments for 1029–0118.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is announcing its intention to request continued approval for the collection of information which relates to a citizen's written request for a Federal inspection.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by August 21, 2017, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 203—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to *jtrelease@osmre.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request contact, John Trelease at (202) 208–2783 or by email at *jtrelease@osmre.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d)]. This notice identifies information collection that OSMRE will be submitting to OMB for approval. This collection is contained in 30 CFR 842, Federal inspections and monitoring.

OSMRE will revise burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on revised estimates of burden or respondents. OSMRE will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

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 OMB control number for 30 CFR 842 is 1029–0118.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSMRE's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should 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.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: 30 CFR part 842—Federal inspections and monitoring.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0118.

Summary: For purposes of information collection, this part establishes the procedures for any person to notify the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement in writing of any violation that may exist at a surface coal mining operation and to request a Federal inspection. The information will be used to investigate potential violations of the Act or applicable State regulations.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: Citizens.

Total Annual Responses: 38.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 38 hours.

Total Annual Non-Wage Burden: $0.

Authority: The authorities for this action are the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, as amended (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*), and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 7, 2017.

John A. Trelease,

Acting Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1046]

Certain Non-Volatile Memory Devices and Products Containing Same Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting an Unopposed Motion To Amend the Complaint and Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination (''ID'') (Order No. 11) of the presiding administrative law judge (''ALJ'') granting an unopposed motion for leave to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to add Toshiba Memory Corporation of Tokyo, Japan (''Toshiba Memory'') as a respondent to the investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Panyin A. Hughes, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–3042. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at *https://www.usitc.gov*. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov*. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted Inv. No. 337–TA–1046 on April 12, 2017, based on a complaint filed by Macronix International Co., Ltd. of Hsin-chu, Taiwan and Macronix America, Inc. of Milpitas, California (collectively, ''Macronix''). 82 FR 17687–88 (Apr. 12, 2017). The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain non-volatile memory devices and products containing the same that infringe one or more claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,552,360; U.S. Patent No. 6,788,602; and U.S. Patent No. 8,035,417. The notice of investigation named the following respondents: Toshiba Corporation of Tokyo, Japan; Toshiba America, Inc. of New York, New York; Toshiba America Electronic Components, Inc. of Irvine, California; Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. of Irvine, California; and Toshiba Information Equipment (Philippines), Inc. of Binan, Philippines. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is a party to the investigation.

On May 22, 2017, Macronix moved for leave to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to add Toshiba Memory as a respondent to the investigation and stating that respondents do not oppose the motion. On May 24, 2017, the Commission investigative attorney filed a response in support of the motion. No other responses to the motion were filed.

On June 1, 2017, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the unopposed motion. The ALJ found that pursuant to Commission Rule 210.14(b) (19 CFR 210.14(b)), good cause exists to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to add Toshiba Memory as a respondent. None of the parties petitioned for review of the ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the ID.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in Part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: June 16, 2017.

Lisa R. Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

[FR Doc. 2017–12922 Filed 6–20–17; 8:45 am]

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1047]

Certain Semiconductor Devices and Consumer Audiovisual Products Containing the Same; Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting Steptoe & Johnson LLP's Motion To Intervene for the Limited Purpose of Responding to a Disqualification Motion

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination (''ID'') (Order No. 7) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (''ALJ'') on May 31, 2017, granting Steptoe & Johnson LLP's (''Steptoe'') motion to intervene for the limited purpose of responding to a disqualification motion.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Needham, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708–5468. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (*https://www.usitc.gov*). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov*. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on April 12, 2017, based on a complaint filed by Broadcom Corporation (''Broadcom'') of Irvine, California. 82 FR 17688. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 (''section 337''), in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain semiconductor devices and consumer audiovisual products containing the same that infringe U.S. Patent Nos. 7,310,104; 7,342,967;

7,590,059; 8,068,171; and 8,284,844. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named as respondents MediaTek Inc. of Hsinchu City, Taiwan; MediaTek USA Inc. of San Jose, California; MStar Semiconductor Inc. of ChuPei Hsinchu Hsien, Taiwan; Sigma Designs, Inc. of Fremont, California; LG Electronics Inc. of Seoul, Republic of Korea and LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey (together, ''LG''); Funai Electric Company, Ltd., of Osaka, Japan; Funai Corporation, Inc. of Rutherford, New Jersey; P&F USA, Inc. of Alpharetta, Georgia; and Vizio, Inc., of Irvine, California. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not participating in this investigation. *Id.*

On May 22, 2017, LG moved to disqualify Broadcom's counsel, Steptoe, based on an alleged conflict of interest caused by Steptoe's representation of LG. On May 24, 2017, Steptoe filed an unopposed motion to intervene for the limited purpose of responding to the disqualification motion.

On May 31, 2017, the ALJ issued the subject ID, granting Steptoe's motion. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: June 15, 2017.

Lisa R. Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

[FR Doc. 2017–12895 Filed 6–20–17; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1117—NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; DEA Ambassador Program

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration, 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.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until August 21, 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 Gary R. Owen, Chief, Office of Congressional & Public Affairs, Drug Enforcement Administration, 8701 Morrissette Drive, Springfield, VA 22152.

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 agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

—Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; 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:* Proposed collection.

2. *The Title of the Form/Collection:* DEA Ambassador Program (DAP) Volunteer Application.

3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The agency form number is DEA–320. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Drug Enforcement Administration.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals. The Ambassador Program is designed to enhance the ability of the DEA Field Divisions to cultivate and leverage community relationships for the purpose of increasing illicit drug prevention and education strategies.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that 100 respondents will complete the application in approximately 10 minutes.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 16.6 hours. It is estimated that applicants will take 10 minutes to complete the DEA–320. The burden hours for collecting respondent data sum to 1000 hours (100 respondents × 10 minutes = 1000 hours. 1000/60 seconds = 16.6.

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., 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: June 16, 2017.

Melody Braswell,

Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Nominations for Vacancies

Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 88 Stat. 895, 29 U.S.C. 1142, provides for the establishment of an Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans (the Council), which is to consist of 15 members to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) as follows: Three representatives of employee organizations (at least one of whom shall be a representative of an organization whose members are participants in a multiemployer plan); three representatives of employers (at least one of whom shall be a representative of employers maintaining or contributing to multiemployer plans); one representative each from the fields of insurance, corporate trust, actuarial counseling, investment counseling, investment management, and accounting; and three representatives from the general public (one of whom

shall be a person representing those receiving benefits from a pension plan). No more than eight members of the Council shall be members of the same political party.

Council members shall be persons qualified to appraise the programs instituted under ERISA. Appointments are for terms of three years. The prescribed duties of the Council are to advise the Secretary with respect to the carrying out of his or her functions under ERISA, and to submit to the Secretary, or his or her designee, recommendations with respect thereto. The Council will meet at least four times each year.

The terms of five members of the Council expire at the end of this year. The groups or fields they represent are as follows: (1) Employee organizations; (2) employers; (3) corporate trust; (4) investment management; and (5) the general public. The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Council.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that any person or organization desiring to nominate one or more individuals for appointment to the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to represent any of the groups or fields specified in the preceding paragraph may submit nominations to Larry Good, Council Executive Secretary, Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Suite N–5623, Washington, DC 20210, or as email attachments to *good.larry@dol.gov.* Nominations (including supporting nominations) must be received on or before August 1, 2017. Please allow three weeks for regular mail delivery to the Department of Labor. If sending electronically, please use an attachment in rich text, Word, or pdf format. Nominations may be in the form of a letter, resolution or petition, signed by the person making the nomination or, in the case of a nomination by an organization, by an authorized representative of the organization.

Nominations, including supporting letters, should:

- State the person's qualifications to serve on the Council.
- State that the candidate will accept appointment to the Council if offered.
- Include which of the five positions (representing groups or fields) the candidate is nominated to fill.
- Include the nominee's full name, work affiliation, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
- Include the nominator's full name, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
- Include the nominator's signature, whether sent by email or otherwise.

Please do not include any information that you do not want publicly disclosed.

In selecting Council members, the Secretary of Labor will consider individuals nominated in response to this **Federal Register** notice, as well as other qualified individuals.

Nominees will be contacted to provide information on their political affiliation and their status as registered lobbyists. Anyone currently subject to federal registration requirements as a lobbyist is not eligible for appointment. Nominees should be aware of the time commitment for attending meetings and actively participating in the work of the Council. Historically, this has meant a commitment of at least 20 days per year. The Department of Labor has a process for vetting nominees under consideration for appointment.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of June 2017.

Timothy D. Hauser,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operations, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2009–0026]

Curtis-Strauss LLC: Application for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Curtis-Strauss LLC for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the Agency's preliminary finding to grant the application.

DATES: Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before July 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Electronically:* Submit comments and attachments electronically at *http://www.regulations.gov,* which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for making electronic submissions.

2. *Facsimile:* If submissions, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, commenters may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

3. *Regular or express mail, hand delivery, or messenger (courier) service:* Submit comments, requests, and any attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2009–0026, Technical Data Center, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3508, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–2350 (TTY number: (877) 889–5627). Note that security procedures may result in significant delays in receiving comments and other written materials by regular mail. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about security procedures concerning delivery of materials by express mail, hand delivery, or messenger service. The hours of operation for the OSHA Docket Office are 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., e.t.

4. *Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and the OSHA docket number (OSHA–2009–0026). OSHA places comments and other materials, including any personal information, in the public docket without revision, and these materials will be available online at *http://www.regulations.gov.* Therefore, the Agency cautions commenters about submitting statements they do not want made available to the public, or submitting comments that contain personal information (either about themselves or others) such as Social Security numbers, birth dates, and medical data.

5. *Docket:* To read or download submissions or other material in the docket, go to *http://www.regulations.gov* or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket are listed in the *http://www.regulations.gov* index; however, some information (*e.g.,* copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection at the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for assistance in locating docket submissions.

6. *Extension of comment period:* Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before July 6, 2017 to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693–1644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3647, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: *meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.*

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210; phone: (202) 693–2110 or email: *robinson.kevin@dol.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of the Application for Expansion

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is providing notice that Curtis-Strauss LLC (CSL), is applying for expansion of its current recognition as an NRTL. CSL requests the addition of five test standards to its NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition. Each NRTL's scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by its applicable test standard; and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL's scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition and for an expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding. In the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational Web page for each NRTL, including CSL, which details the NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA Web site at *http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html.*

CSL currently has one facility (site) recognized by OSHA for product testing and certification, with its headquarters located at: Curtis-Strauss LLC, Littleton Distribution Center, One Distribution Center Circle, Suite #1, Littleton, MA 01460. A complete list of CSL's scope of recognition is available at *https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/csl.html.*

II. General Background on the Application

CSL submitted an application, dated December 30, 2016 (OSHA–2009–0026–0073), to expand its recognition to include five additional test standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

Table 1 below lists the appropriate test standards found in CSL's application for expansion for testing and certification of products under the NRTL Program.

TABLE 1—PROPOSED LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN CSL'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 763	Motor-Operated Commercial Food Preparing Machines.
UL 197	Commercial Electric Cooking Appliances.
UL 982	Motor-Operated Household Food Preparing Machines.
UL 60335–2–3	Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances, Part 2: Particular Requirements for Electric Irons.
UL 60335–2–34	Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances, Part 2–34: Particular Requirements for Motor-Compressors.

III. Preliminary Findings on the Application

CSL submitted an acceptable application for expansion of its scope of recognition. OSHA's review of the application file, and pertinent documentation, indicates that CSL can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding its recognition to include the addition of these five test standards for NRTL testing and certification listed above. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of CSL's application.

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether CSL meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request. Commenters must submit the written request for an extension by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a longer period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if the request is not adequately justified. To obtain or review copies of the exhibits identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, Room N–3508, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. These materials also are available online at *http://www.regulations.gov* under Docket No. OSHA–2009–0026.

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner and, after addressing the issues raised by these comments, will recommend to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health whether to grant CSL's application for expansion of its scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA will publish a public notice of its final decision in the **Federal Register**.

IV. Authority and Signature

Dorothy Dougherty, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is

issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 15, 2017.

Dorothy Dougherty,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2006–0040]

SGS North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for SGS North America, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on June 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3647, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: *meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.*

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–2110; email: *robinson.kevin@dol.gov.* OSHA's Web page includes information about the NRTL Program (see *http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of SGS North America, Inc. (SGS), as an NRTL. SGS's expansion covers the addition of two test standards to its scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified by 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification of the products.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational Web page for each NRTL that details its scope of recognition. These pages are available from the Agency's Web site at *http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html.*

SGS submitted an application, dated May 28, 2014, (OSHA–2006–0040–0034) to expand its recognition to include two additional test standards. OSHA staff detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing SGS's expansion application in the **Federal Register** on March 15, 2017 (82 FR 13867). The Agency requested comments by March 30, 2017, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of SGS's scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the SGS's application, go to *www.regulations.gov* or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–2625, Washington, DC 20210. Docket No. OSHA–2006–0040 contains all materials in the record concerning SGS's recognition.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined SGS's expansion application, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that SGS meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the limitation and conditions listed below. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant SGS's scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of SGS's recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standards listed in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN SGS'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 201	Garage Equipment.
UL 844	Electric Lighting Fixtures for Use in Hazardous Locations.

OSHA's recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials for which OSHA standards require third-party testing and certification before using them in the workplace. Consequently, if a test standard also covers any products for which OSHA does not require such testing and certification, an NRTL's scope of recognition does not include these products.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) may approve the test standards listed above as American National Standards. However, for convenience, we may use the designation of the standards-developing organization for the standard as opposed to the ANSI designation. Under the NRTL Program's policy (see OSHA Instruction CPL 1–0.3, Appendix C, paragraph XIV), any NRTL recognized for a particular test standard may use either the proprietary version of the test standard or the ANSI version of that standard. Contact ANSI to determine whether a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, SGS must abide by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. SGS must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in its

operations as an NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);

2. SGS must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and

3. SGS must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on SGS's scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby expands the scope of recognition of SGS, subject to the limitation and conditions specified above.

III. Authority and Signature

Dorothy Dougherty, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 15, 2017.

Dorothy Dougherty,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2007–0043]

TUV SUD America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for TUV SUD America, Inc. as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on June 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3647, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: *meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.*

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–2110; email: *robinson.kevin@dol.gov.* OSHA's Web page includes information about the NRTL Program (see *http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of TUV SUD America, Inc. (TUV SUD) as an NRTL. TUV SUD's expansion covers the addition of two recognized testing and certification sites to its NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition, and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational Web page for each NRTL that details its scope of recognition. These pages are available from the Agency's Web site at *http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html.*

TUVAM submitted an application, dated May 19, 2015 (OSHA–2007–0043–0020), to expand its recognition to include the addition of two recognized testing and certification sites located at: TUV SUD, Ridlerstrasse 65, D–80339, Munich, Germany; and TUV SUD, Daimlerstrasse 11, D–85748, Garching, Germany. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application and other pertinent information. OSHA staff also performed on-site reviews of TUVAM's Munich testing and certification facility on June 6, 2016 and TUVAM's Garching testing and certification facility on June 7, 2016 and recommended expansion of TUVAM's recognition to include these two sites.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing TUVAM's expansion application in the **Federal Register** on March 9, 2017 (82 FR 13143). The Agency requested comments by March 24, 2017, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of TUVAM's scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to TUVAM's application, go to *www.regulations.gov* or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–2625, Washington, DC 20210. Docket No. OSHA–2007–0043 contains all materials in the record concerning TUVAM's recognition.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined TUVAM's expansion application, conducted two detailed on-site assessments, and examined other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that TUVAM meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the limitation and conditions listed below. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant TUVAM's scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of TUVAM's recognition to include the sites at TUVAM Munich, Munich, Germany and TUVAM Garching, Garching, Germany as listed above. OSHA's recognition of these sites limits TUVAM to performing product testing and certifications only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs, and for test standards in TUVAM's scope of recognition. This limitation is consistent with the recognition that OSHA grants to other NRTLs that operate multiple sites.

A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, TUVAM must abide by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. TUVAM must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in

its operations as an NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);

2. TUVAM must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and

3. TUVAM must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on TUVAM's scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby expands the recognition of TUVAM, subject to the limitation and conditions specified above.

III. Authority and Signature

Dorothy Dougherty, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 15, 2017.

Dorothy Dougherty,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2017–0122]

Information Collection: Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers: Inspection and Investigations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, ''Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers: Inspection and Investigations.''

DATES: Submit comments by August 21, 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 on or 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–2017–0122. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: *Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.* For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
- *Mail comments to:* David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T–2 F43, 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: David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: *INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2017–0122 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2017–0122.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* To begin the search, select ''*ADAMS Public Documents*'' and then select ''*Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.*'' For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.* The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ADAMS ML17123A143.
- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting NRC's Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: *INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.*

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2017–0122 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at *http://www.regulations.gov* as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS, and the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 19, ''Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers: Inspection and Investigations.''
2. *OMB approval number:* 3150–0044.
3. *Type of submission:* Extension.
4. *The form number, if applicable:* N/A.
5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* As necessary in order that adequate and timely reports of radiation exposure be made to individuals involved in applicable NRC-licensed activities.
6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Licensees authorized to receive, possess, use, or transfer material licensed by the NRC.
7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 20,300.
8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 1,401,163.

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 320,969.

10. *Abstract:* Part 19 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) establishes requirements for notices, instructions, and reports by licensees and regulated entities to individuals participating in NRC-licensed and regulated activities and options available to these individuals in connection with Commission inspections of licensees and regulated entities, and to ascertain compliance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, titles II and IV of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, and regulations, orders, and licenses thereunder. The regulations in this part also establish the rights and responsibilities of the Commission and individuals during interviews compelled by subpoena as part of agency's inspections or investigations under Section 161c of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction.

III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of June 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David Cullison,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2016–0263]

Information Collection: Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, ''Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material.''

DATES: Submit comments by August 21, 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 on or 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–2016–0263. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: *Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.* For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
- *Mail comments to:* David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Office, Mail Stop: T–5 F53, 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: David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Office, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: *INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2016–0263 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2016–0263.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* To begin the search, select ''*ADAMS Public Documents*'' and then select ''*Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.*'' For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.* The supporting statement for part 74 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), ''Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material,'' is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17088A147.
- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting NRC's Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Office, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: *INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.*

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2016–0263 in the subject line of your 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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If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the

information collection summarized below:

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 74, ''Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material.''

2. *OMB approval number:* 3150–0123.

3. *Type of submission:* Extension.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* Not applicable.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Submission of fundamental material control plans is a one-time requirement which has been completed by all current licensees as required. However, licensees may submit amendments or revisions to the plans as necessary. Reports are submitted as events occur.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Persons licensed under 10 CFR part 70 who possess and use certain forms and quantities of special nuclear material (SNM).

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 173 (17 reporting responses + 156 recordkeepers).

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 156.

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 8,869 (669 hours reporting + 8,200 hours recordkeeping).

10. *Abstract:* Part 74 establishes requirements for material control and accounting of SNM, and specific performance-based regulations for licensees authorized to possess, use, and produce strategic SNM, and SNM of moderate strategic significance and low strategic significance. The information is used by the NRC to make licensing and regulatory determinations concerning material accounting of SNM and to satisfy obligations of the United States to the International Atomic Energy Agency. Submission or retention of the information is mandatory for persons subject to the requirements.

III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of June, 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David G. Cullison,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Office.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2016–0223]

Information Collection: Grant and Cooperative Agreement Provisions

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, ''Grant and Cooperative Agreement Provisions.''

DATES: Submit comments by August 21, 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 on or 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–2016–0223. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: *Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.* For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
- *Mail comments to:* David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T–2 F43, 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: David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: *Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2016–0223 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2016–0223. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC–2016–0223 on this Web site.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* To begin the search, select ''ADAMS Public Documents'' and then select ''Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.'' For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.* The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17026A396.
- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting NRC's Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: *Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.*

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2016–0223 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at *http://www.regulations.gov* as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* Grant and Cooperative Agreement Provisions.
2. *OMB approval number:* 3150–0107.
3. *Type of submission:* Extension.
4. *The form number, if applicable:* Not applicable.
5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Technical Performance reports are required every 6 months; other information is submitted on occasion as needed.
6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Grant and Cooperative Agreement recipients.
7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 548 (370 responses plus 178 record keepers).
8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 178.
9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 4,173 (3,894 reporting hours plus 279 record keeping hours).
10. *Abstract:* The Acquisition Management Division is responsible for awarding grants and cooperative agreements (financial assistance) for the NRC. The Acquisition Management Division collects information from assistance recipients in accordance with and grant and cooperative agreement provisions in order to administer the NRC's financial assistance program. The information collected under the provisions ensures that the Government's rights are protected, the agency adheres to public laws, the work proceeds on schedule, and that disputes between the Government and the recipient are settled.

III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of June 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David Cullison,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intent to request extension of OMB approval without change.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of the collection of information on qualitative feedback on PBGC's service delivery (OMB Control Number 1212–0066; expires August 31, 2017). This notice informs the public of PBGC's intent and solicits comments on the proposed information collection. This collection of information was developed as part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process for seeking feedback from the public on service delivery.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by August 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the Web site instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email: paperwork.comments@pbgc.gov.*
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Regulatory Affairs Group, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026.

Comments received, including personal information provided, will be posted to *www.pbgc.gov.*

Copies of this collection of information may be obtained without charge by writing to the Disclosure Division of the Office of the General Counsel at the above address or calling 202–326–4040 during normal business hours. (TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4040.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo Amato Burns (*burns.jo.amato@pbgc.gov*), Regulatory Affairs Group, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026, 202–326–4400, ext. 3072, or Deborah C. Murphy (*murphy.deborah@pbgc.gov*), Assistant General Counsel, same address and phone number, ext. 3451. TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collection activity will gather qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with PBGC's commitment to improving service delivery. Qualitative feedback means information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but the information requests are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results generalizable to the population of interest. This feedback provides insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provides early warnings of issues with service, and focuses attention on areas where changes in PBGC's communication with the public, in training of staff, or in operations might improve the delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between PBGC and its customers and stakeholders. These collections also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback targets 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 were not collected,

vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on PBGC's services would be unavailable.

PBGC only submits 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 will be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;
- 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 interest.

As noted, feedback collected under this generic clearance does not produce results generalizable to the population of interest. 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. Collections with such objectives 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.

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.

Annually, over the next three years, PBGC estimates that it will conduct three activities involving about 1,630 respondents, each of whom will provide one response. The number of respondents will vary by activity: 40 for usability testing, 90 for focus groups (nine groups of ten respondents), and 1,500 for customer satisfaction surveys.

PBGC estimates the annual burden of this collection of information as 635 hours: 2 hours per response for usability testing (total 80 hours); 2 hours per response for focus groups (total 180 hours); and 15 minutes per response for customer satisfaction surveys (total 375 hours).

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.

PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the 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 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 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.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Deborah Chase Murphy,

Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Submission of Information Collections for OMB Review; Comment Request; Multiemployer Plan Regulations

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of collections of information in PBGC's regulations on multiemployer plans. This notice informs the public of PBGC's request and solicits public comment on the collections of information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, via electronic mail at *OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov* or by fax to 202–395–6974.

A copy of PBGC's request may be obtained without charge by writing to the Disclosure Division of the Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026, or by calling 202–326–4040 during normal business hours. (TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4040.) The request is also available at *http://www.reginfo.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hilary Duke (*duke.hilary@pbgc.gov*), Attorney, Regulatory Affairs Group, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington DC 20005–4026; 202–326–4400, extension 3839. (TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4400, extension 3839.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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. OMB has approved and issued control numbers for seven collections of information in PBGC's regulations on multiemployer plans under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). These collections of information are described below. OMB approvals for these collections of information expire June 30, 2017. PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval of these collections of information for three years.

The collections of information for which PBGC is requesting extension of OMB approval are as follows:

1. Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules (29 CFR Part 4203) (OMB Control Number 1212–0023)

Sections 4203(f) and 4208(e)(3) of ERISA allow PBGC to permit a multiemployer plan to adopt special rules for determining whether a withdrawal from the plan has occurred, subject to PBGC approval. Section 4203(f) further provides that the regulations may permit use of special rules (1) only in industries that PBGC finds have appropriate characteristics and (2) only in instances where PBGC determines that use of such rules will not pose a significant risk to the multiemployer insurance system administered by PBGC.

PBGC's regulation on Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules (29 CFR part 4203) specifies the information that a plan that adopts special rules must submit to PBGC about the rules, the plan, and the industry in which the plan operates. PBGC uses the information to determine whether the rules are appropriate for the industry in which the plan functions and do not pose a significant risk to the insurance system.

PBGC estimates that at most one plan sponsor submits a request each year under this regulation. The estimated annual burden of the collection of information is two hours and $5,000.

2. Variances for Sale of Assets (29 CFR Part 4204) (OMB Control Number 1212–0021)

If an employer's covered operations or contribution obligation under a plan ceases, the employer must generally pay withdrawal liability to the plan. Section 4204 of ERISA provides an exception, under certain conditions, where the cessation results from a sale of assets. Among other things, the buyer must furnish a bond or escrow, and the sale contract must provide for secondary liability of the seller.

PBGC's regulation on Variances for Sale of Assets (29 CFR part 4204) establishes general variances (rules for avoiding the bond/escrow and sale-contract requirements) and authorizes plans to determine whether the variances apply in particular cases. It also allows buyers and sellers to request individual variances from PBGC. Plans and PBGC use the information to determine whether employers qualify for variances. PBGC estimates that each year, 100 employers submit, and 100 plans respond to, variance requests under the regulation, and one employer submits a variance request to PBGC. The estimated annual burden of the collection of information is 1,050 hours and $501,000.

3. Reduction or Waiver of Complete Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR Part 4207) (OMB Control Number 1212–0044)

Section 4207 of ERISA allows PBGC to provide for abatement of an employer's complete withdrawal liability, and for plan adoption of alternative abatement rules, where appropriate.

Under PBGC's regulation on Reduction or Waiver of Complete Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR part 4207), an employer applies to a plan for an abatement determination, providing information the plan needs to determine whether withdrawal liability should be abated, and the plan notifies the employer of its determination. The employer may, pending plan action, furnish a bond or escrow instead of making withdrawal liability payments, and must notify the plan if it does so. When the plan then makes its determination, it must so notify the bonding or escrow agent.

The regulation also permits plans to adopt their own abatement rules and request PBGC approval. PBGC uses the information in such a request to determine whether the amendment should be approved.

PBGC estimates that each year, at most one employer submits, and one plan responds to, an application for abatement of complete withdrawal liability, and no plan sponsors request approval of plan abatement rules from PBGC. The estimated annual burden of the collection of information is 0.5 hours and $400.

4. Reduction or Waiver of Partial Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR Part 4208) (OMB Control Number 1212–0039)

Section 4208 of ERISA provides for abatement, in certain circumstances, of an employer's partial withdrawal liability and authorizes PBGC to issue additional partial withdrawal liability abatement rules.

Under PBGC's regulation on Reduction or Waiver of Partial Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR part 4208), an employer applies to a plan for an abatement determination, providing information the plan needs to determine whether withdrawal liability should be abated, and the plan notifies the employer of its determination. The employer may, pending plan action, furnish a bond or escrow instead of making withdrawal liability payments, and must notify the plan if it does so. When the plan then makes its determination, it must so notify the bonding or escrow agent.

The regulation also permits plans to adopt their own abatement rules and request PBGC approval. PBGC uses the information in such a request to determine whether the amendment should be approved.

PBGC estimates that each year, at most one employer submits, and one plan responds to, an application for abatement of partial withdrawal liability and no plan sponsors request approval of plan abatement rules from PBGC. The estimated annual burden of the collection of information is 0.50 hours and $400.

5. Allocating Unfunded Vested Benefits to Withdrawing Employers (29 CFR Part 4211) (OMB Control Number 1212–0035)

Section 4211(c)(5)(A) of ERISA requires PBGC to prescribe how plans can, with PBGC approval, change the way they allocate unfunded vested benefits to withdrawing employers for purposes of calculating withdrawal liability.

PBGC's regulation on Allocating Unfunded Vested Benefits to Withdrawing Employers (29 CFR part 4211) prescribes the information that must be submitted to PBGC by a plan seeking such approval. PBGC uses the information to determine how the amendment changes the way the plan allocates unfunded vested benefits and how it will affect the risk of loss to plan participants and PBGC.

PBGC estimates that 10 plan sponsors submit approval requests each year under this regulation. The estimated annual burden of the collection of information is 100 hours and $100,000.

6. Notice, Collection, and Redetermination of Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR Part 4219) (OMB Control Number 1212–0034)

Section 4219(c)(1)(D) of ERISA requires that PBGC prescribe regulations for the allocation of a plan's total unfunded vested benefits in the event of a ''mass withdrawal.'' A mass withdrawal occurs in two situations: the termination of a plan by the withdrawal of every employer from the plan and the withdrawal of substantially all employers from the plan pursuant to an agreement or arrangement to withdraw. ERISA section 4209(c) deals with an employer's liability for de minimis amounts if substantially all employers withdraw, regardless of the occurrence of a mass withdrawal.

The reporting requirements in PBGC's regulation on Notice, Collection, and Redetermination of Withdrawal

Liability (29 CFR part 4219) give employers notice and advise them of their rights and liabilities if there is a mass withdrawal or if substantially all employers withdraw. The reporting requirements also provide notice to PBGC so that it can monitor the plan, and they help PBGC assess the possible impact of a withdrawal event on participants and the multiemployer plan insurance program.

PBGC estimates that each year there are six mass withdrawals and three withdrawals in which substantially all employers withdraw. The plan sponsor of a plan subject to a withdrawal covered by the regulation provides notices of the withdrawal to PBGC and to employers covered by the plan, liability assessments to the employers, and a certification to PBGC that assessments have been made. (For a mass withdrawal, there are two assessments and two certifications that deal with two different types of liability. For a withdrawal in which substantially all employers withdraw, there is one assessment and one certification (combined with the withdrawal notice to PBGC).) The estimated annual burden of the collection of information is 45 hours and $132,000.

7. Procedures for PBGC Approval of Plan Amendments (29 CFR Part 4220) (OMB Control Number 1212–0031)

Under section 4220 of ERISA, a plan may within certain limits adopt special plan rules regarding when a withdrawal from the plan occurs and how the withdrawing employer's withdrawal liability is determined. Any such special rule is effective only if, within 90 days after receiving notice and a copy of the rule, PBGC either approves or fails to disapprove the rule.

PBGC's regulation on Procedures for PBGC Approval of Plan Amendments (29 CFR part 4220) provides rules for requesting PBGC's approval of an amendment. PBGC needs the required information to identify the plan, evaluate the risk of loss, if any, posed by the plan amendment, and determine whether to approve or disapprove the amendment.

PBGC estimates that at most one plan sponsor submits an approval request per year under this regulation. The estimated annual burden of the collection of information is 0.5 hours and $5,000 dollars.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Deborah Chase Murphy,

Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2017–148 and CP2017–209; MC2017–149 and CP2017–210; MC2017–150 and CP2017–211; MC2017–151 and CP2017–212; CP2017–213]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* June 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at *http://www.prc.gov.* Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (*http://www.prc.gov*). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s).:* MC2017–148 and CP2017–209; *Filing Title:* Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 45 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data; *Filing Acceptance Date:* June 15, 2017; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.; Public Representative:* Jennaca D. Upperman; *Comments Due:* June 23, 2017.

2. *Docket No(s).:* MC2017–149 and CP2017–210; *Filing Title:* Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Express Contract 49 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data; *Filing Acceptance Date:* June 15, 2017; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.; Public Representative:* Jennaca D. Upperman; *Comments Due:* June 23, 2017.

3. *Docket No(s).:* MC2017–150 and CP2017–211; *Filing Title:* Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 329 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data; *Filing Acceptance Date:* June 15, 2017; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.;*

Public Representative: Lawrence Fenster; *Comments Due:* June 23, 2017.

4. *Docket No(s).:* MC2017–151 and CP2017–212; *Filing Title:* Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 330 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data; *Filing Acceptance Date:* June 15, 2017; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.; Public Representative:* Lawrence Fenster; *Comments Due:* June 23, 2017.

5. *Docket No(s).:* CP2017–213; *Filing Title:* Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 7 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* June 15, 2017; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3015.5; *Public Representative:* Kenneth R. Moeller; *Comments Due:* June 23, 2017.

This notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Stacy L. Ruble,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–80939; File No. SR–BatsBYX–2017–15]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats BYX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees for Use on Bats BYX Exchange, Inc.

June 15, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the ''Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on June 9, 2017, Bats BYX Exchange, Inc. (the ''Exchange'' or ''BYX'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act[3] and Rule 19b–4(f)(2) thereunder,[4] which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members[5] and non-Members of the Exchange pursuant to BYX Rules 15.1(a) and (c).

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's Web site at *www.bats.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 Exchange 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 these 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its fee schedule applicable to its equities trading platform (''BYX Equities'') to: (i) Modify the rates associated with fee codes AA, BJ and RA; and (ii) increase the scope of executions subject to fee code IX. The Exchange notes that Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc. (''EDGA'') implemented certain pricing changes effective June 1, 2017, including modification of various fees and rebates to add and remove liquidity with a displayed or IOC order to a flat fee of $0.0003 per share to add or remove liquidity with a displayed or IOC order.[6] The proposed changes to AA, BJ, and RA are proposed in light of these changes.

Fee Code AA

The Exchange proposes to modify the rate associated with orders yielding fee code AA, which results from an order routed to EDGA using ALLB routing strategy,[7] from a $0.0002 per share rebate to a fee of $0.0003 per share for securities priced at or above $1.00. The Exchange does not propose to modify the rate for orders yielding fee code AA for securities priced below $1.00, which are currently not charged a fee nor provided a rebate.

Fee Code BJ

The Exchange proposes to modify the rate associated with orders yielding fee code BJ, which result from an order routed to EDGA using the Destination Specific (''DIRC''),[8] TRIM or TRIM2 routing strategies,[9] from a rebate of $0.0002 per share to a fee of $0.0003 per share for all securities (*i.e.,* those priced at or above $1.00 and those priced below $1.00).

Fee Code RA

The Exchange proposes to decrease the fee associated with orders yielding fee code RA, which results from an order routed to EDGA which adds liquidity, from a fee of $0.0005 per share to a fee of $0.0003 per share for securities priced at or above $1.00. The Exchange does not propose to modify the rate for orders yielding fee code RA for securities priced below $1.00, which are currently not charged a fee nor provided a rebate.

Fee Code IX

The Exchange proposes to modify the routing strategies applicable to fee code IX to include the TRIM or TRIM2 routing strategies. Fee code IX is currently appended to all orders that are routed to the Investors Exchange, Inc. (''IEX'') using the Destination Specific routing strategy (also referred to as ''DIRC'').[10] The Exchange does not

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

[4] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2).

[5] The term ''Member'' is defined as ''any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.'' *See* Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

[6] *See* Press Release, Bats Announces Fee Overhaul of EDGA Equities Exchange (May 30, 2017), *available at http://ir.cboe.com/press-releases/2017/05-30-2017.aspx.*

[7] ALLB is a routing option under which the order checks the System for available shares and is then sent to the Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. (''BZX''), EDGA, and Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. (''EDGX'' collectively with the Exchange, BZX, and EDGA, the ''BGM Affiliated Exchanges''). *See* the Exchange's routing strategies *available at http://cdn.batstrading.com/resources/features/bats_exchange_routing-strategies.pdf. See also* Exchange Rule 11.13(b)(3).

[8] *See* the Exchange's routing strategies *available at http://cdn.batstrading.com/resources/features/bats_exchange_routing-strategies.pdf. See also* Exchange Rule 11.13(b)(3).

[9] The TRIM and TRIM2 routing strategies focus on seeking execution of orders while minimizing execution costs by routing only to certain low cost execution venues on the Exchange's System routing table. *Id.*

[10] *See* the Exchange's routing strategies *available at http://cdn.batstrading.com/resources/features/*

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propose to modify the rate of $0.0010 per share currently charged orders appended with IX. The Exchange notes that it has not previously included IEX on the routing tables for TRIM and TRIM2 but began to do so effective June 1, 2017, and thus, that the proposed change is necessary to account for executions at IEX through such routing strategies.

Implementation Date

The Exchange proposes to implement the above changes to its fee schedule immediately.[11]

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act,[12] in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),[13] in particular, as it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also notes that it operates in a highly-competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or incentives to be insufficient. The proposed rule changes reflect a competitive pricing structure designed to incentivize market participants to direct their order flow to the Exchange. Furthermore, the Exchange notes that routing through the Exchange's affiliate, Bats Trading, is voluntary.

Fee Codes AA, BJ, and RA

As noted above, EDGA implemented certain pricing changes effective June 1, 2017, including modification of various fees and rebates to and remove liquidity with a displayed or IOC order to a flat fee of $0.0003 per share to add or remove liquidity with a displayed or IOC order.[14] The changes to fee codes AA, BJ, and RA are proposed in light of these changes and reflect a pass-through of the pricing provided by EDGA. As the pricing in securities priced at or above $1.00 reflects the same pricing a Member would receive for participation on EDGA directly and the pricing in securities priced below $1.00 is based on the current pricing model applied by the Exchange, the Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable and equitably allocated. The Exchange further believes the proposed fees are non-discriminatory because they apply uniformly to all Members.

Fee Code IX

The Exchange believes that its proposal to include TRIM and TRIM2 routing strategies for orders routed to IEX that yield fee code IX is equitable and reasonable because routing through Bats Trading is voluntary and Members may utilize other avenues to route orders to IEX, such as connecting to IEX directly. Lastly, the Exchange also believes that the proposed alternative routing strategies are non-discriminatory because the availability applies uniformly to all Members.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that any of the proposed changes to the Exchange's routing pricing burden competition, as they are based on the pricing on other venues. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee structures to be unreasonable or excessive. The Exchange does not believe the proposed amendments would burden intramarket competition as they would be available to all Members uniformly.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from Members or other interested parties.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act[15] and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder.[16] 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.

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*. Please include File No. SR–BatsBYX–2017–15 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR–BatsBYX–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*). 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 the 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 No. SR–BatsBYX–2017–15, and should be submitted on or before July 12, 2017.

bats_exchange_routing-strategies.pdf. See also Rule 11.13(b)(3).

[11] The Exchange initially submitted the proposed fee change on June 1, 2017. (SR–BatsBYX–2017–14). On June 9, 2017, the Exchange withdrew SR–BatsBYX–2017–14 and submitted this filing.

[12] 15 U.S.C. 78f.

[13] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[14] *See supra,* note 6.

[15] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[16] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[17]

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–80940; File No. SR–MIAX–2017–16]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange LLC; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Exposure Periods of the MIAX Price Improvement Mechanism and Solicitation Mechanism

June 15, 2017.

I. Introduction

On April 25, 2017, Miami International Securities Exchange LLC (''MIAX Options'' or the ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'') [1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] a proposed rule change to amend MIAX Options Rule 515A to modify the exposure periods of the Exchange's Price Improvement Mechanism (''PRIME'') and PRIME Solicitation Mechanism from 500 milliseconds to a time period designated by the Exchange of no less than 100 milliseconds and no more than 1 second. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 2017.[3] The Commission received no comment letters on the proposed rule change. This order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

PRIME is a process by which a Member [4] may electronically submit for execution an order it represents as agent (''Agency Order'') against principal interest, and/or an Agency Order against solicited interest.[5] When the Exchange receives a properly designated Agency Order for auction processing, a Request for Responses (''RFR'') detailing the option, side, size, and initiating price is sent to all subscribers of the Exchange's data feeds. Currently, the RFR period lasts for 500 milliseconds, unless it is concluded early.[6] The Exchange proposes to revise the RFR response period to permit the Exchange to designate a specific time within a range of no less than 100 milliseconds and no more than 1 second.[7]

III. Discussion and Commission's Findings

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.[8] In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,[9] which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. The Commission also finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,[10] which requires that the rules of an exchange not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Commission believes that, given the electronic nature of the PRIME and PRIME Solicitation Mechanism and the ability of Members to respond within the proposed exposure periods, modifying each of the exposure periods from 500 milliseconds to a time designated by the Exchange of no less than 100 milliseconds and no more than 1 second could facilitate the prompt execution of orders, while continuing to provide market participants with an opportunity to compete to trade with the exposed order by submitting responses to the auctions. According to the Exchange, numerous Members have the capability to and do respond within a 100 millisecond exposure period or less.[11]

To substantiate that its members can receive, process, and communicate a response back to the Exchange within 100 milliseconds, the Exchange states that it surveyed all Members that responded to an auction broadcast in the period beginning November 2016 and ending January 2017 (the ''review period'').[12] According to the Exchange, each Member it surveyed indicated that they can receive, process, and communicate a response back to the Exchange within 100 milliseconds.[13] In addition, the Exchange states that it reviewed all responses received in PRIME and PRIME Solicitation Auctions from its Members for the review period, and its review indicated that approximately 90% of responses were submitted within 100 milliseconds.[14] Furthermore, with regard to the impact of the proposal on system capacity, the Exchange states that it has analyzed its capacity and represents that it has the necessary systems capacity to handle the potential additional traffic associated with the additional transactions that may occur with the

[17] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80570 (May 1, 2017), 82 FR 21288 (''Notice'').

[4] The term ''Member'' means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed ''members'' under the Exchange Act. *See* Exchange Rule 100.

[5] *See* Exchange Rule 515A.

[6] A PRIME and PRIME Solicitation Auction will conclude at the sooner of: (1) Upon receipt of an unrelated order (in the same option as the Agency Order) on the opposite side of the market from the RFR responses, that is marketable against either the National Best Bid or Offer (''NBBO''), the initiating price, or the RFR responses; (2) upon receipt of an unrelated order (in the same option as the Agency Order) on the same side of the market as the RFR responses, that is marketable against the NBBO; (3) upon receipt of an unrelated limit order (in the same option as the Agency Order) on the opposite of the market from the Agency Order that improves any RFR response; (4) any time an RFR response matches the NBBO on the opposite side of the market from the RFR responses; (5) any time there is a quote lock in the subject option on the Exchange pursuant to Exchange Rule 1402; or (6) any time there is a trading halt in the option on the Exchange. *See* Exchange Rule 515A.

[7] The Exchange notes that its proposal is consistent with exposure periods permitted in similar mechanisms on other options exchanges. *See* Notice, *supra* note 3, at 21288 & n.6; *see also* Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 76301 (October 29, 2015), 80 FR 68347 (November 4, 2015) (SR–BX–2015–032) (establishing an exposure period for the Nasdaq BX's options price improvement mechanism (''PRISM'') of no less than 100 milliseconds and no more than 1 second); 77557 (April 7, 2016), 81 FR 21935 (April 13, 2016) (SR–Phlx–2016–40) (amending the exposure period for the Nasdaq Phlx's Price Improvement XL (''PIXL'') to be no less than 100 milliseconds and no more than 1 second); 79733 (January 4, 2017), 82 FR 3055 (January 10, 2017) (SR–ISE–2016–26) (amending the exposure period for the Nasdaq ISE's Price Improvement Mechanism (''PIM'') to be no less than 100 milliseconds and no more than 1 second); and 80738 (May 22, 2017), 82 FR 24417 (May 26, 2017) (SR–CBOE–2017–029) (amending the exposure periods for the CBOE's Automated Improvement Mechanism (''AIM'') and Solicitation Auction Mechanism (''SAM'') to be no less than 100 milliseconds and no more than 1 second).

[8] In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

[9] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[10] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

[11] *See* Notice, *supra* note 3, at 21289.

[12] *See id.*

[13] *See id.*

[14] *See id.*

implementation of the proposed reduction response time duration to no less than 100 milliseconds.[15] The Exchange also represents that its system will be able to sufficiently maintain an audit trail for order and trade information with the reduction in the response timer.[16]

Based on the Exchange's statements, the Commission believes that market participants should continue to have opportunities to compete to trade with the exposed order by submitting responses to the PRIME and PRIME Solicitation Mechanism within an exposure period of no less than 100 milliseconds and no more than 1 second.[17] Accordingly, for the reasons discussed above, the Commission believes that the Exchange's proposal is consistent with the Act.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,[18] that the proposed rule change (SR–MIAX–2017–16) be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[19]

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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[15] *See id.* at 21289–90.

[16] *See id.* at 21290.

[17] The Commission notes that the ability to designate such an exposure time period is consistent with the rules of other options exchanges. *See supra* note 7. *See also* NASDAQ Phlx Rule 1080(n)(ii)(A)(4), NASDAQ BX Options Rules Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(A)(3), Nasdaq ISE Rule 716, Supplementary Material .04, Nasdaq ISE Rule 723(c)(1), CBOE Rule 6.74A(b)(1)(C), and CBOE Rule 6.74B(b)(1)(C).

[18] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[19] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 32682; 812–14728]

Westcore Trust and Denver Investment Advisors LLC; Notice of Application

June 16, 2017.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'').

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (''Act'') for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f–2 under the Act, as well as from certain disclosure requirements in rule 20a–1 under the Act, Item 19(a)(3) of Form N–1A, Items 22(c)(1)(ii), 22(c)(1)(iii), 22(c)(8) and 22(c)(9) of Schedule 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Sections 6–07(2)(a), (b), and (c) of Regulation S–X (''Disclosure Requirements''). The requested exemption would permit an investment adviser to hire and replace certain sub-advisers without shareholder approval and grant relief from the Disclosure Requirements as they relate to fees paid to the sub-advisers.

APPLICANTS: Westcore Trust (the ''Trust''), a Massachusetts business trust registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company with multiple series (each, a ''Series''), and Denver Investment Advisors LLC, a Colorado limited liability company registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the ''Advisor,'' and, collectively with the Trust, the ''Applicants'').

FILING DATES: The application was filed on December 15, 2016, and amended on March 13, 2017.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on July 11, 2017 and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. Applicants: c/o Peter H. Schwartz, Esq., Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, 1550 17th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth G. Miller, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551–8707, or Aaron Gilbride, Acting Branch Chief, at (202) 551–6906 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission's Web site by searching for the file number, or an applicant using the Company name box, at *http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm* or by calling (202) 551–8090.

Summary of the Application

1. The Advisor will serve as the investment adviser to the Subadvised Series pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust (each, an ''Investment Management Agreement'').[1] The Advisor will provide the Subadvised Series with continuous and comprehensive investment management services subject to the supervision of, and policies established by, each Subadvised Series' board of trustees (the ''Board'').[2] Each Investment Management Agreement permits the Advisor, subject to the approval of the Board, to delegate to one or more Sub-Advisors the responsibility to provide the day-to-day portfolio investment management of each Subadvised Series, subject to the supervision and direction of the Advisor.[3] The primary responsibility for managing the Subadvised Series will remain vested in the Advisor. The Advisor will hire, evaluate, allocate assets to and oversee the Sub-Advisors, including determining whether a Sub-Advisor should be terminated, at all times subject to the authority of the Board.

2. Applicants request an exemption to permit the Advisor, subject to Board approval, to hire a Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor or a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, pursuant to Sub-Advisory Agreements and materially amend Sub-

[1] Applicants request that the relief sought herein apply to the named Applicants, as well as to any future Series of the Trust and any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company or series thereof that intends to rely on the requested order in the future and that (i) is advised by the Advisor, its successors, and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with an Advisor or its successors (included in the term ''Advisor''), (ii) uses the multi-manager structure described in this application, and (iii) complies with the terms and conditions of this application (each, a ''Subadvised Series''). For the purposes of the requested order, ''successor'' is limited to an entity resulting from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization.

[2] The term ''Board'' includes the board of trustees or directors of a future Subadvised Series.

[3] A ''Sub-Advisor'' for a Series is (1) an indirect or direct ''wholly-owned subsidiary'' (as such term is defined in the Act) of the Advisor for that Series, or (2) a sister company of the Advisor for that Series that is an indirect or direct ''wholly-owned subsidiary'' (as such term is defined in the Act) of the same company that, indirectly or directly, wholly owns the Advisor (each of (1) and (2) a ''Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor'' and collectively, the ''Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisers''), or (3) an investment sub-adviser for that Series that is not an ''affiliated person'' (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the Act) of the Series or the Advisor, except to the extent that an affiliation arises solely because the Sub-Advisor serves as a sub-adviser to one or more Series (each a ''Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor'' and collectively, the ''Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisers'').

Advisory Agreements with Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors and Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors without obtaining the shareholder approval required under section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f–2 under the Act.[4] Applicants also seek an exemption from the Disclosure Requirements to permit a Subadvised Series to disclose (as both a dollar amount and a percentage of the Subadvised Series' net assets): (a) The aggregate fees paid to the Advisor and any Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors; (b) the aggregate fees paid to Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisors; and (c) the fee paid to each Affiliated Sub-Advisor.

3. Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the terms and conditions stated in the application. Such terms and conditions provide for, among other safeguards, appropriate disclosure to Subadvised Series' shareholders and notification about sub-advisory changes and enhanced Board oversight to protect the interests of the Subadvised Series' shareholders.

4. Section 6(c) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions from any provisions of the Act, or any rule thereunder, if such relief is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act. Applicants believe that the requested relief meets this standard because, as further explained in the application, the Investment Management Agreements will remain subject to shareholder approval, while the role of the Sub-Advisors is substantially equivalent to that of individual portfolio managers, so that requiring shareholder approval of Sub-Advisory Agreements would impose unnecessary delays and expenses on the Subadvised Series. Applicants believe that the requested relief from the Disclosure Requirements meets this standard because it will improve the Advisor's ability to negotiate fees paid to the Sub-Advisors that are more advantageous for the Subadvised Series.

[4] The requested relief will not extend to any sub-adviser, other than a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, who is an affiliated person, as defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Act, of the Subadvised Series or the Manager, other than by reason of serving as a sub-adviser to one or more of the Subadvised Series or to any existing or future registered open-end management company or series thereof advised by an Advisor (''Affiliated Sub-Advisor'').

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15175 and #15176; Arkansas Disaster #AR–00094]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of Arkansas

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of ARKANSAS (FEMA–4318–DR), dated 06/15/2017.

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding.

Incident Period: 04/26/2017 through 05/19/2017.

DATES: Effective 06/15/2017.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/14/2017.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/15/2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 06/15/2017, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Faulkner, Fulton, Jackson, Lawrence, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Washington, Yell

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Arkansas: Baxter, Cleburne, Conway, Craighead, Crawford, Cross, Garland, Grant, Greene, Hot Spring, Independence, Izard, Jefferson, Logan, Lonoke, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Newton, Perry, Poinsett, Pope, Scott, Searcy, Sharp, Van Buren, White, Woodruff.

Missouri: Barry, Butler, Dunklin, Howell, McDonald, Oregon, Ozark, Ripley, Stone, Taney

Oklahoma: Adair, Delaware.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.875
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	1.938
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	6.430
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.215
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.215
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 151756 and for economic injury is 151760.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Cynthia G. Pitts,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15177 and #15178; Arkansas Disaster #AR–00096]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Arkansas

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of ARKANSAS (FEMA–4318–DR), dated 06/15/2017.

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding.

Incident Period: 04/26/2017 through 05/19/2017.

DATES: Effective 06/15/2017.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/14/2017.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/15/2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business

Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 06/15/2017, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Cleburne, Conway, Craighead, Cross, Faulkner, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Mississippi, Montgomery, Newton, Ouachita, Perry, Poinsett, Prairie, Randolph, Saline, Washington, White, Woodruff.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
For Economic Injury:	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 151776 and for economic injury is 151786.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Cynthia G. Pitts,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15168 and #15169; North Carolina Disaster #NC–00093]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of North Carolina

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of North Carolina dated 06/14/2017.

Incident: Severe Storms.

Incident Period: 05/30/2017.

DATES: Effective 06/14/2017.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/14/2017.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/14/2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Sampson

Contiguous Counties:

North Carolina, Bladen, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Johnston, Pender, Wayne

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.875
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	1.938
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	6.430
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.215
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.215
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15168 B and for economic injury is 15169 0. The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is North Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: June 14, 2017.

Linda E. McMahon,

Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15170 and #15171; INDIANA Disaster #IN–00061]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Indiana

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Indiana dated 06/14/2017.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.

Incident Period: 04/28/2017 through 04/29/2017.

DATES: Effective 06/14/2017.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/14/2017.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/14/2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Dubois

Contiguous Counties:

Indiana, Crawford, Daviess, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike, Spencer, Warrick

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.875
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	1.938
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	6.430
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.215
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.215

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15170 B and for economic injury is 15171 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # is INDIANA.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: June 14, 2017.

Linda E. McMahon,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10041]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "India Modern: The Paintings of M.F. Husain" Exhibition

Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.;* 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257–1 of December 11, 2015), I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition ''India Modern: The Paintings of M.F. Husain,'' imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, from on or about July 14, 2017, until on or about March 4, 2018, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: *section2459@state.gov*). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Alyson Grunder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Fiftieth RTCA SC–224 Standards for Airport Security Access Control Systems Plenary

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Fiftieth RTCA SC–224 Standards for Airport Security Access Control Systems Plenary.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of Fiftieth RTCA SC–224 Standards for Airport Security Access Control Systems Plenary.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 03, 2017 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: RTCA Headquarters, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karan Hofmann at *khofmann@rtca.org* or 202–330–0680, or The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833–9339, fax at (202) 833–9434, or Web site at *http://www.rtca.org.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of the Fiftieth RTCA SC–224 Standards for Airport Security Access Control Systems Plenary. The agenda will include the following:

Thursday, August 3, 2017, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

1. Welcome/Introductions/Administrative Remarks
2. Review/Approve Previous Meeting Summary
3. Report on TSA participation
4. Report on Document Distribution Mechanisms
5. Report on the New Guidelines and other Safe Skies Reports
6. Review of DO–230H Sections
7. Commencement of FRAC process
8. Action Items for Next Meeting
9. Time and Place of Next Meeting
10. Any Other Business
11. Adjourn

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 15, 2017.

Mohannad Dawoud,

Management & Program Analyst, Partnership Contracts Branch, ANG–A17, NextGen, Procurement Services Division, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Petition for Exemption From the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Mitsubishi Motors

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the Mitsubishi Motors R&D of America, Inc.'s (Mitsubishi) petition for exemption of the Mitsubishi [Confidential] vehicle line in accordance with *Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard.* This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the *Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard.* Mitsubishi also requested confidential treatment for specific information in its petition. While official notification on granting or denying Mitsubishi's request for confidential treatment will be addressed by separate letter, no confidential information provided for purposes of this document has been disclosed.

DATES: The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with the 2018 model year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hisham Mohamed, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, West Building, W43–437, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Mohamed's phone number is (202) 366–0307. His fax number is (202) 493–2990.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a petition dated March 30, 2017, Mitsubishi requested exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541) for the Mitsubishi [Confidential] vehicle line, beginning with MY 2018. The petition requested an exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard,* based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for the entire vehicle line.

Under § 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant an exemption for one vehicle line per model year. In its petition, Mitsubishi provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the [Confidential] vehicle line. Mitsubishi will install a passive, transponder-based, electronic engine immobilizer device as standard equipment on its [Confidential] vehicle line beginning with MY 2018. Key components of the antitheft device will include a transponder key, electronic control unit (ECU), and a passive immobilizer. Mitsubishi also stated that it will be incorporating an audible and visual alarm system as standard equipment on these trim-line vehicles. Mitsubishi's submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in 543.5 and the specific content requirements of 543.6.

Mitsubishi stated that its entry models for the [Confidential] vehicle line will be equipped with a Wireless Control Module (WCM) immobilizer. Mitsubishi explained that this is a key entry system in which the transponder is located in a traditional key that must be inserted into the key cylinder in order to activate the ignition. All other models of the [Confidential] vehicle line are equipped with a One-touch Starting System (OSS), which utilizes a keyless system that allows the driver to press a button located on the instrument panel to activate and deactivate the ignition (instead of using a traditional key in the key cylinder) as long as the transponder is located in close proximity to the driver.

Once the ignition switch is turned (pushed) to the ignition-on position, the transceiver module reads the specific ignition key code for the vehicle and transmits an encrypted message containing the key code to the electronic control unit (ECU). The immobilizer receives the key code signal transmitted from either type of key (WCM or OSS) and verifies that the key code signal is correct. The immobilizer then sends a separate encrypted start-code signal to the engine ECU to allow the driver to start the vehicle. The engine only will function if the key code matches the unique identification key code previously programmed into the ECU. If the codes do not match, the engine and fuel system will be disabled.

In addressing the specific content requirements of 543.6, Mitsubishi provided information on the reliability and durability of its proposed device. To ensure reliability and durability of the device, Mitsubishi conducted tests based on its own specified standards. Mitsubishi provided a detailed list of the tests conducted and believes that the device is reliable and durable since the device complied with its specific requirements for each test. Mitsubishi additionally stated that its immobilizer system is further enhanced by several factors making it very difficult to defeat. Specifically, Mitsubishi stated that communication between the transponder and the ECU are encrypted and its WCM and OSS have over 4.3 billion different possible key codes that make successful key code duplication virtually impossible. Mitsubishi also stated that its immobilizer system and the ECU share security data during vehicle assembly that make them a matched set. These matched modules will not function if taken out and reinstalled separately on other vehicles. Mitsubishi also stated that it is impossible to mechanically override the system and start the vehicle because the vehicle will not be able to start without the transmission of the specific code to the electronic control module. Lastly, Mitsubishi stated that the antitheft device is extremely reliable and durable because there are no moving parts, nor does the key require a separate battery.

Mitsubishi also informed the agency that its Eclipse vehicle line has been equipped with the antitheft device beginning with its MY 2000 vehicles. Mitsubishi stated that the theft rate for the MY 2000 Eclipse decreased by almost 42% when compared with that of its MY 1999 Mitsubishi Eclipse (unequipped with an immobilizer device). Mitsubishi also revealed that the Galant, Endeavor, Outlander, Lancer, Outlander Sport, i-MiEV and Mirage vehicle lines have been equipped with a similar type of immobilizer device since January 2004, April 2004, September 2006, March 2007, September 2010, October 2011 and July 2013, respectively. All eight vehicle lines have been granted parts-marking exemptions by the agency. The average theft rates for the Mitsubishi Galant, Endeavor, Outlander and Lancer vehicle lines using an average of 3 MY's data are 3.6664, 1.7721, 0.7253 and 0.9747 respectively. Therefore, Mitsubishi has concluded that the antitheft device proposed for its vehicle line is no less effective than those devices in the lines for which NHTSA has already granted full exemption from the parts-marking requirements.

Based on the supporting evidence submitted by Mitsubishi on the device, the agency believes that the antitheft device for the [Confidential] vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541). The agency concludes that the device will provide the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): Promoting activation; attract attention to the efforts of an unauthorized person to enter or move a vehicle by means other than a key; preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons; preventing operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants; and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33106 and 49 CFR 543.7(b), the agency grants a petition for an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of part 541 either in whole or in part, if it determines that, based upon substantial evidence, the standard equipment antitheft device is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of part 541. The agency finds that Mitsubishi has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the antitheft device for the Mitsubishi [Confidential] vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541). This conclusion is based on the information Mitsubishi provided about its device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full Mitsubishi's petition for exemption for the [Confidential] vehicle line from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR part 541, beginning with its MY 2018 model year vehicles. The agency notes that 49 CFR part 541, Appendix A–1, identifies those lines that are exempted from the Theft Prevention Standard for a given model year. 49 CFR part 543.7(f) contains publication requirements incident to the disposition of all part 543 petitions. Advanced listing, including the release of future product

nameplates, the beginning model year for which the petition is granted and a general description of the antitheft device is necessary in order to notify law enforcement agencies of new vehicle lines exempted from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard. Mitsubishi stated that an official nameplate for the vehicle has not yet been determined. However, as a condition to the formal granting of Mitsubishi's petition for exemption from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR part 541 for the MY 2018 [Confidential] vehicle line, the agency fully expects Mitsubishi to notify the agency of the nameplate for the vehicle line prior to its introduction into the United States commerce for sale.

If Mitsubishi decides not to use the exemption for this line, it must formally notify the agency. If such a decision is made, the line must be fully marked as required by 49 CFR parts 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if Mitsubishi wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition to modify the exemption. Part 543.7(d) states that a part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the antitheft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, § 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions ''to modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption.''

The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden that part 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself. The agency did not intend part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis.* Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes, the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis,* it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR part 1.95.

Raymond R. Posten,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Petition for Exemption From the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Nissan North America, Inc.

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the Nissan North America, Inc.'s, (Nissan) petition for exemption of the (confidential) vehicle line in accordance with the *Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard.* This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the *Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard* (Theft Prevention Standard). Nissan also requested confidential treatment for specific information in its petition. While official notification granting or denying its request for confidential treatment will be addressed by separate letter, no confidential information provided for purposes of this document has been disclosed.

DATES: The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with the 2018 model year (MY).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carlita Ballard, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W43–439, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Ballard's telephone phone number is (202) 366–5222. Her fax number is (202) 493–2990.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a petition dated March 31, 2017, Nissan requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard for the (confidential) vehicle line beginning with MY 2018. The petition requested an exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR part 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard,* based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for the entire vehicle line.

Under 49 CFR part 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant an exemption for one vehicle line per model year. In its petition, Nissan provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the (confidential) vehicle line. Nissan stated that the MY 2018 (confidential) vehicle line will be installed with a passive, electronic engine immobilizer antitheft device as standard equipment. Key components of the antitheft device will include an engine immobilizer, engine control module (ECM), security indicator light, immobilizer antenna, Key FOB, and a specially-designed key with a microchip. Nissan will not provide any visible or audible indication of unauthorized vehicle entry on the (confidential) vehicle line.

Nissan's submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in § 543.5 and the specific content requirements of § 543.6.

In addressing the specific content requirements of 543.6, Nissan provided information on the reliability and durability of its proposed device. Nissan stated that its antitheft device is tested for specific parameters to ensure its reliability and durability. Nissan provided a detailed list of the tests conducted and believes that the device is reliable and durable since the device complied with its specified requirements for each test. Nissan further stated that its immobilizer device satisfies the European Directive ECE R116, including tamper resistance. Nissan also stated that all control units for the device are located inside the vehicle, providing further protection from unauthorized accessibility of the device from outside the vehicle.

Nissan stated that activation of its immobilizer device occurs automatically when the ignition switch is turned to the ''OFF'' position which then causes the security indicator light to flash notifying the operator that the immobilizer device is activated. Nissan stated that the immobilizer device prevents normal operation of the vehicle without using a specially-designed microchip key with a pre-registered ''Key-ID''. Nissan also stated that, when the brake and clutch is on and the key FOB is near the engine start switch, the Key-ID is scanned via the immobilizer antenna. The microchip in the key transmits the Key-ID to the BCM, beginning an encrypted communication process. If the Key-ID and encrypted code are correct, the ECM will allow the engine to keep running and the driver to operate the vehicle. If the Key-ID and encrypted code are not correct, the ECM will cause the engine to shut down.

Nissan stated that the proposed device is functionally equivalent to the antitheft device installed on the MY

2011 Nissan Cube vehicle line which was granted a parts-marking exemption by the agency on April 14, 2010 (75 FR 19458). The agency notes that the theft rates for the Nissan Cube using an average of 3 MYs data (2012–2014), are 0.3322, 0.6471 and 2.0373 respectively.

Nissan provided data on the effectiveness of the antitheft device installed on its (confidential) vehicle line in support of the belief that its antitheft device will be highly effective in reducing and deterring theft. Nissan referenced the National Insurance Crime Bureau's data which it stated showed a 70% reduction in theft when comparing MY 1997 Ford Mustangs (with a standard immobilizer) to MY 1995 Ford Mustangs (without an immobilizer). Nissan also referenced the Highway Loss Data Institute's data which reported that BMW vehicles experienced theft loss reductions resulting in a 73% decrease in relative claim frequency and a 78% lower average loss payment per claim for vehicles equipped with an immobilizer. Additionally, Nissan stated that theft rates for its Pathfinder vehicle experienced reductions from model year (MY) 2000 to 2001 with implementation of the engine immobilizer device as standard equipment and further significant reductions subsequent to MY 2001. Specifically, Nissan noted that the agency's theft rate data for MY's 2001 through 2006 reported theft rates of 1.9146, 1.8011, 1.1482, 0.8102, 1.7298 and 1.3474 respectively for the Nissan Pathfinder.

Nissan compared its device to other similar devices previously granted exemptions by the agency. Specifically, it referenced the agency's grant of full exemptions to General Motors Corporation for its Buick Riviera and Oldsmobile Aurora vehicle lines (58 FR 44872, August 25, 1993) and its Cadillac Seville vehicle line (62 FR 20058, April 24, 1997) from the parts-marking requirements of the theft prevention standard. Nissan stated that it believes that since its device is functionally equivalent to other comparable manufacturer's devices that have already been granted parts-marking exemptions by the agency, along with the evidence of reduced theft rates for vehicle lines equipped with similar devices and advanced technology of transponder electronic security, the Nissan immobilizer device will have the potential to achieve the level of effectiveness equivalent to those vehicles already exempted by the agency. The agency agrees that the device is substantially similar to devices installed on other vehicle lines for which the agency has already granted exemptions

Based on the supporting evidence submitted by Nissan, the agency believes that the antitheft device for the (confidential) vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541). The agency concludes that the device will provide four of the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): Promoting activation; preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons; preventing operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants; and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33106 and 49 CFR 543.7(b), the agency grants a petition for exemption from the parts-marking requirements of Part 541 either in whole or in part, if it determines that, based upon substantial evidence, the standard equipment antitheft device is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of Part 541. The agency finds that Nissan has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the antitheft device for the (confidential) vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541). This conclusion is based on the information Nissan provided about its device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full Nissan's petition for exemption for the Nissan (confidential) vehicle line from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR part 541. The agency notes that 49 CFR part 541, Appendix A–1, identifies those lines that are exempted from the Theft Prevention Standard for a given model year. 49 CFR part 543.7(f) contains publication requirements incident to the disposition of all Part 543 petitions. Advanced listing, including the release of future product nameplates, the beginning model year for which the petition is granted and a general description of the antitheft device is necessary in order to notify law enforcement agencies of new vehicle lines exempted from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard. As a condition to the formal granting of Nissan's petition for exemption from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR part 541 for the MY 2018 (confidential) vehicle line, the agency fully expects Nissan to notify the agency of the nameplate for the vehicle line prior to its introduction into the United States commerce for sale.

If Nissan decides not to use the exemption for this line, it must formally notify the agency. If such a decision is made, the line must be fully marked according to the requirements under 49 CFR parts 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if Nissan wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition to modify the exemption. Part 543.7(d) states that a Part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the antitheft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, Part 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions ''to modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption.''

The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden that Part 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself. The agency did not intend in drafting Part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis.* Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes, the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis,* it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

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Raymond R. Posten,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Petition for Exemption From the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; BMW of North America, LLC

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the BMW of North America, LLC's (BMW) petition for exemption of the X2 vehicle line in accordance with 49 CFR 543, *Exemption from the Theft*

Prevention Standard. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR 541, *Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard* (Theft Prevention Standard). BMW also requested confidential treatment for specific information in its petition. While official notification granting or denying its request for confidential treatment will be addressed by separate letter, no confidential information provided for purposes of this document has been disclosed.

DATES: The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with the 2018 model year (MY).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carlita Ballard, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W43–439, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Ballard's telephone number is (202) 366–5222. Her fax number is (202) 493–2990.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a petition dated March 13, 2017, BMW requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard for the X2 vehicle line beginning with MY 2018. The petition requested an exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard,* based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for the entire vehicle line.

Under 49 CFR 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant an exemption for one vehicle line per model year. In its petition, BMW provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for its X2 vehicle line. Key features of the antitheft device will include a passive immobilizer, a remote control w/mechanical key, ring antenna (transponder coil), low frequency antenna (LF) engine control unit (DME/DDE) with encoded start release input, and an electronically coded vehicle immobilizer/car access system (EWS/CAS) control unit. BMW stated that its X2 vehicle line will be installed with a passive vehicle immobilizer device as standard equipment and that it will prevent the vehicle from being driven away under its own engine power. BMW also stated that it will not offer an audible or visible alarm feature on the proposed device.

BMW's submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in § 543.5 and the specific content requirements of § 543.6.

In addressing the specific content requirements of Part 543.6, BMW provided information on the reliability and durability of its device. To ensure reliability and durability of the device, BMW stated that it conducted tests on the antitheft device which complied with its own specific standards and the device is installed on other vehicle lines for which the agency has granted a parts-marking exemption. BMW stated that its immobilizer device fulfills the requirements of European vehicle insurance companies. BMW further address the reliability and durability of its device by providing information on the uniqueness of its mechanical keys for the X2 vehicle line. Specifically, BMW stated that the vehicle's mechanical keys are unique because they require a special key blank, cutting machine and a unique vehicle code to allow for key duplication. BMW further stated that the new keys will only be issued to authorized persons and will incorporate special guide-way millings, making the locks almost impossible to pick and the keys impossible to duplicate on the open market.

BMW stated that activation of its immobilizer device occurs automatically when the engine is shut off and the vehicle key is removed from the ignition lock cylinder. Specifically, BMW stated that its transponder sends key data to the EWS/CAS control unit. The correct key data must be recognized by the EWS/CAS control unit in order for deactivation to occur and for the vehicle to start. The transponder contains a chip which is integrated in the key and powered by a battery. The transponder also consists of a transmitter/receiver which communicates with the EWS/CAS control unit. The EWS/CAS control unit provides the interface to the loop antenna (coil), engine control unit and starter. The ignition and fuel supply are only released when a correct coded release signal has been sent by the EWS/CAS control unit to deactivate the device and allow the vehicle to start. When the EWS/CAS control unit has sent a correct release signal, and after the initial starting value, the release signal becomes a rolling, ever-changing, random code that is stored in the DME/DDE and EWS/CAS control units. The DME/DDE must identify the correct release signal to release the ignition signal and fuel supply.

BMW stated that the vehicle is also equipped with a central-locking system that can be operated to lock and unlock all doors or to unlock only the driver's door, thereby preventing forced entry into the vehicle through the passenger doors. The vehicle can be further secured by locking the doors and hood using either the key lock cylinder on the driver's door or the remote frequency remote control. BMW stated that the frequency for the remote control constantly changes to prevent an unauthorized person from opening the vehicle by intercepting the signals of its remote control.

BMW further stated that all of its vehicles are currently equipped with antitheft devices as standard equipment, including its X2 vehicle line. BMW compared the effectiveness of its antitheft device with devices which NHTSA has previously determined to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as would compliance with the parts-marking requirements of Part 541. Specifically, BMW has installed its antitheft device on its X1 (MPV and passenger cars), X3, X4 and X5 vehicle lines, as well as its Carline 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Z4, MINI and MINI Countryman vehicle lines, all which have been granted parts-marking exemptions by the agency. BMW asserts that theft data have indicated a decline in theft rates for vehicle lines that have been equipped with antitheft devices similar to that which it proposes to install on the X2 vehicle line. BMW also stated that for MY/CY 2013, the agency's data show that the theft rates for its lines are: 0.34 (1-series), 0.69 (3-series), 1.26 (5-series), 2.47 (6-series) 1.66 (7-series), 0.24 (X1), 0.68 (X3), 2.02 (Z4), and 0.32 (MINI Cooper). Using an average of 3 MYs data (2011–2013), NHTSA's theft rates for BMW's 1 series, 3 series, 5 series, 6 series, 7 series, X1, X3, Z4 and MINI Cooper vehicle lines are 0.4954, 0.6581, 0.9935, 2.8054, 1.4711, 0.2356, 0.4961, 1.2843 and 0.3385 respectively, all below the median theft rate of 3.5826.

Based on the supporting evidence submitted by BMW, the agency believes that the antitheft device for the BMW X2 vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541). The agency concludes that the device will provide four of the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): Promoting activation; preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons; preventing

operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants; and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33106 and 49 CFR 543.7(b), the agency grants a petition for exemption from the parts-marking requirements of Part 541, either in whole or in part, if it determines that, based upon supporting evidence, the standard equipment antitheft device is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of Part 541. The agency finds that BMW has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the antitheft device for the X2 vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541). This conclusion is based on the information BMW provided about its device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full BMW's petition for exemption for the MY 2018 X2 vehicle line from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR part 541. The agency notes that 49 CFR 541, Appendix A–1, identifies those lines that are exempted from the Theft Prevention Standard for a given MY. 49 CFR part 543.7(f) contains publication requirements incident to the disposition of all Part 543 petitions. Advanced listing, including the release of future product nameplates, the beginning model year for which the petition is granted and a general description of the antitheft device is necessary in order to notify law enforcement agencies of new vehicle lines exempted from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

If BMW decides not to use the exemption for this line, it must formally notify the agency. If such a decision is made, the line must be fully marked as required by 49 CFR parts 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if BMW wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition to modify the exemption. Part 543.7(d) states that a part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the antitheft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, § 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions ''to modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption.''

The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden that part 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself. The agency did not intend part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis.* Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis,* it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

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Raymond R. Posten,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for special permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the ''Nature of Application'' portion of the table below as follows: 1–Motor vehicle, 2–Rail freight, 3–Cargo vessel, 4–Cargo aircraft only, 5–Passenger-carrying aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 21, 2017.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Paquet, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Approvals and Permits Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC, or at *http://regulations.gov.*

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 3, 2017.

Donald Burger,

Chief, Office of the Special Permits and Approvals.

SPECIAL PERMITS DATA

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
20414–N		Lockheed Martin Corporation.	172.101(j)	To authorize the transportation of low production batteries aboard cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4.)
20416–N		Aluminum Tank & Tank Accessories, Inc.	177.834(h), 178.700(c)(1)	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of non-DOT specification metal refueling tanks containing certain Class 3 liquids. (mode 1.)

SPECIAL PERMITS DATA—Continued

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
20417–N		Redemption, Inc	172.101(j), 172.301(c), 173.62(c).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain Class 1 explosive materials which are forbidden for transportation by air, to be transported by cargo aircraft within the State of Alaska when other means of transportation are impracticable or not available. (mode 4.)
20421–N		The Procter & Gamble Company.	172.400, 172.500, 172.200, 172.300, 174.1, 177.800, 173.304a(a).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of plastic receptacles charged with liquefied gases, or a mixture of a liquefied and compressed gas, and which are exempted from marking, labeling, and shipping papers when shipped by motor vehicle or rail freight. (modes 1, 2.)
20422–N		Sportsman's Air Service, Inc.	172.101(j), 175.310(c)(1)(i)(iii), 173.242.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain Class 3 liquid fuels contained in non-DOT specification packaging of up to 250 gallon capacity by cargo aircraft within and to remote areas in Alaska where there is no other practical alternative to air shipments. (mode 4.)
20424–N		CP Industries Holdings, Inc.	173.302(a)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification fully wrapped fiber reinforced composite cylinders. (modes 1, 2, 3.)
20425–N		Composite Advanced Technologies CNG.	173.302(a)(1), 173.304(a)(1)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification over wrapped carbon fiber and epoxy composite reinforced cylinder. (mode 1.)
20426–N		Enersys Advanced Systems Inc.	173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium metal cells that are not of a type proven to meet the requirements of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria. (modes 1, 4.)
20429–N		Reclamation Technologies, Inc.	173.301(a)(1), 173.304(a), 173.309.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification cylinders via contract or dedicated carrier. (mode 1.)
20430–N		Minnesota Commercial Railway Company.	174.85	To authorize the transportation by rail of hazardous materials without the use of buffer cars. (mode 2.)
20432–N		Procyon-Alpha Squared, Inc.	173.185(f)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of specially designed packagings for the transportation of damaged, defective or recalled lithium cells, batteries and equipment containing these cells and batteries. (modes 1, 2, 3.)
20433–N		Brammo, Inc	172.101(j), 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of prototype and low production lithium ion batteries in excess of 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4.)
20434–N		Cardinal Professional Products.	173.334(a), 173.334(b), 173.334(d), 173.334(e).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of up to 11.35 kg (25 lbs) of an organic phosphate compound (2,2 dichlorovinyl dimethylphosphate) in a DOT Specification 4BA240, 4BW240, 3A and 3AA cylinder equipped with an eduction (dip) tube without using an overpack. (mode 1.)
20435–N		Atieva USA Inc	172.101(j), 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of low production lithium ion batteries in excess of 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4.)
20438–N		Toyota Motorsport GMBH.	172.101(j), 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of prototype lithium ion batteries in excess of 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4.)
20440–N		Nellis Engineering, Inc	173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium ion batteries and lithium ion batteries contained in equipment by cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4.)
20441–N		Spaceflight, Inc	173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of low production lithium ion batteries contained in equipment via cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4.)
20450–N		Porsche Cars North America, Inc.	172.101(j)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium ion batteries which exceed the allowable 35 kg weight limit by cargo aircraft. (mode 4.)

SPECIAL PERMITS DATA—Continued

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
20452–N		Xalt Energy MI, LLC	172.101(j)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium ion batteries exceeding 35 kg net weight by cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4.)
20453–N		LG Chem	172.101(j)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium ion batteries in excess of 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4.)
20455–N		Luxfer Inc	180.205, 173.302(a)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of a non-DOT specification fully wrapped carbon fiber composite cylinder with a load sharing aluminum liner for the transport of certain hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.)
20456–N		Callery, LLC	173.13(c)(1)(ii)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Division 4.3 materials in packages not required to labeled. (mode 1, 4.)
20459–N		C.H.& I. Technologies, Inc.	178.33–1(a), 178.33a–1	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification receptacles meeting the requirements for 2P and 2Q receptacles except as provided herein. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.)
20463–N		Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc	172.320(a), 173.56(b), 173.51(a).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of subassembly components of previously approved rocket motors without individual EX classification approvals. (mode 1.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Election Out of GST Deemed Allocations

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps IRS assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand IRS's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the reporting burden associated with making the Election Out of GST Deemed Allocations.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 21, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Tuawana Pinkston, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6141, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at *RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Election Out of GST Deemed Allocations.

OMB Number: 1545–1892.

Regulation Project Number: TD 9208.

Abstract: This information is required by the IRS for taxpayers who elect to have the automatic allocation rules not apply to the current transfer and/or to future transfers to the trust or to terminate such election. This information is also required by the IRS for taxpayers who elect to treat trusts described in section 2632(c)(3)(B)(i) through (vi) as GST trusts or to terminate such election. This information will be used to identify the trusts to which the election or termination of election will apply.

Current Actions: This notice requests public comment on the burden associated with making the Election Out of GST Deemed Allocations. The IRS notes that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,500.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 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.,* by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: June 9, 2017.

R. Joseph Durbala,

Tax Analyst, IRS.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Proposed Priorities for Amendment Cycle

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: As part of its statutory authority and responsibility to analyze sentencing issues, including operation of the federal sentencing guidelines, and in accordance with Rule 5.2 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States Sentencing Commission is seeking comment on possible policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2018.

DATES: Public comment should be received by the Commission on or before July 31, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Commission by electronic mail or regular mail. The email address is *pubaffairs@ussc.gov*. The regular mail address is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE., Suite 2–500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002–8002, Attention: Public Affairs—Priorities Comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Leonard, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, (202) 502–4500, *pubaffairs@ussc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal sentencing courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

The Commission provides this notice to identify tentative priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2018. The Commission recognizes, however, that other factors, such as the enactment of legislation requiring Commission action, may affect the Commission's ability to complete work on any or all of its identified priorities by the statutory deadline of May 1, 2018. Accordingly, it may be necessary to continue work on any or all of these issues beyond the amendment cycle ending on May 1, 2018.

As so prefaced, the Commission has identified the following tentative priorities:

(1) Continuation of its multi-year examination of the overall structure of the guidelines post-*Booker,* possibly including recommendations to Congress on any statutory changes and development of any guideline amendments that may be appropriate. As part of this examination, the Commission intends to study possible approaches to (A) simplify the operation of the guidelines, promote proportionality, and reduce sentencing disparities; and (B) appropriately account for the defendant's role, culpability, and relevant conduct.

(2) Continuation of its multi-year study of offenses involving MDMA/Ecstasy, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), synthetic cannabinoids (such as JWH-018 and AM-2201), and synthetic cathinones (such as Methylone, MDPV, and Mephedrone), and consideration of any amendments to the *Guidelines Manual* that may be appropriate. As part of this examination, the Commission more generally intends to study possible approaches to simplify the determination of the most closely related substance under Application Note 6 of the Commentary to Section 2D1.1.

(3) Continuation of its work with Congress and other interested parties to implement the recommendations set forth in the Commission's 2016 report to Congress, titled *Career Offender Sentencing Enhancements,* including its recommendations to revise the career offender directive at 28 U.S.C. 994(h) to focus on offenders who have committed at least one ''crime of violence'' and to adopt a uniform definition of ''crime of violence'' applicable to the guidelines and other recidivist statutory provisions.

(4) Continuation of its work with Congress and other interested parties on statutory mandatory minimum penalties to implement the recommendations set forth in the Commission's 2011 report to Congress, titled *Mandatory Minimum Penalties in the Federal Criminal Justice System,* including its recommendations regarding the severity and scope of mandatory minimum penalties, consideration of expanding the ''safety valve'' at 18 U.S.C. 3553(f), and elimination of the mandatory ''stacking'' of penalties under 18 U.S.C. 924(c). The Commission also intends to release a series of publications updating the data in the 2011 report.

(5) Continuation of its comprehensive, multi-year study of recidivism, including (A) examination of circumstances that correlate with increased or reduced recidivism; (B) possible development of recommendations for using information obtained from such study to reduce costs of incarceration and overcapacity of prisons, and promote effectiveness of reentry programs; and (C) consideration of any amendments to the *Guidelines Manual* that may be appropriate, including possibly amending Chapter Four and Chapter Five to provide lower guideline ranges for ''first offenders'' generally and to increase the availability of alternatives to incarceration for such offenders at the lower levels of the Sentencing Table.

(6) Implementation of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, Public Law 114–74, and any other crime legislation enacted during the 114th or 115th Congress warranting a Commission response.

(7) Continuation of its study of the findings and recommendations contained in the May 2016 Report issued by the Commission's Tribal Issues Advisory Group and consideration of any amendments to the *Guidelines Manual* that may be appropriate, including (A) revising how tribal court convictions are addressed in Chapter Four, and (B) providing a definition of ''court protection order'' that would apply throughout the guidelines.

(8) Examination of Chapter Four, Part A (Criminal History) to study (A) how the guidelines account for prior federal and state convictions resulting from the same criminal conduct under Section 4A1.2(a)(2); (B) the treatment of convictions for offenses committed prior to age eighteen; (C) the treatment of revocation sentences under Section 4A1.2(k); and (D) a possible amendment of Section 4A1.3 to account for instances in which the time actually served was substantially less than the length of the sentence imposed for a conviction counted in the criminal history score.

(9) Continuation of its study of alternatives to incarceration, including (A) issuing a publication regarding the development of alternative to incarceration programs in federal district courts, and (B) possibly amending the Sentencing Table in Chapter 5, Part A to consolidate Zones B and C, and other relevant provisions in the *Guidelines Manual*.

(10) Resolution of circuit conflicts, pursuant to the Commission's continuing authority and responsibility, under 28 U.S.C. 991(b)(1)(B) and *Braxton* v. *United States,* 500 U.S. 344 (1991), to resolve conflicting interpretations of the guidelines by the federal courts.

(11) Consideration of any miscellaneous guideline application issues coming to the Commission's attention from case law and other sources, including consideration of whether a defendant's denial of relevant conduct should be considered in determining whether a defendant has accepted responsibility for purposes of Section 3E1.1.

The Commission hereby gives notice that it is seeking comment on these tentative priorities and on any other issues that interested persons believe the Commission should address during the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2018. To the extent practicable, public comment should include the following: (1) A statement of the issue, including, where appropriate, the scope and manner of study, particular problem areas and possible solutions, and any other matters relevant to a proposed priority; (2) citations to applicable sentencing guidelines, statutes, case law, and constitutional provisions; and (3) a direct and concise statement of why the Commission should make the issue a priority.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2.

William H. Pryor, Jr.,

Acting Chair.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In August 2016, the Commission indicated that one of its policy priorities would be the ''[s]tudy of offenses involving MDMA/Ecstasy, synthetic cannabinoids (such as JWH–018 and AM–2201), and synthetic cathinones (such as Methylone, MDPV, and Mephedrone), and consideration of any amendments to the *Guidelines Manual* that may be appropriate in light of the information obtained from such study.'' *See* 81 FR 58004 (Aug. 24, 2016). As part of its continuing work on this priority, the Commission is publishing this request for public comment on issues related to MDMA/Ecstasy and methylone, one of the synthetic cathinones included in the Commission's study. The issues for comment are set forth in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** portion of this notice.

DATES: Public comment regarding the issues for comment set forth in this notice should be received by the Commission not later than August 7, 2017.

ADDRESSES: All written comment should be sent to the Commission by electronic mail or regular mail. The email address for public comment is *Public_Comment@ussc.gov.* The regular mail address for public comment is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE., Suite 2–500, Washington, DC 20002–8002, Attention: Public Affairs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Leonard, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, (202) 502–4500, *pubaffairs@ussc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

In August 2016, the Commission indicated that one of its priorities would be the ''[s]tudy of offenses involving MDMA/Ecstasy, synthetic cannabinoids (such as JWH–018 and AM–2201), and synthetic cathinones (such as Methylone, MDPV, and Mephedrone), and consideration of any amendments to the *Guidelines Manual* that may be appropriate in light of the information obtained from such study.'' *See* U.S. Sentencing Comm'n, ''Notice of Final Priorities,'' 81 FR 58004 (Aug. 24, 2016). The Commission expects that this study will be conducted over a multi-year period, and may solicit comment several times during this period from experts and other members of the public.

On December 19, 2016, the Commission published a request for comment inviting general comment on synthetic cathinones (MDPV, methylone, and mephedrone) and synthetic cannabinoids (JWH–018 and AM–2201), as well as about the application of the factors the Commission traditionally considers when determining the marihuana equivalencies for specific controlled substances to the substances under study. *See* U.S. Sentencing Comm'n, ''Request for Public Comment,'' 81 FR 92021 (Dec. 19, 2016). On April 18, 2017, the Commission held a public hearing relating to this priority. The Commission received testimony from experts on the synthetic drugs related to the study, including testimony about their chemical structure, pharmacological effects, trafficking patterns, and community impact.

As part of its continuing work on this priority, the Commission is publishing this second request for comment specifically focused on issues related to MDMA/Ecstasy and methylone, one of the synthetic cathinones included in the Commission's study. In addition to the substance-specific topics discussed below, the Commission anticipates that its work will continue to be guided by the factors the Commission traditionally considers when determining marihuana equivalencies for specific controlled substances, including their chemical structure, pharmacological effects, legislative and scheduling history, potential for addiction and abuse, the pattern of abuse and harms associated with their abuse, and the patterns of trafficking and harms associated with their trafficking.

MDMA.—MDMA (3,4-Methylenedioxy-methamphetamine) is a Schedule I controlled substance with a chemical structure similar to methamphetamine and the hallucinogen mescaline. *See* U.S. Sentencing Comm'n, Report to the Congress: MDMA Drug Offenses: Explanation of Recent Guideline Amendments 6–7 (May 2001) (''MDMA Report''), available at *http://www.ussc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/news/congressional-testimony-and-reports/drug-topics/200105_RtC_MDMA_Drug_Offenses.pdf.* MDMA, also known as ''ecstasy'' or ''molly,'' was originally developed for therapeutic use, but became a drug of abuse by the late 1970s. *Id.* at 7. Its use results in enhanced feelings of pleasure, relaxation, and self-confidence, while accompanying physical symptoms may include increased heart rate and blood pressure and difficulty regulating body temperature. MDMA is typically marketed and consumed in pill form. *Id.*

MDMA is not specifically listed in the Drug Quantity Table at § 2D1.1 (Unlawful Manufacturing, Importing, Exporting, or Trafficking (Including Possession with Intent to Commit These Offenses); Attempt or Conspiracy), but it is referenced in the Drug Equivalency Tables. *See* USSC Section 2D1.1,

comment. (n.8(D)). Prior to 2001, the marihuana equivalency of MDMA was 1 gm of MDMA = 35 gm of marihuana. The Commission established the current marihuana equivalency and penalties for MDMA in 2001 in response to the Ecstasy Anti-Proliferation Act of 2000, Public Law 106–310 (Oct. 17, 2000). The Act directed the Commission to examine whether the then-current penalties associated with MDMA were appropriate, adopt any appropriate amendments to the *Guidelines Manual,* and submit a report to Congress explaining its actions. *Id.* at 2. The Act also instructed the Commission to consider five distinct ''dangers'' associated with unlawful activity involving MDMA: (1) Rapid growth in its use; (2) a recent increase in its importation; (3) the young age at which usage began; (4) the marketing of the substance to youth; and (5) the large number of doses per gram of MDMA. *Id.* at 3.

The Commission implemented the directive by adopting an amendment setting the marihuana equivalency for MDMA as 1 gm of MDMA = 500 gm of marihuana. *See* USSG App. C, amend. 609 (effective May 1, 2001). In response to the directive, the Commission also published its MDMA Report and submitted it to Congress. In the MDMA Report, the Commission explained that it had found evidence supporting all of Congress's concerns except for the fifth (the number of doses per gram). *See id.* at 11–16. The MDMA Report also explained that there was conflicting evidence about MDMA's potential long-term mental and physical harms and dangers relative to other controlled substances. *See id.* at 17–18. After considering all the evidence, the Commission chose a 500:1 ratio, which was less than an earlier 1,000:1 proposal, but would result in significant increases in the penalties for MDMA offenses. *See id.* at 6. The 500:1 ratio was intended to punish ''local distributors'' with sentences of approximately five years, and ''upper and middle level distributors'' with sentences of ten or more years. *See id.* at 18.

The marihuana equivalency of MDMA remains 1 gm of MDMA = 500 gm of marihuana. Some public comment and judicial opinions have suggested that the current marihuana equivalency for MDMA may no longer be appropriate in light of scientific and practical developments that have occurred since 2001. Other stakeholders have suggested that the current ratio remains appropriate in light of the concerns expressed by Congress in 2000.

Methylone and Other Synthetic Cathinones.—According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, synthetic cathinones, also known as ''bath salts,'' are human-made substances chemically related to cathinone, a stimulant found in the khat plant. *See* National Institute on Drug Abuse, DrugFacts: Synthetic Cathinones (''Bath Salts'') (January 2016) *available at https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/synthetic-cathinones-bath-salts.* Methylone (3,4-methylenedioxy-N-methylcathinone), also known as MDMC, is a synthetic cathinone that has been reported to have hallucinogenic effects broadly similar to those of MDMA. Like MDMA, methylone has been associated with use at dance parties or ''raves.'' According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, methylone is typically imported from abroad and consumed in capsule form. Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Drugs of Abuse: A DEA Resource Guide 80 (2015).

Unlike MDMA, methylone is not specifically listed in either the Drug Quantity Table or the Drug Equivalency Tables at Section 2D1.1. As with any drug trafficking offense that involves a controlled substance not specifically referenced in the guidelines, courts are required in cases involving methylone to ''determine the base offense level using the marihuana equivalency of the most closely related controlled substance referenced in [Section 2D1.1].'' *See* USSG Section 2D1.1, comment. (n.6). The guidelines establish a three-step process for making this determination. *See* USSG 2D1.1, comment. (n.6, 8). First, a court must determine the most closely related controlled substance by considering, to the extent practicable, the factors set forth in Application Note 6. Once the most closely related controlled substance is determined, the next step is to determine the appropriate quantity of marihuana equivalent, using the Drug Equivalency Tables at Application Note 8(D). The final step is to use the Drug Quantity Table at Section 2D1.1(c) to determine the base offense level that corresponds to that amount of marihuana.

A preliminary review of Commission data regarding cases involving synthetic cathinones indicates that, in determining the most closely related controlled substance, courts recognize distinctions among types of synthetic cathinones. For example, in cases involving methylone, Commission data indicates that courts have almost always identified MDMA as the most closely related controlled substance to methylone, and have used either MDMA's marihuana equivalency of 500:1 or a reduced equivalency.

Issues for Comment.—

1. The Commission invites general comment on whether, and if so how, the guidelines for MDMA/Ecstasy trafficking should be changed. As stated above, the marihuana equivalency of MDMA is 1 gm of MDMA = 500 gm of marihuana. Is the marihuana equivalency for MDMA appropriate? Should the Commission establish a different equivalency for MDMA? If so, what equivalency should the Commission provide and on what basis?

The Commission further seeks comment on any relevant developments in the scientific literature on the health effects of MDMA use since the Commission published its MDMA Report and last amended the marihuana equivalency for MDMA in 2001. The Commission also seeks comment about whether there have been changes in MDMA distribution and usage patterns, such as marketing to or prevalence of use among youth, since 2001. For example, how is MDMA typically manufactured, distributed, and marketed today? How does MDMA compare to other controlled substances referenced in Section 2D1.1 in terms of health effects (including addictiveness and abuse potential), marketing and trafficking patterns, and potency by dosage unit? How should the Commission assess the harms of MDMA relative to those of other controlled substances?

Finally, the Commission seeks comment on whether since 2001 there have been any developments to suggest that the Commission, in addition to or instead of establishing a different equivalency for MDMA, should revise the ''typical weight per unit'' measure set forth in Application Note 9 to Section 2D1.1, which is currently set at 250 mg for MDMA. If so, what are those developments? How should the Commission revise the ''typical weight per unit'' measure set forth for MDMA?

2. As noted above, courts have typically identified MDMA as the most closely related controlled substance to methylone. Under the current guidelines, including Application Note 6 to Section 2D1.1, is this determination appropriate? If not, is there any controlled substance referenced in Section 2D1.1 that is most closely related to methylone? If so, what substance?

The Commission seeks comment on whether the Commission should provide a marihuana equivalency for methylone. If so, and MDMA is determined to be the most closely related controlled substance to

methylone, should the Commission specify a marihuana equivalency for methylone at the same ratio as MDMA, regardless of whether the ratio for MDMA is changed from its current 500:1 level? Should the Commission establish a marihuana equivalency for methylone at a higher or lower ratio than the current MDMA equivalency? If so, what equivalency should the Commission provide and why? To the extent methylone has different characteristics than MDMA, how do those characteristics compare with other controlled substances referenced in Section 2D1.1 in terms of health effects (including addictiveness and abuse potential), marketing and trafficking patterns, and potency by dosage unit?

If the Commission were to establish a marihuana equivalency for methylone, which is often marketed and consumed in capsule form, should the Commission establish a ''typical weight per unit'' for methylone in Application Note 9 to Section 2D1.1?

3. The Commission seeks general comment on whether there are synthetic cathinones, other than methylone, that are substantially similar in their effects to MDMA. If so, what are those substances? How do those substances compare to MDMA in terms of health effects (including addictiveness and abuse potential), marketing and trafficking patterns, and potency by dosage unit? If the Commission were to include any such other synthetic cathinones in the Drug Equivalency Tables at Application Note 8(D) to Section 2D1.1, how should the Commission establish marihuana equivalencies for these other synthetic cathinones in relation to one another and to the other controlled substances referenced in Section 2D1.1?

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), (x); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 4.4.

William H. Pryor, Jr.,

Acting Chair.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Requests for Applications; Practitioners Advisory Group

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In view of upcoming vacancies in the voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group, the United States Sentencing Commission hereby invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to one of the vacancies to apply. The voting memberships covered by this notice are two circuit memberships (for the Sixth Circuit and the Seventh Circuit) and one at-large membership. An applicant for voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section below. Application materials should be received by the Commission not later than August 25, 2017.

DATES: Application materials for voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group should be received not later than August 25, 2017.

ADDRESSES: An applicant for voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Commission by electronic mail or regular mail. The email address is *pubaffairs@ussc.gov.* The regular mail address is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE., Suite 2–500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002–8002, Attention: Public Affairs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Leonard, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, (202) 502–4500, *pubaffairs@ussc.gov.* More information about the Practitioners Advisory Group is available on the Commission's Web site at *www.ussc.gov/advisory-groups.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Practitioners Advisory Group is a standing advisory group of the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under the charter for the advisory group, the purpose of the advisory group is (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. 994(o); (2) to provide to the Commission its views on the Commission's activities and work, including proposed priorities and amendments; (3) to disseminate to defense attorneys, and to other professionals in the defense community, information regarding federal sentencing issues; and (4) to perform other related functions as the Commission requests. The advisory group consists of not more than 17 voting members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Of those 17 voting members, one shall be Chair, one shall be Vice Chair, 12 shall be circuit members (one for each federal judicial circuit other than the Federal Circuit), and three shall be at-large members.

To be eligible to serve as a voting member, an individual must be an attorney who (1) devotes a substantial portion of his or her professional work to advocating the interests of privately-represented individuals, or of individuals represented by private practitioners through appointment under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, within the federal criminal justice system; (2) has significant experience with federal sentencing or post-conviction issues related to criminal sentences; and (3) is in good standing of the highest court of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in which he or she is admitted to practice. Additionally, to be eligible to serve as a circuit member, the individual's primary place of business or a substantial portion of his or her practice must be in the circuit concerned. Each voting member is appointed by the Commission.

The Commission invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to a voting membership covered by this notice (*i.e.,* the circuit memberships for the Sixth Circuit and the Seventh Circuit, and one at-large membership) to apply by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), 28 U.S.C. 995; USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.4.

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The President

Presidential Determination No. 2017–07 of May 31, 2017

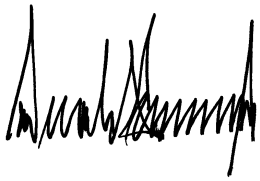
Suspension of Limitations Under the Jerusalem Embassy Act

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 7(a) of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–45) (the ''Act''), I hereby determine that it is necessary, in order to protect the national security interests of the United States, to suspend for a period of 6 months the limitations set forth in sections 3(b) and 7(b) of the Act.

You are authorized and directed to transmit this determination, accompanied by a report in accordance with section 7(a) of the Act, to the Congress and to publish this determination in the *Federal Register.*

The suspension set forth in this determination shall take effect after you transmit this determination and the required accompanying report to the Congress.



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Father's Day, 2017

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

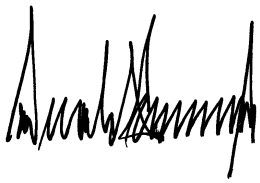
Father's Day is a special occasion that reminds us to pause and thank the men in our lives who have taken on the responsibility of raising children. As sons and daughters, we recognize the love they have given and the sacrifices they have made, and we celebrate the indispensable role fathers play in our lives and communities.

Fathers have the ability and responsibility to instill in us core values we carry into adulthood. The examples they set and the lessons they impart about hard work, dedication to family, faith in God, and believing in ourselves establish the moral foundation for success that allows us to live up to our full potential. We remember those fatherly moments big and small—throwing a baseball, writing an essay, driving a car, walking down the aisle—that have shaped us, and we thank our dads for being there with a helping hand and an open heart.

Day in and day out, fathers put their children first, creating loving and supportive environments. Whether by birth, adoption, or foster care, today we honor the incredible fathers in our lives for all they have done and continue to do for us. Fathers inspire us to better ourselves and to be men and women of outstanding character. We recommit ourselves as individuals, families, and communities to promoting and supporting fatherhood, and take this day to express our love and appreciation for fathers across our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, in accordance with a joint resolution of the Congress approved April 24, 1972, as amended (36 U.S.C. 109), do hereby proclaim June 18, 2017, as Father's Day. I call on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Father's Day and invite State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Father's Day with appropriate ceremonies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.



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