

are applicable to penalties assessed on or after January 15, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph E. Gangloff, Chief Counsel to the Inspector General, Room 3-ME-1, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 966-4440, both directly and for IPTTY. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call the Social Security Administration's national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit the Social Security Administration's internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, 2016, pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act),¹ we published an interim final rule to adjust the level of civil monetary penalties (CMP) under sections 1129 and 1140 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1320a-8 and 1320b-10, with an initial "catch-up" adjustment effective August 1, 2016.² We announced in the interim final rule that for any future adjustments, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce the new amounts. The annual inflation adjustment in subsequent years must be a cost-of-living adjustment based on any increases in the October Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (not seasonally adjusted) each year.³ Inflation adjustment increases must be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1.⁴ We last updated the maximum penalty amounts effective January 15, 2017.⁵ Based on Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance, the information below serves as public notice of the new maximum penalty amounts for 2018. The adjustment results in the following new maximum

penalties, which will be effective as of January 15, 2018.

Section 1129 CMPs (42 U.S.C. 1320a-8)

\$7,623.00 (current maximum per violation for fraud facilitators in a position of trust) \times 1.02041 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$7,778.59. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$7,779.00.

\$8,084.00 (current maximum per violation for all other violators) \times 1.02041 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$8,248.99. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$8,249.00.

Section 1140 CMPs (42 U.S.C. 1320b-10)

\$10,055.00 (current maximum per violation for all violations other than broadcasts or telecasts) \times 1.02041 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$10,260.22. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$10,260.00.

\$50,276.00 (current maximum per broadcast or telecast) \times 1.02041 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$51,302.13. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$51,302.00.

Dated: December 27, 2017.

Gale Stallworth Stone,

Acting Inspector General of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10264]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Romance and Reason: Islamic Transformations of the Classical Past" Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition "Romance and Reason: Islamic Transformations of the Classical Past," 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 Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York, New York, from on or about February 14, 2018, until on or about May 13, 2018, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliot Chiu 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made 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 have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

Alyson Grunder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10267]

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Borrego Pipeline Presidential Permit Application, Webb County, Texas

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State (Department) is advising the public that on January 3, 2018, the Department approved a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on the Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) for the Borrego Pipeline Presidential Permit Application.

DATES: The FONSI and Final EA are available as of the publication date of this notice at <https://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant/applicants/borregopipeline/c73505.htm>.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FONSI and Final EA are available at the following:

- Main Laredo Public Library, 1120 E. Calton Road, Laredo, Texas 78041
- <https://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant/applicants/borregopipeline/index.htm>

Copies of the FONSI and Final EA may also be requested by email at

¹ See <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/1314/text>. See also <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

² See OMB Memorandum, Implementation of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, M-16-06, p. 1 (February 24, 2016), [https://www.whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf). See also <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

³ OMB Memorandum, Implementation of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, M-16-06, p. 3 (February 24, 2016), [https://www.whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf). See also <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

⁴ See <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/29/2016-31423/notice-on-penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-monetary-penalties>.

BorregoReview@state.gov from: Borrego Project Manager, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues (OES/EQT): Suite 2726, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order (E.O.) 13337 delegates to the Secretary of State the President's authority to receive applications for permits for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of facilities for the exportation or importation of petroleum, petroleum products, coal, or other fuels (except for natural gas), at the borders of the United States, and to issue or deny such Presidential permits upon a national interest determination.

On August 12, 2016, Borrego submitted an application for a new Presidential permit that would authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the U.S.-Mexico border for the export to Mexico of refined petroleum products (including gasoline, premium gasoline, ultra-low sulfur diesel, and jet fuel). The petroleum products would be transported through the new pipeline between a new terminal in Laredo, Texas, and the existing Nuevo Laredo Terminal in Tamaulipas, Mexico.

The Department prepared the Final EA consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 4321, *et seq.*), the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and the Department's implementing regulations (22 CFR part 161). The Draft EA and Preliminary FONSI were available for a 30-day public review that ended on November 17, 2017. The Department has determined the proposed action would not result in significant impacts on the environment and therefore the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FONSI is not a decision on the Presidential permit application. In accordance with E.O. 13337, the Secretary of State or his delegate will make a determination as to whether issuance of a Presidential permit for Borrego Crossing Pipeline, LLC (Borrego), a subsidiary of Howard Midstream Energy Partners, LLC, proposed cross-border pipeline facilities project would serve the national interest.

Robert Wing,
Acting Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36163]

Elkhart & Western Railroad Co.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of CSX Transportation, Inc. Between Monon and Monticello, in White County, Ind.

Elkhart & Western Railroad Co. (EWR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate 9.58 miles of rail line owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) between Monon, Ind., (Milepost 0QA–88.42) and Monticello, Ind., (Milepost 0QA–98.00) in White County, Ind. (the Line).

EWR states that it has reached agreement in principle with CSXT, the current owner and operator of the Line, providing for EWR to acquire, operate, maintain, and perform all common carrier service on the Line. EWR states that it will interchange with CSXT at Monon, Ind. EWR also states that the proposed acquisition and operation of the Line does not involve a provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

EWR certifies that the proposed transaction will not result in EWR becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and that the projected annual revenue of EWR will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction may be consummated on or after January 27, 2018, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 19, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. 36163, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Daniel A. LaKemper, Elkhart & Western Railroad Co., 1318 S. Johanson Road, Peoria, IL 61607.

According to EWR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at WWW.STB.GOV.

Decided: January 8, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Rena Laws-Byrum,
Clearance Clerk.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Actions Taken at December 8, 2017, Meeting

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its regular business meeting held on December 8, 2017, in Annapolis, Maryland, the Commission took the following actions: (1) Approved or tabled the applications of certain water resources projects; and (2) took additional actions, as set forth in the Supplementary Information below.

DATES: December 8, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110–1788.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel, telephone: 717–238–0423, ext. 1312; fax: 717–238–2436; joyler@srbc.net. Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address. See also Commission website at www.srbc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to the actions taken on projects identified in the summary above and the listings below, the following items were also presented or acted upon at the business meeting: (1) Adoption of a resolution urging President Trump and the United States Congress to provide full funding for the national Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program, thereby supporting the Susquehanna Flood Forecast & Warning System; (2) adoption of amended Commission's By-laws and Procedures to reflect revisions to officers' duties, clarification of budget and financial procedures, and other changes in accordance with the Susquehanna River Basin Compact; (3) approval of a grant amendment and acceptance of a contribution; (4) adoption of final rules, subject to final member jurisdiction review, pertaining to the amendment of Commission regulations to codify and strengthen the Commission's Access to Records Policy.

Project Applications Approved

The Commission approved the following project applications:

1. Project Sponsor and Facility: Beech Creek Borough Authority, Beech Creek