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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R05–OAR–2016–0644; FRL–9982–96—Region 5]

Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Cleveland, $PM_{2.5}$ Attainment Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On October 14, 2016, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) submitted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) submission for the 2012 Fine Particle ($PM_{2.5}$) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for the Cleveland nonattainment area. EPA proposed to approve the state's submittal on June 4, 2018.

DATES: This final rule is effective on October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA–R05–OAR–2016–0644. All documents in the docket are listed in the *http://www.regulations.gov* website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *e.g.,* Confidential Business Information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either through *http://www.regulations.gov,* or please contact the person identified in the ''For Further Information Contact'' section for additional availability information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, wherever ''we'', ''us'' or ''our'' is used, we mean EPA.

I. What is being addressed by this document?

On June 4, 2018, at 83 FR 25608, EPA proposed to approve a revision to the SIP for the 2012 $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS for the Cleveland nonattainment area. As required by the Clean Air Act (CAA), OEPA developed an attainment plan to address the Cleveland nonattainment area and evaluate the area's ability to attain the 2012 $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS by the ''Moderate'' attainment date of December 31, 2021. The SIP submission addressed specific requirements as outlined in the CAA including: attainment demonstration; reasonable available control measure (RACM) analysis; emissions inventory requirements; reasonable further progress (RFP) with quantitative milestones; and nonattainment new source review (NNSR). Additionally, the SIP submission included optional $PM_{2.5}$ precursor demonstrations for NNSR and attainment planning purposes. EPA evaluated the SIP submission and is approving portions of the submission as meeting the applicable CAA requirements for RACM, emissions inventory, attainment demonstration modeling, and precursor insignificance demonstrations for NNSR and attainment planning purposes. EPA is not acting on the other elements of the submission, including reasonable further progress (RFP), with quantitative milestones, and motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs).

II. What comments did we receive on the proposed SIP revision?

Our June 4, 2018, proposed rule provided a 30-day review and comment period. The comment period closed on July 5, 2018. EPA received comments from three parties during the public comment period but all comments were completely outside of the scope of this action and therefore are not being addressed as part of this final action.

III. What action is EPA taking?

EPA is approving a SIP revision submitted by Ohio EPA on October 14, 2016. Ohio's attainment demonstration modeling, and precursor analysis for both attainment planning RACM and nonattainment NNSR determined that VOCs and NH_3 do not significantly contribute to $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations in the area. EPA finds that Ohio's analysis is reasonable and well supported. EPA is thus approving the following elements of the 2012 SIP submission: the base year 2011 emissions inventory to meet the section 172(c)(3) requirement for emission inventories; the demonstration of attainment for 2021 as meeting the statutory requirement in CAA 189(a)(1)(B); current controls as meeting RACM requirements of 172(c)(1) and 189(a)(1(C).

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the CAA and applicable Federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the CAA. 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);
- Is not an Executive Order 13771 (82 FR 9339, February 2, 2017) regulatory action because SIP approvals are exempted under Executive Order 12866;
- 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 CAA; and

• Does not provide 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 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. 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 CAA, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by November 5, 2018. 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. 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, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: August 20, 2018.

Cathy Stepp,

Regional Administrator, Region 5.

40 CFR part 52 is amended as follows:

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.*

■ 2. In § 52.1870, the table in paragraph (e) is amended by adding the subheading ''Summary of Criteria Pollutant Attainment Plans'' and the entry ''$PM_{2.5}$ (2012)'' before the subheading ''Summary of Criteria Pollutant Maintenance Plan'' to read as follows:

§ 52.1870 Identification of plan.

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EPA-APPROVED OHIO NONREGULATORY AND QUASI-REGULATORY PROVISIONS

Title	Applicable geographical or non-attainment area	State date	EPA approval	Comments
*	*	*	*	* * *
Summary of Criteria Pollutant Attainment Plans				
$PM_{2.5}$ (2012)	Cleveland	10/14/2016	9/6/2018, [insert **Federal Register** citation].	EPA is approving the following elements: the base year 2011 emissions inventory; the demonstration of attainment for 2021; current controls as meeting RACM requirements.
Summary of Criteria Pollutant Maintenance Plan				
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R01–OAR–2017–0696; FRL–9983–02—Region 1]

Air Plan Approval; Vermont; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2012 $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Vermont that addresses the infrastructure SIP requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act)—including the interstate transport provisions—for the 2012 fine particle ($PM_{2.5}$) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The infrastructure requirements are designed to ensure that the structural components

of each state's air quality management program are adequate to meet the state's responsibilities under the CAA. EPA is taking this action under the Clean Air Act.

DATES: This rule is effective on October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA–R01–OAR–2017–0696. All documents in the docket are listed on the *https://www.regulations.gov* website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.,* CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available at *https://www.regulations.gov* or at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Region 1 Regional Office, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Air Quality Planning Unit, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, MA. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to schedule your inspection. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alison C. Simcox, Air Quality Unit, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Region 1, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, (Mail code OEP05–2), Boston, MA 02109–3912, tel. (617) 918–1684, email *simcox.alison@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document whenever ''we,'' ''us,'' or ''our'' is used, we mean EPA.

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I. Background and Purpose

On June 29, 2018 (83 FR 30598), EPA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for the State of Vermont.

In the NPRM, EPA proposed to approve an infrastructure SIP revision for the 2012 fine particle ($PM_{2.5}$[1]) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that Vermont submitted to EPA on October 31, 2017.

This submittal included an enclosure addressing the ''Good Neighbor'' (or ''transport'') provisions of the Act for the 2012 $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS (Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) of the CAA). Under sections 110(a)(1) and (2) of the CAA, states are required to submit infrastructure SIPs to ensure that SIPs provide for implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of the NAAQS, including the 2012 $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS.

This rulemaking does not cover three substantive areas that are not integral to acting on a state's infrastructure SIP submission: (i) Existing provisions related to excess emissions during periods of start-up, shutdown, or malfunction at sources (''SSM'' emissions) that may be contrary to the CAA and EPA's policies addressing such excess emissions; (ii) existing provisions related to ''director's variance'' or ''director's discretion'' that purport to permit revisions to SIP-approved emissions limits with limited public process or without requiring further approval by EPA, that may be contrary to the CAA (''director's discretion''); and, (iii) existing provisions for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) programs that may be inconsistent with current requirements of EPA's ''Final New Source Review (NSR) Improvement Rule,'' 67 FR 80186 (December 31, 2002), as amended by 72 FR 32526 (June 13, 2007) (''NSR Reform''). Instead, EPA has the authority to address each of these substantive areas separately. A detailed history, interpretation, and rationale for EPA's approach to infrastructure SIP requirements can be found in EPA's May 13, 2014, proposed rule entitled, ''Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS'' in the section, ''What is the scope of this rulemaking?'' *See* 79 FR 27241 at 27242–45.

The NPR includes the rationale for approval, and EPA will not restate it here. Three public comments were received on the NPRM.

II. Response to Comments

EPA received three comments during the comment period. All comments discuss subjects outside the scope of an infrastructure SIP action, do not explain (or provide a legal basis for) how the proposed action should differ in any way, and, indeed, make no specific mention of the proposed action. Consequently, the three comments are not germane to this rulemaking and require no further response.

III. Final Action

EPA is approving Vermont's October 2017 infrastructure SIP submission for the 2012 $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS as a revision to the Vermont SIP.

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, 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);
- This action is not an Executive Order 13771 regulatory action because this action is not significant under Executive Order 12866;
- 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 EPA with the discretionary authority to address, as appropriate, disproportionate human

[1] $PM_{2.5}$ refers to particulate matter of 2.5 microns or less in diameter, often referred to as ''fine'' particles.

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 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. 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 November 5, 2018. 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. 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, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Alexandra Dunn,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1.

Part 52 of chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

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 UU—Vermont

■ 2. Section 52.2370 is amended in paragraph (e) table by adding the entry ''Submittals to meet Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS'' after the entry ''Vermont Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report'' to read as follows:

§ 52.2370 Identification of plan.

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VERMONT NON-REGULATORY

Name of nonregulatory SIP provision	Applicable geographic or nonattainment area	State submittal date/ effective date	EPA approval date	Explanation
*	* *		* *	* *
Submittals to meet Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS.	Statewide	10/31/2015	9/6/2018, [Insert **Federal Register** citation].	These submittals are approved with respect to the following CAA elements or portions thereof: 110(a)(2) (A), (B), (C), (D), (E)(1), E(2), (F), (G), (H), (J1), (J2), (J3), (K), (L), and (M).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Part 8365

[17X.LLUTW01100.L12200000.AL0000]

Prohibition of Target Shooting on Public Lands in the Eastern Lake Mountains, Utah County, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Interim final supplementary rule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah State Director hereby establishes an interim final supplementary rule (rule) prohibiting target shooting within a 2,004-acre area on BLM-administered public lands in the Eastern Lake Mountains area of the Salt Lake Field Office, Eastern Lake Mountains, Utah County, Utah. The rule is necessary to implement and enforce this long-term prohibition to provide for public safety and historic properties (specifically Native American petroglyphs), as authorized in the Decision Record for the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA). The rule does not restrict other public activities in or access to or through the Lake Mountains, including legal hunting.

DATES: The rule is effective on September 6, 2018. You may submit comments to the BLM on or before November 5, 2018.

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

Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Matt Preston, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South Decker Lake Boulevard, West Valley City, Utah 84119.

Email: blm_ut_sl_comments@blm.gov.

NEPA Register: https://go.usa.gov/xXBNF.

The environmental assessment, Decision Record, and RMPA are available for public review at the mailing and NEPA Register website addresses in this section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Preston, BLM Salt Lake Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management at 801–977–4300. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual. The FRS

is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM is establishing this rule under the authority of 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 8365.1–6, which allows State Directors to establish supplementary rules for the protection of persons, property, and the public lands and resources. This provision allows the BLM to issue rules of less than national effect by publishing the rule in the **Federal Register**, but without codifying it in the CFR. This rule applies to 2,004 acres of public lands managed by the BLM Salt Lake Field Office in the Eastern Lake Mountains within Utah County, Utah.

This Notice and the map of the affected area can be obtained by visiting or contacting the Salt Lake Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**). The BLM will post this Notice and the map to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Register (see **ADDRESSES**).

I. Public Comment Procedures

Please submit your written comments on issues related to this rule to one of the addresses shown in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Comments on the rule should be specific, confined to issues pertinent to the rule, and explain the reason for any recommended change. Comments requesting changes to the Decision Record, environmental assessment, or the RMPA are outside the scope of this rule.

The BLM is not obligated to consider, or include in the Administrative Record for the rule, comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**), or comments that the BLM receives after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**), unless they are postmarked or electronically dated before the deadline.

The BLM will make your comments, including your name and address, available for public review at the Salt Lake Field Office address listed in **ADDRESSES** above during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays). Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Discussion of Interim Final Supplementary Rule

The rule is necessary to implement and enforce the long-term target shooting closure authorized in the Decision Record for the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting RMPA. The long-term closure covers 2,004 acres of public lands in Utah County, Utah. This rule replaces and expands the previous target shooting closure orders implemented by the BLM in the Eastern Lake Mountains since 2012 (81 FR 90864, 79 FR 74111, 77 FR 75186). The expanded closure area identified in this supplementary rule is necessary in order to provide additional protection for public health and safety to those who may be endangered by target shooting and for protection of historic properties (specifically Native American petroglyphs) damaged by target shooting, outside the previous closure area.

The BLM determined that a long-term target shooting closure was necessary due to a variety of concerns, including: Several serious public safety incidents of errant gunfire endangering lives and property, the high incidence of target shooting-caused wildfires annually, documented and irreparable damage to historic properties (specifically Native American petroglyphs), and the large amounts of litter and hazardous waste that result from target shooting. In addition, the area is not considered safe for target shooting due to the lack of proper backstops in lower elevations, nearby homes, and its proximity to State Highway 68. Public outreach and education efforts to address these problems have not been successful.

The BLM has determined that this rule is necessary to allow immediate implementation of the long-term closure, thereby providing for public safety and protection of important historic and pre-historic properties.

In accordance with section 553(b)(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B)), the BLM finds good cause that publishing a proposed supplementary rule, accepting public comment on the proposed supplementary rule, and then, publishing a final supplementary rule are contrary to the public interest. The urgency and magnitude of the need to reduce the risks to public safety and health, and historic properties (specifically Native American petroglyphs) associated with target shooting in the Eastern Lake Mountains warrants expedited action. Furthermore, the planning process for the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting RMPA offered extensive opportunities for public comment, including public notices, an extended scoping period, an extended comment period, a protest period on the proposed land use plan decision, and a Governor's consistency review.

Under section 553(d)(3) of the APA (5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3)), good cause also exists for making these rules effective immediately because a variety of government and public stakeholders have asked the BLM to take immediate and affirmative action to curtail the public safety risks and the damage to historic properties (specifically Native American petroglyphs) caused by the target shooting. The environmental assessment for the RMPA discussed the need to establish a supplementary rule, and thus, the public was on notice during that process that this supplementary rule would follow completion of the RMPA. A summary of the planning process, including public participation periods, is described below in Section III. Procedural Matters, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The BLM invites public comment on this interim final supplementary rule until November 5, 2018. If any substantive comments are received in response to this notice, the BLM will determine whether or not to modify this rule. The BLM will publish a Notice establishing the final supplementary rule only if substantive comments are received. If no substantive comments are received, the rule will become a final supplementary rule without another published notice.

III. Procedural Matters

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 Regulatory Planning and Review

The rule prohibits target shooting on a limited area of public lands in the Eastern Lake Mountains. The rule is not a significant regulatory action and is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 or 13563. The rule would not have an annual effect of $100 million or more on the economy; and it would not adversely affect in a material way the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or state, local, or tribal governments, or communities. The rule would not create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency; and it would not materially alter the budgetary effects of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs, or the rights or obligations of their recipients; nor does it raise novel legal or policy issues. This rule

implements and supports enforcement of the long-term target shooting closure authorized in the Decision Record for the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting RMPA.

Clarity of the Supplementary Rule

Executive Order 12866 requires each agency to write regulations that are simple and easy to understand. The BLM invites your comments on how to make this rule easier to understand, including answers to questions such as the following:

(1) Are the requirements in the rule clearly stated?

(2) Does the rule contain technical language or jargon that interferes with its clarity?

(3) Does the format of the rule (grouping and order of sections, use of headings, paragraphing, etc.) aid or reduce its clarity?

(4) Would the rule be easier to understand if it was divided into more (but shorter) sections?

(5) Is the description of the rule in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this preamble helpful in understanding the rule? How could this description be more helpful in making the rule easier to understand?

Please send any comments you have on the clarity of the rule to one of the addresses specified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The rule implements a land use plan decision to prohibit target shooting on 2,004 acres to provide for public safety and protect historic properties (specifically Native American petroglyphs) as authorized in the Decision Record for the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting RMPA (DOI–BLM–UT–W010–2015–0023–EA). The BLM analyzed and disclosed the environmental consequences of the long-term target shooting closure identified in an environmental assessment completed on December 14, 2016. The BLM found that the long-term target shooting closure, including the rule, would not have a significant individual or cumulative effect on the quality of the human environment under Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

The Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting RMPA was initiated under a Notice of Intent published in the **Federal Register** on June 12, 2015 (80 FR 33547). A 30-day public scoping period began on June 12, 2015, with public open houses on August 4 and 5, 2015, and was subsequently extended through August 20, 2015. The BLM released the Draft RMPA and associated environmental assessment for a 30-day public comment period beginning on April 15, 2016, with an open house on May 11, 2016; and subsequently extended the comment period through May 31, 2016. The BLM released the Proposed RMPA and associated environmental assessment for a 30-day public protest period and 60-day Governor's consistency review on December 14, 2016. The BLM informed the public of the scoping period and associated open houses, comment period and associated open house, and the protest period through news releases, NEPA register postings, BLM website postings, flyers on local bulletin boards, and public mailings to a project mailing list of more than 300 addresses.

The environmental assessment, Decision Record, and RMPA are available for public review at the locations identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Congress enacted the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) of 1980, as amended (5 U.S.C. 601–612) to ensure that Government regulations do not unnecessarily or disproportionately burden small entities. The RFA requires a regulatory flexibility analysis if a rule would have a significant economic impact, either detrimental or beneficial, on a substantial number of small entities. This rule does not pertain specifically to commercial or governmental entities of any size, but to public recreational use of specific public lands. This rule establishes a rule of conduct for recreational use of certain public lands in the Eastern Lake Mountains. Therefore, the BLM has determined, under the RFA, that this rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule does not constitute a ''major rule'' as defined at 5 U.S.C 804(2). This rule establishes a rule of conduct for recreational use of certain public lands in the Eastern Lake Mountains and would not affect business, commercial, or industrial use of the public lands.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

This rule would not impose an unfunded mandate on state, local, or tribal governments or the private sector, of more than $100 million per year; nor would it have a significant or unique effect on small governments. This rule would have no effect on governmental or tribal entities and would impose no requirements on any of these entities. This rule establishes a rule of conduct for recreational use of certain public lands in the Eastern Lake Mountains and does not affect business, commercial, or industrial use of these public lands. Therefore, the BLM is not required to prepare a statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference With Constitutionally Protected Property Rights (Takings)

This rule does not represent a Government action capable of interfering with constitutionally protected property rights. This rule does not address property rights in any form and does not cause the impairment of anyone's property rights. This rule establishes a rule of conduct for recreational use of certain public lands in the Eastern Lake Mountains. Therefore, the BLM has determined that this rule would not cause a ''taking'' of private property or require preparation of a takings assessment under this Executive Order.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism

This rule would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the Federal Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. This rule applies to a limited area of land in only one State, Utah, and would not conflict with any Utah state statute or regulation. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, the BLM has determined that this rule does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform

Under Executive Order 12988, the BLM has determined that this rule would not unduly burden the judicial system and that it meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, the BLM consulted and coordinated with Indian tribal governments on this rule during the development of the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting RMPA, which included an implementation-

level decision to establish this interim final supplementary rule through publication in the **Federal Register**.

The Salt Lake Field Manager sent project information and invited the initiation of formal consultation with the following Native American Tribes via certified letter dated June 29, 2015: Jemez Pueblo, Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians of Utah, Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Paiute Indian Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, and Eastern Shoshone. The BLM contacted these same tribes via phone between July 1 and 7, 2015, to schedule telephone conferences with the Salt Lake Field Manager, if desired. The Paiute Indian Tribe requested a meeting and a presentation was made to the Paiute Tribal Council on July 16, 2015, at which the tribe expressed their support for the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting RMPA. Additionally, these tribes received formal invitations to participate in the planning process as a consulting party and/or cooperating agency; none of the tribes accepted either role. These same tribes were included on the project mailing list and received notification of the scoping period and associated open houses, the public comment period and associated open house, and the protest period. Only the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah submitted a comment letter during the public comment period expressing concern over preserving and protecting Native American petroglyphs. To discuss this in detail with the tribe, the BLM attended a Paiute Tribal Council meeting on November 1, 2016, in which the tribal leaders expressed their support for the Proposed RMPA.

The Salt Lake Field Manager and staff also attended the November 15, 2016 Utah Tribal Leaders Conference in Wendover, Nevada, at which time tribal leaders of the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Paiute, Ute, and Eastern Shoshone were informed of the Proposed RMPA and invited to make comments. Tribal leaders asked questions and made verbal comments in support of the Proposed RMPA. A final letter was mailed to these same tribes on December 14, 2016, inviting them to consult on the Proposed RMPA and associated environmental assessment. The BLM also contacted these tribes via telephone. No further comments were received.

Executive Order 13352, Facilitation of Cooperative Conservation

Under Executive Order 13352, the BLM has determined that this rule would not impede the facilitation of cooperative conservation. This rule would take appropriate account of and consider the interests of persons with ownership or other legally recognized interests in land or other natural resources; properly accommodate local participation in the Federal decision-making process; and provide that the programs, projects, and activities are consistent with protecting public health and safety.

Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

This rule does not constitute a ''significant energy action,'' as defined in Executive Order 13211. The rule would not have an adverse effect on energy supplies, production, or consumption and has no connection with energy policy.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that the Office of Management and Budget must approve under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

IV. Interim Final Supplementary Rule

For the reasons stated in the preamble, and under the authority of 43 CFR 8365.1–6, the State Director establishes a rule for 2,004 acres of public lands managed by the BLM in the Lake Mountains in Utah County, Utah, subject to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan, to read as follows:

Prohibited Act

Target shooting is prohibited within the area described below, including 2,004 acres, in Utah County, Utah.

Exemptions

The following persons are exempt from this rule: Any Federal, state, local, and/or military employees acting within the scope of their official duties; members of any organized rescue or fire fighting force performing an official duty; and persons who are expressly authorized or approved by the BLM.

Legal Land Description

The legal description of the affected public lands is:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 7 S, R. 1 E,
Sec. 6, lot 1 and NE¼SE¼;
Sec. 7, lot 1.
T. 7 S, R. 1 W,
Sec. 13, lots 2 thru 4, lots 9 thru 12, and W½;
Sec. 22, those portions of lots 5, 11, and 12 lying southwesterly of the top of a ridgeline, bears northwest and southeast, on the south side of Pfeiffer Canyon, the easterly end of the ridgeline being approximately 460 feet northerly of the south one quarter section corner of section 22 along the north-south centerline of section 22 and the westerly end of the ridgeline being approximately 1,780 feet northerly of the southwest corner of section 22 along the section line between sections 21 and 22;
Sec. 24, lots 1 thru 3, lots 10 thru 13, lots 17 and 18, and NW¼;
Sec. 26, NW¼NE¼, N½NW¼, and NW¼SW¼;
Sec. 27, SW¼NE¼;
Sec. 28, N½ and SE¼.

The areas described contain approximately 2,004 acres.

Definition

Target shooting: The discharge or use of a firearm or other dangerous weapon (*e.g.* bow-and-arrows, projectile weapons, etc.) for the purposes of recreational shooting not associated with lawful hunting practices.

Enforcement

Any person who violates this rule may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1–7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of Utah law.

Edwin L. Roberson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 64

[Docket ID FEMA–2018–0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–8545]

Suspension of Community Eligibility

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule identifies communities where the sale of flood insurance has been authorized under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that are scheduled for suspension on the effective dates listed within this rule because of noncompliance with the floodplain management requirements of the program. If the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receives documentation that the community has

adopted the required floodplain management measures prior to the effective suspension date given in this rule, the suspension will not occur and a notice of this will be provided by publication in the **Federal Register** on a subsequent date. Also, information identifying the current participation status of a community can be obtained from FEMA's Community Status Book (CSB). The CSB is available at *https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-status-book*.

DATES: The effective date of each community's scheduled suspension is the third date (''Susp.'') listed in the third column of the following tables.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you want to determine whether a particular community was suspended on the suspension date or for further information, contact Adrienne L. Sheldon, PE, CFM, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 212–3966.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFIP enables property owners to purchase Federal flood insurance that is not otherwise generally available from private insurers. In return, communities agree to adopt and administer local floodplain management measures aimed at protecting lives and new construction from future flooding. Section 1315 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits the sale of NFIP flood insurance unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed in this document no longer meet that statutory requirement for compliance with program regulations, 44 CFR part 59. Accordingly, the communities will be suspended on the effective date in the third column. As of that date, flood insurance will no longer be available in the community. We recognize that some of these communities may adopt and submit the required documentation of legally enforceable floodplain management measures after this rule is published but prior to the actual suspension date. These communities will not be suspended and will continue to be eligible for the sale of NFIP flood insurance. A notice withdrawing the suspension of such communities will be published in the **Federal Register**.

In addition, FEMA publishes a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that identifies the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in these communities. The date of the FIRM, if one has been published, is indicated in the fourth column of the table. No direct Federal financial assistance (except assistance pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act not in connection with a flood) may be provided for construction or acquisition of buildings in identified SFHAs for communities not participating in the NFIP and identified for more than a year on FEMA's initial FIRM for the community as having flood-prone areas (section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4106(a), as amended). This prohibition against certain types of Federal assistance becomes effective for the communities listed on the date shown in the last column. The Administrator finds that notice and public comment procedures under 5 U.S.C. 553(b), are impracticable and unnecessary because communities listed in this final rule have been adequately notified.

Each community receives 6-month, 90-day, and 30-day notification letters addressed to the Chief Executive Officer stating that the community will be suspended unless the required floodplain management measures are met prior to the effective suspension date. Since these notifications were made, this final rule may take effect within less than 30 days.

National Environmental Policy Act. FEMA has determined that the community suspension(s) included in this rule is a non-discretionary action and therefore the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) does not apply.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. The Administrator has determined that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, Section 1315, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits flood insurance coverage unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed no longer comply with the statutory requirements, and after the effective date, flood insurance will no longer be available in the communities unless remedial action takes place.

Regulatory Classification. This final rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism. This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule meets the applicable standards of Executive Order 12988.

Paperwork Reduction Act. This rule does not involve any collection of information for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 64

Flood insurance, Floodplains.

Accordingly, 44 CFR part 64 is amended as follows:

PART 64—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 64 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.;* Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp.; p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp.; p. 376.

§ 64.6 [Amended]

■ 2. The tables published under the authority of § 64.6 are amended as follows:

State and location	Community No.	Effective date authorization/cancellation of sale of flood insurance in community	Current effective map date	Date certain Federal assistance no longer available in SFHAs
Region IV				
South Carolina:				
Edgefield, Town of, Edgefield County	450074	August 14, 1995, Emerg; February 1, 2002, Reg; September 14, 2018, Susp.	Sep. 14, 2018 ...	Sep. 14, 2018.
Edgefield County, Unincorporated Areas	450229	July 12, 1991, Emerg; April 1, 1993, Reg; September 14, 2018, Susp.	*.....do	Do.

State and location	Community No.	Effective date authorization/cancellation of sale of flood insurance in community	Current effective map date	Date certain Federal assistance no longer available in SFHAs
McCormick County, Unincorporated Areas.	450226	December 29, 1975, Emerg; October 1, 1989, Reg; September 14, 2018, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Region V				
Ohio: Carroll County, Unincorporated Areas ..	390763	May 11, 1990, Emerg; September 28, 1990, Reg; September 14, 2018, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Region VI				
Louisiana:				
Assumption Parish, Unincorporated Areas.	220017	April 20, 1973, Emerg; May 19, 1981, Reg; September 14, 2018, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Napoleonville, Town of, Assumption Parish.	220018	April 30, 1973, Emerg; June 20, 1976, Reg; September 14, 2018, Susp.	.....do	Do.
Region VII				
Missouri: Franklin County, Unincorporated Areas.	290493	June 21, 1974, Emerg; October 16, 1984, Reg; September 14, 2018, Susp.	Sep. 14, 2018 ...	Sep. 14, 2018.

* do = Ditto.
Code for reading third column: Emerg.—Emergency; Reg.—Regular; Susp.—Suspension.

Dated: August 27, 2018.

Eric Letvin,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Mitigation, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 170816769–8162–02]

RIN 0648–XG380

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the C season allowance of the 2018 total allowable catch of pollock for Statistical Area 620 in the GOA.

DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), September 1, 2018, through 1200 hours, A.l.t., October 1, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Josh Keaton, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The C season allowance of the 2018 total allowable catch (TAC) of pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the GOA is 10,441 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2018 and 2019 harvest specifications for groundfish in the GOA (83 FR 8768, March 1, 2018) and inseason adjustment (83 FR 42609, August 23, 2018).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Regional Administrator has determined that the C season allowance of the 2018 TAC of pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the GOA will soon be reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is establishing a directed fishing allowance of 10,241 mt and is setting aside the remaining 200 mt as bycatch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries. In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the GOA. While this closure is effective the maximum retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a trip.

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the closure of directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the GOA. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data only became available as of August 30, 2018.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Margo B. Schulze-Haugen,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 170816769–8162–02]

RIN 0648–XG379

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). This action is necessary to prevent exceeding the C season allowance of the 2018 total allowable catch of pollock for Statistical Area 610 in the GOA.

DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), September 3, 2018, through 1200 hours, A.l.t., October 1, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Josh Keaton, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The C season allowance of the 2018 total allowable catch (TAC) of pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA is 14,369 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2018 and 2019 harvest specifications for groundfish in the GOA (83 FR 8768, March 1, 2018) and inseason adjustment (83 FR 42609, August 23, 2018).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i), the Regional Administrator has determined that the C season allowance of the 2018 TAC of pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA will soon be reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is establishing a directed fishing allowance of 14,269 mt and is setting aside the remaining 100 mt as bycatch to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries. In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA. While this closure is effective the maximum retainable amounts at § 679.20(e) and (f) apply at any time during a trip.

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the closure of directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data only became available as of August 30, 2018.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Margo B. Schulze-Haugen,

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 THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

36 CFR Part 13

[Docket No. NPS–2018–0005; NPS–AKRO–26325; PPAKAKROZ5, PPMPRLE1Y.L00000]

RIN 1024–AE38

Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves—Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is extending the public comment period for the proposed rule to amend its regulations for sport hunting and trapping in National Preserves in Alaska. Extending the comment period will allow more time for the public to review the proposal and submit comments.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published on May 22, 2018 (83 FR 23621), is extended. Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1024–AE38, by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* Go to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail or hand delivery to: National Park Service, Regional Director, Alaska Regional Office, 240 West 5th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or in any way other than those specified above. We will post comments to *http://www.regulations.gov.* This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us. All submissions received must include the words ''National Park Service'' or ''NPS'' and must include the docket number (NPS–2018–0005) or RIN (1024–AE38) for this rulemaking.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Herbert C. Frost, Regional Director, Alaska Regional Office, 240 West 5th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501. Phone (907) 644–3510. Email: *AKR_Regulations@nps.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 22, 2018, the National Park Service (NPS) published in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 23621) a proposed rule to amend its regulations for sport hunting and trapping in National Preserves in Alaska. This proposed rule would remove a regulatory provision issued by the NPS in 2015 that prohibited certain sport hunting practices that are otherwise permitted by the State of Alaska. These proposed changes are consistent with Secretary of the Interior Orders 3347 and 3356. The public comment period for this proposal is scheduled to close on September 6, 2018. In order to give the public additional time to review and comment on the proposal, the NPS is extending the public comment period until Monday November 5, 2018. This date matches the deadline to submit comments on the related Environmental Assessment. Comments previously submitted on the proposed rule need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in preparing the final rule.

Andrea Travnicek,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Water and Science Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Royalty Board

37 CFR Part 387

[Docket No. 15–CRB–0010–CA–S]

Adjustment of Cable Statutory License Royalty Rates; Correction

AGENCY: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction and reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) are correcting one of the references to a docket number in a proposed rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 2018, and are reopening for an additional fourteen days the period for comments on modified proposed regulations to require affected cable systems to pay a separate per-telecast royalty (a Sports Surcharge) in addition to the other royalties that those cable systems must pay under Section 111 of the Copyright Act.

DATES: The comment period for the modified proposed rule published July 30, 2018, at 83 FR 36509, is reopened. Comments should be received on or before September 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and objections, identified by docket number 15–CRB–0010–CA–S, by any of the following methods:

CRB's electronic filing application: Submit comments online in eCRB at *https://app.crb.gov/.*

U.S. mail: Copyright Royalty Board, P.O. Box 70977, Washington, DC 20024–0977; or

Overnight service (only USPS Express Mail is acceptable): Copyright Royalty Board, P.O. Box 70977, Washington, DC 20024–0977; or

Commercial courier: Address package to: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, LM–403, 101 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20559–6000. Deliver to: Congressional Courier Acceptance Site, 2nd Street NE and D Street NE, Washington, DC; or

Hand delivery: Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, LM–401, 101 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20559–6000.

Instructions: Unless submitting online, commenters must submit an original, two paper copies, and an electronic version on a CD. All submissions must include a reference to the CRB and this docket number. All submissions will be posted without change to eCRB at *https://app.crb.gov/* including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read submitted background documents or comments, go to eCRB, the Copyright Royalty Board's electronic filing and case management system, at *https://app.crb.gov/* and search for docket number 15–CRB–0010–CA–S.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Blaine, CRB Program Specialist, by telephone at (202) 707–7658 or email at *crb@loc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, July 30, 2018, the Judges published in the **Federal Register** for comment modified proposed regulations to require affected cable operators to pay a Sports Surcharge royalty. In FR Doc. 2018–16175 appearing on page 36509 the following correction is made:

In the **ADDRESSES** section the docket number by which commenters were to identify their comments and objections is changed from ''17–CRB–0001–BER (2019–2023)'' to read ''15–CRB–0010–CA–S''. The Judges hereby correct that docket number and reopen the comment period for fourteen days to give any interested parties who were unable to file comments because of the incorrect docket number a chance to submit comments.

Dated: August 30, 2018.

David R. Strickler,

Copyright Royalty Judge.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 395

[Docket No. FMCSA–2018–0248]

RIN 2126–AC19

Hours of Service

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public listening session.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA announces that it will hold a public listening session concerning potential changes to its hours-of-service (HOS) rules for truck drivers. On August 23, 2018, FMCSA published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) seeking public comment on four specific aspects of the HOS rules for which the Agency is considering changes: The short-haul HOS limit; the HOS exception for adverse driving conditions; the 30-minute rest break provision; and the split-sleeper berth rule to allow drivers to split their required time in the sleeper berth. In addition, the Agency requested public comment on petitions for rulemaking from the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) and TruckerNation.org (TruckerNation). The Agency encourages vendors of electronic logging devices (ELDs) to participate to address potential implementation issues should changes to the HOS rules be made. The listening session will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, DC. The listening session will be webcast for the benefit of those not able to attend in person. The listening session will allow interested persons to present comments, views, and relevant research on topics mentioned above. All comments will be transcribed and placed in the rulemaking docket for the FMCSA's consideration.

DATES: The listening session will be September 14, 2018, in Washington, DC, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. The listening session will begin at 1 p.m. (EDT) and end at 3 p.m., or earlier, if all participants wishing to express their views have done so.

ADDRESSES: The September 14, 2018, meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2018–0248 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 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.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Submissions Containing Confidential Business Information (CBI):* Mr. Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Analysis Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the ''Public Participation and Request for Comments'' portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments, including collection of information comments for the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For special accommodations for the HOS listening session, such as sign language interpretation, contact Ms. Shannon L. Watson, Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Policy, (202) 385–2395 or at *shannon.watson@dot.gov,* by Wednesday, September 5, 2018, to allow us to arrange for such services. There is no guarantee that interpreter services requested on short notice can be provided. For information concerning the HOS rules, contact Mr. Tom Yager, Chief, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, (202) 366–4325, *mcpsd@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this ANPRM (Docket No. FMCSA–2018–0248), indicate the specific section of this document to which each section applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to *http://www.regulations.gov,* put the docket number, FMCSA–2018–0248, in the keyword box, and click ''Search.'' When the new screen appears, click on the ''Comment Now!'' button and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period for the ANPRM. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

Confidential Business Information

Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is customarily not made available to the public by the submitter. Under the Freedom of Information Act, CBI is eligible for protection from public disclosure. If you have CBI that is relevant or responsive

to the ANPRM and this listening session, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Accordingly, please mark each page of your submission as ''confidential'' or ''CBI.'' Submissions designated as CBI and meeting the definition noted above will not be placed in the public docket for the ANPRM and this listening session. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Mr. Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Analysis Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 or *brian.dahlin@dot.gov.* Any commentary that FMCSA receives which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period for the ANPRM.

B. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Insert the docket number, FMCSA–2018–0248, in the keyword box, and click ''Search.'' Next, click the ''Open Docket Folder'' button and choose the document to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

C. Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to *www.regulations.gov,* as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at *www.dot.gov/privacy.*

II. Background

On August 23, 2018 (83 FR 42631), FMCSA published an ANPRM concerning potential changes to its hours-of-service rules. The ANPRM indicated the Agency is considering changes in four areas of the HOS rules: The short-haul HOS limit [49 CFR 395.1(e)(1)(ii)(A)]; the HOS exception for adverse driving conditions [§ 395.1(b)(1)]; the 30-minute rest break provision [§ 395.3(a)(3)(ii)]; and the split-sleeper berth rule to allow drivers to split their required time in the sleeper berth [§ 395.1(g)(1)(i)(A) and (ii)(A)]. In addition, the Agency requested public comment on petitions for rulemaking from the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) and TruckerNation.org (TruckerNation). The ANPRM provides an opportunity for additional discussion of each of these topics. The listening session will provide interested persons to share their views on these topics with representatives of the Agency. The Agency encourages ELD vendors to participate to address potential implementation issues should changes to the HOS rules be made.

III. Meeting Participation

The listening session is open to the public. Speakers' remarks will be limited to 2 minutes each. The public may submit material to the FMCSA staff at the session for inclusion in the public docket, FMCSA–2018–0248. The session will be webcast in its entirety, providing the opportunity for remote participation via the internet. For information on participating in the live webcast, please go to *www.fmcsa.dot.gov.*

IV. Questions for Discussion During the Listening Session

In preparing their comments, meeting participants should consider the questions posed in the ANPRM about the current HOS requirements. Answers to these questions should be based upon the experience of the participants and any data or information they can share with FMCSA.

Issued on: August 30, 2018.

Raymond P. Martinez,

Administrator.

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Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of Intent To Establish the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS) and Research, Education and Economics (REE); and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services announce the intent to establish a Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and invite nominations for the Committee.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted by midnight Eastern Time on October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Nominations may be submitted by electronic mail to *dietaryguidelines@cnpp.usda.gov.* This address can be accessed through the internet at the following website address: *www.dietaryguidelines.gov.* Alternatively, nominations may be sent to: Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Nominations, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, VA 22302, (703) 305–7600 (telephone), (703) 305–3300 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eve Stoody (telephone 703–305–7600), Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, or, Richard Olson (telephone 240–453–8280), Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite LL100, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Additional information is available on the internet at *www.dietaryguidelines.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority and Purpose: Under Section 301 of Public Law 101–445 (7 U.S.C. 5341, the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990, Title III) the Secretaries of the U.S. Departments of Agriculture (USDA) and Health and Human Services (HHS) are directed to publish the Dietary Guidelines for Americans jointly at least every five years. The law instructs that this publication shall contain nutritional and dietary information and guidelines for the general public, shall be based on the preponderance of scientific and medical knowledge current at the time of publication, and shall be promoted by each Federal agency in carrying out any Federal food, nutrition, or health program. Recent editions of the Dietary Guidelines provide dietary advice for Americans ages 2 years and older. The Agricultural Act of 2014 mandates the addition of dietary guidance for women who are pregnant and infants and toddlers from birth to 24 months of age beginning with the 2020 edition.

The 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (the Committee) shall be formed and governed under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The Committee is established to provide independent, science-based advice and recommendations to be considered by USDA and HHS in the development of the 2020–2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Formation of the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

The Committee is expected to begin meeting during the Fall/Winter of 2018/2019; the Committee will meet approximately five times during the course of its operation. Pursuant to the FACA, all Committee meetings will be open to the public. The Committee will be established to accomplish a single, time-limited task. The Committee will develop a report of its recommendations that will be submitted to the Secretaries of USDA and HHS. Upon delivery of its report to the Secretaries or when the charter expires, the activities of the Committee will be terminated.

Structure: The Committee will consist of 13 to 20 members, including the Chair and Vice-Chairperson. Factors to be considered in selecting individuals to serve on the Committee include educational background, professional experience, and demonstrated scientific expertise in the issues to be examined by the Committee, as well as statutory obligations under FACA and requirements regarding a balanced membership.

Expertise in human nutrition related to disease prevention and health promotion during different stages of life, such as pediatrics, obstetrics, and geriatrics, will be sought. Expertise in the topics and scientific questions identified by the Departments to be examined by the Committee also will be sought. Information on the topics and scientific questions is available at *www.dietaryguidelines.gov.*

Equal opportunity practices regarding membership appointments to the Committee will be aligned with USDA and HHS policies. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA and HHS, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals who are minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Individuals will be appointed to serve as members of the Committee to represent balanced viewpoints of the scientific evidence, not to represent the viewpoints of any specific group.

Members of the Committee will be classified as Special Government Employees (SGEs) during their term of appointment on the Committee and, as such, are subject to the ethical standards of conduct for Federal employees. Upon entering the position and annually throughout the approximate 2-year term of appointment, members of the Committee will be required to complete and submit a report of their financial holdings.

Nominations and Appointments for Memberships: Nominees, including self-nominees, will be considered for appointment as members of the Committee. To be considered for an appointment requires submission of the following for each nominee: (1) A cover letter that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the rationale for the nomination (*i.e.,* specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement that the nominee would be willing to

serve as a member of the Committee, if selected; (2) the name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail address of the nominator and the individual being nominated; (3) a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae, which should be limited to no more than 15 pages; and (4) the following administrative form: AD–755 (Advisory Committee Membership Background Information, OMB Number 0505–0001), available on the internet at: *https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-755.* Where prohibited by Federal law or regulations, nominations will not be accepted directly from USDA research and promotion boards. Self-nominations and nominations by members of research and promotion boards in their individual capacity will be considered.

The curriculum vitae should include the following information: (a) Education; (b) experience (current and former); (c) affiliations (food, nutrition, public health, and/or other relevant associations, including positions held); (d) memberships (expert panels, committees, or other relevant groups, including positions held); (e) peer-reviewed publications (for past 10 years); (f) oral presentations (for past 5 years); (g) editorials, opinion pieces, and blogs (for past 5 years); (h) grant funding (for past 15 years); (i) name of any corporation, professional society, association, panel, company, firm, government agency (Federal, state, and local), research organization, educational institution, or other organization or institution (government, private, and not-for-profit; domestic and foreign) in which the nominee's services have been, will be, or are expected to be provided, with or without compensation, including on a part-time or seasonal basis as an officer, medical staff, board member, owner, trustee, director, expert advisor, consultant, official spokesperson, member of speakers bureau, or expert witness (for past 5 years and upcoming); (j) other paid travel or honoraria received, not included above (for past 5 years). Web links to publications, presentations, and other materials available online are requested, when available. In all cases, a limited selection of earlier publications, presentations, affiliations, etc. applicable to the qualifications may also be included.

Dated: August 28, 2018.

Brandon Lipps,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: August 28, 2018.

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Brett P. Giroir,

Admiral, U.S. Public Health Service, Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Chavonda Jacobs-Young,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

[Docket No. FSIS–2018–0035]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on September 26, 2018. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions to be discussed at the 24th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Brisbane, Australia, October 22–26, 2018. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary, Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 24th Session of the CCFICS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, from 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 24th Session of the CCFICS will be accessible via the internet at the following address: *http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en.*

Mary Stanley, U.S. Delegate to the 24th Session of the CCFICS invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: *Mary.Stanley@fsis.usda.gov.*

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 24th Session of the CCFICS by conference call, please use the call-in-number listed below:

Call-In-Number: 1–888–844–9904.

The participant code will be posted on the web page below: *http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings.*

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing *Ken.Lowery@osec.usda.gov* by September 22, 2018. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *About the 24th Session of the CCFICS*—Mary Stanley, Senior Advisor, Office of International Coordination, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2925, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (202) 720–0287, Fax: (202) 720–4929, Email: *Mary.Stanley@fsis.usda.gov.*

About the public meeting—Kenneth Lowery, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250 Phone: (202) 690–4042, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: *Ken.Lowery@osec.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The CCFICS is responsible for:

(a) Developing principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems, with a view to harmonizing methods and procedures that protect the health of consumers, ensure fair trading practices, and facilitate international trade in foodstuffs;

(b) Developing principles and guidelines for the application of

measures by the competent authorities of exporting and importing countries to provide assurance, where necessary, that foodstuffs comply with requirements, especially statutory health requirements;

(c) Developing guidelines for the utilization, as and when appropriate, of quality assurance systems to ensure that foodstuffs conform with requirements and to promote the recognition of these systems in facilitating trade in food products under bilateral/multilateral arrangements by countries;

(d) Developing guidelines and criteria with respect to format, declarations and language of such official certificates as countries may require with a view towards international harmonization;

(e) Making recommendations for information exchange in relation to food import/export control;

(f) Consulting as necessary with other international groups working on matters related to food inspection and certification systems; and

(g) Considering other matters assigned to it by the Commission in relation to food inspection and certification systems.

The CCFICS is hosted by Australia. The United States attends CCFICS as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 24th Session of the CCFICS will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies
- Information on activities of FAO and WHO and other international organizations relevant to the work of CCFICS
- Proposed draft guidance on the use of systems equivalence
- Proposed draft guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates (revision of the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates)
- Proposed draft guidance on regulatory approaches to third party assurance schemes in food safety and fair practices in the food trade
- Discussion paper on food integrity and food authenticity
- Discussion paper on consideration of emerging issues and future directions for the work of CCFICS
- Assessment of the experimental approach for intersessional Physical Working Groups (PWGs)
- Other businesses and future work

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed by the Secretariat before to the Committee Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the September 26, 2018, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Mary Stanley, U.S. Delegate for the 24th Session of the CCFICS (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 24th Session of the CCFICS.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: *http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register.* The U.S. Codex Office also offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: *http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe.* Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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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.*

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD).

Done at Washington, DC, on August 15, 2018.

Mary Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Housing Service

Rural Utilities Service

Rural Development Cooperative Agreement Program; Correction.

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Housing Service, and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects one item in the initial notice that published in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 2018, entitled ''Rural Development Cooperative Agreement Program.'' This correction revises the maximum available points for one scoring criteria.

DATES: Effective September 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Sorensen, Regional Coordinator, *christine.sorensen@wdc.usda.gov,* (202) 568–9832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR Doc. 2018–17765 appearing on page 41046 in the **Federal Register** of August 16, 2018, make the following correction:

Correction

On page 41052 in the second column, third paragraph, section d. reads ''The applicant will demonstrate how their proposal will utilize partnerships outside of RD . . . (10 points),'' replace with ''The applicant will demonstrate how their proposal will utilize partnerships outside of RD . . . (5 points).''

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Joby Young,

Chief of Staff, USDA Rural Development.

[FR Doc. 2018–19357 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on the following information collections for which the RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 5, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Brooks, Team Lead, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5162, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–1078. Email *michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires 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 collections that USDA Rural Development is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Michele Brooks, Team Lead, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5162, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–1078. Email *michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.*

Title: Mergers and Consolidations of Electric Borrowers, 7 CFR 1717, subpart D.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0114.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), as amended (RE Act) authorizes and empowers the administration of RUS to make and guarantee loans to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas. Due to deregulation and restructuring activities in the electric industry, RUS borrowers may find it advantageous to merge or consolidate to meet the challenges of industry change. This information collection addresses the requirements of RUS policies and procedures for mergers and consolidations of electric program borrowers.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.32 hours per response.

Respondents: Not for profit institutions; business or other for-profit entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 10.6.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 140 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimble Brown, Innovation Center, at (202) 692–0043, or email: *Kimble.Brown@wdc.usda.gov.* All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

[FR Doc. 2018–19344 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development mission area, invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Brooks, Team Lead, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5162, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–1078. Email *michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires 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 an information collection that will be submitted to OMB for approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Michele Brooks, Team Lead, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5162, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–1078. Email *michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.*

Title: RUS Form 675, Certification of Authority.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0074.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) manages loan programs in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) (RE Act). A major factor in managing loan programs is controlling the advance funds, including assuring that actual borrowers receive their funds. OMB Circular A–

123, Management Accountability and Control, provides that information should be maintained on a current basis and that funds should be protected from unauthorized use. The use of RUS Form 675 allows effective control against unauthorized release of funds by providing a list of authorized borrower signatures against which signatures requesting funds are compared. Form 675 allows borrowers to keep RUS up to-date of changes in signature authority and controls release of funds only to authorized borrower representatives.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average .10 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 163.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 16.0 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Robin M. Jones, Innovation Center, at (202) 772–1172. Email: *Robin.M.Jones@wdc.usda.gov.*

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

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission public business meeting.

DATES: Friday, September 14, 2018, 10:00 a.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Place: National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 11th Floor, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20245 (Entrance on F Street NW).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Walch, phone: (202) 376–8371; TTY: (202) 376–8116; email: *publicaffairs@usccr.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This business meeting is open to the public. There will also be a call-in line for individuals who desire to listen to the presentations: 800–682–0995; Conference ID 4872955. The event will also live-stream at *https://www.youtube.com/user/USCCR/videos.* (Please note that streaming information is subject to change.) Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376–8105 or at *signlanguage@usccr.gov* at least seven (7) business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Business Meeting

A. Presentation by Indiana Advisory Committee Chair on the Committee's recently released report, Voting Rights in Indiana

B. Presentation by Texas Advisory Committee Chair on the Committee's recently released report, Voting Rights in Texas

C. Presentation by Alabama Advisory Committee Chair on the Committee's recently released report, Access to Voting in Alabama

D. Discussion and Vote on Fiscal Year 2019 Program Planning

E. Discussion and Vote on Fiscal Year 2020 Program Planning for Statutory Enforcement Report

F. Management and Operations

- Staff Director's Report

III. Adjourn Meeting

Dated: September 4, 2018.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

[FR Doc. 2018–19455 Filed 9–4–18; 4:15 pm]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

[08/08/2018 through 08/29/2018]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Pareti Mobile Walls, LLC	700 Iehl Street, Central City, IA 52214.	8/20/2018	The firm manufactures prefabricated wood products, including walls and trade show displays.
Hitchcock, Inc.	49994 East Highway 24, Burlington, CO 80807.	8/29/2018	The firm manufactures trailers for the commercial transport of agricultural goods.
True Partners, LLC d/b/a Accent Group Solutions.	1154 Reco Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63126.	8/29/2018	The firm produces a wide variety of printed paper products.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public

hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Irette Patterson,

Program Analyst.

[FR Doc. 2018–19271 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–201–836]

Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From Mexico: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016–2017

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Maquilacero S.A. de C.V. (Maquilacero) and Regiomontana de Perfiles y Tubos S.A. de C.V. (Regiopytsa) made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review (POR) August 1, 2016, through July 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable September 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madeline Heeren or Kent Boydston, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–9179 or (202) 482–5649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 16, 2017, we published the notice of initiation for this administrative review.[1] For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of the review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.[2] Commerce exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through 22, 2018,[3] moving the deadline for the preliminary results to May 6, 2018.[4] On April 5, 2018, we extended the time limit for completion of the preliminary results of the review to no later than August 31, 2018.[5] A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included in the Appendix to this notice.

The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically *via* Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at *https://access.trade.gov* and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, located in room B8094 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at *http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/.* The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Order

The scope of this order covers certain welded carbon-quality light-walled steel pipe and tube, of rectangular (including square) cross section, having a wall thickness of less than 4 mm. The term carbon-quality steel includes both carbon steel and alloy steel which contains only small amounts of alloying elements. Specifically, the term carbon-quality includes products in which none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity by weight respectively indicated; 1.80 percent of manganese, or 2.25 percent of silicon, or 1.00 percent of copper, or 0.50 percent of aluminum, or 1.25 percent of chromium, or 0.30 percent of cobalt, or 0.40 percent of lead, or 1.25 percent of nickel, or 0.30 percent of tungsten, or 0.10 percent of molybdenum, or 0.10 percent of niobium, or 0.15 percent of vanadium, or 0.15 percent of zirconium.

The description of carbon-quality is intended to identify carbon-quality products within the scope. The welded-carbon quality rectangular pipe and tube subject to the order is currently classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 7306.61.50.00 and 7306.61.70.60. This tariff classification is provided for convenience and Customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Export price was calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value was calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that, for the period August 1, 2016, through July 31, 2017, the following weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Producer/Exporter	Weighted-average margin (percent)
Maquilacero S.A. de C.V.	4.48
Perfiles y Herrajes LM, S.A. de C.V.[6]	10.80
Productos Laminados de Monterrey S.A. de C.V.	10.80
Regiomontana de Perfiles y Tubos S.A. de C.V.	16.23

Disclosure and Public Comment

Wewill disclose to parties to the proceeding any calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results of review within five days after the date of publication of this notice.[7] Interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.[8] Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.[9] Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of

[1] *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews,* 82 FR 48051 (October 16, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

[2] *See* Memorandum, ''Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico; 2016–2017'', dated concurrently with this notice.

[3] If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce's practice, the deadline will become the next business day.

[4] *See* Memorandum for The Record from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, ''Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government'' (Tolling Memorandum), dated January 23, 2018. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 3 days. The new deadline falls on Sunday, May 6, 2018. The next business day is Monday, May 7, 2018.

[5] *See* Memorandum, ''Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube form Mexico: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016/2017,'' dated April 5, 2018.

[6] *See Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico: Initiation and Expedited Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review,* 82 FR 54322 (November 17, 2017) and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum, unchanged in *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review,* 83 FR 13475 (March 29, 2018) (Commerce determined that Perfiles LM, S.A. de C.V. is the successor-in-interest to Perfiles y Herrajes).

[7] *See* 19 CFR 351.224(b)

[8] *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

[9] *See* 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1).

the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.[10] Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS.[11]

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.[12] Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues parties intend to discuss. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, we intend to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a date and time to be determined.[13] Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Unless extended, we intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of our analysis of all issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.[14] If a respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* in the final results of this review and the respondent reported reliable entered values, we will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rates for the merchandise based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made during the period of review to each importer to the total entered value of those same sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). If the respondent has not reported reliable entered values, we will calculate a per-unit assessment rate for each importer by dividing the total amount of dumping for the examined sales made during the period of review to that importer by the total sales quantity associated with those transactions. Where an importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rate is zero or *de minimis,* we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2). If the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, we will instruct CBP not to assess duties on any of its entries in accordance with the *Final Modification for Reviews, i.e.,* '' {w}here the weighted-average margin of dumping for the exporter is determined to be zero or *de minimis,* no antidumping duties will be assessed.'' [15]

Regarding entries of subject merchandise during the period of review that were produced by Maquilacero and Regiopytsa and for which they did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate un-reviewed entries at the all-others rate of 3.76 percent, as established in the less-than-fair-value investigation of the order, if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.[16] For a full discussion of this matter, *see Assessment Policy Notice.*[17]

For the firms covered by this review, we intend to issue liquidation instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for Maquilacero and Regiopytsa and other companies listed above will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding in which they were reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or in the investigation but the producer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be the all-others rate of 3.76 percent. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

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

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

[10] *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

[11] *See* 19 CFR 351.303.

[12] *See* 19 CFR 351.310(c)

[13] *See* 19 CFR 351.310(d).

[14] *See* 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

[15] *See Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification,* 77 FR 8101, 8102 (February 14, 2012) (*Final Modification for Reviews*).

[16] *See Certain Steel Nails from the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Sultanate of Oman, Taiwan, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Antidumping Duty Orders,* 80 FR 39994 (July 13, 2015).

[17] *See Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties,* 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003) (*Assessment Policy Notice*).

12. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–069]

Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Rubber Bands From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that rubber bands from the People's Republic of China (China) are being or are likely to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable September 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Stolz or Stephanie Berger, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4474 or (202) 482–2483, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). We published the notice of initiation of this investigation on February 27, 2018.[1] On June 26, 2018, we postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation. The revised deadline is now August 29, 2018.[2] For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.[3] A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at *https://access.trade.gov,* and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at *http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/.* The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are rubber bands from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,[4] the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.,* scope).[5] Certain interested parties provided comments on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice.*[6] For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, *see* the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.[7] We are preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice. See* the revised scope in Appendix I to this notice.

Methodology

We are conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, we have preliminarily relied upon facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, for the China-wide entity because it did not respond to our requests for information. Specifically, all companies to which Commerce issued quantity and value (Q&V) questionnaires failed to respond.[8] Thus, no companies have demonstrated their eligibility for a separate rate and are preliminarily found to be part of the China-wide entity. Furthermore, we find that the China-wide entity's lack of participation, including the failure of certain parts of the China-wide entity to submit Q&V information, constitutes circumstances under which it is reasonable to conclude that the China-wide entity as a whole failed to cooperate to the best of its ability to comply with Commerce's request for information. For a full description of the methodology underlying Commerce's preliminary determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

On June 11, 2018, as revised on August 7, 2018, the petitioner timely filed a critical circumstances allegation, pursuant to section 733(e)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, alleging that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of rubber bands from China.[9] Based on the failure of all respondents, and thus the China-wide entity, to cooperate to the best of their ability to comply with Commerce's requests for information, we preliminarily determine that massive imports of rubber bands from China existed for the China-wide entity, based on adverse facts available, pursuant to section 733(e)(1)(B) of the Act. In addition, we have preliminarily determined that there is a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that importers knew, or should have known, that merchandise was being sold for less than fair value and that those sales were likely to cause material injury in accordance with section 733(e)(1)(A)(ii) of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology and the results of Commerce's analysis, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

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[1] *See Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China, Sri Lanka, and Thailand: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations,* 83 FR 8424, 8425 (February 27, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

[2] *See Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China and Thailand: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations,* 83 FR 29748 (June 26, 2018).

[3] *See* the memorandum, ''Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China,'' dated August 29, 2018 (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

[4] *See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule,* 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

[5] *See Initiation Notice.*

[6] *See* Greenbrier's and Conair's letter, ''Rubber Bands from, Thailand, China and Sri Lanka: Scope Comments,'' dated March 12, 2018; Jafferjee's letter, ''Rubber Bands from Thailand: Scope Comments,'' dated March 12, 2018; and, the petitioner's letter, ''Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Rubber Bands from Thailand and China—Rebuttal Scope Comments,'' dated March 22, 2018.

[7] *See* Memorandum, ''Rubber Bands from Thailand and the People's Republic of China: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination,'' dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

[8] *See* the memorandum, ''Antidumping Duty Investigation of Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China: Delivery of Quantity and Value Questionnaire to Exporters/Producers,'' dated March 6, 2018.

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Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margin exists:

Producer	Exporter	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)	Cash deposit (percent)
China-Wide Entity	China-Wide Entity	27.27	26.65

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of subject merchandise, as described in the scope of the investigation entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, as discussed below. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin, adjusted for export subsidies, as indicated in the chart above.

Section 733(e)(2) of the Act provides that, given an affirmative determination of critical circumstances, any suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the later of (a) the date which is 90 days before the date on which the suspension of liquidation was first ordered, or (b) the date on which notice of initiation of the investigation was published. Commerce preliminarily finds that critical circumstances exist for all imports of subject merchandise from China. In accordance with section 733(e)(2)(A) of the Act, the suspension of liquidation shall apply to all unliquidated entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date which is 90 days before the publication of this notice.

To determine the cash deposit rate, Commerce normally adjusts the estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the amount of domestic subsidy pass-through and export subsidies determined in a companion countervailing duty (CVD) proceeding when CVD provisional measures are in effect. Accordingly, where Commerce has made a preliminary affirmative determination for export subsidies, Commerce has offset the calculated estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the appropriate rate(s). Any such cash deposit rates may be found in the Preliminary Determination Section's chart of estimated weighted-average dumping margins above.

Should provisional measures in the companion CVD investigation expire prior to the expiration of provisional measures in this LTFV investigation, Commerce will direct CBP to begin collecting cash deposits at a rate equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin calculated in this preliminary determination unadjusted for the export subsidies at the time the CVD provisional measures expire. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure

Normally, Commerce discloses to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with a preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because Commerce preliminarily applied AFA to companies in this investigation in accordance with section 776 of the Act, and the applied AFA rate is based solely on the petition, there are no calculations to disclose.

Verification

Because all respondents did not provide information requested by Commerce and we preliminarily determine that all respondents to have been uncooperative, verification will not be conducted.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the preliminary determination, unless the Secretary alters the time limit. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.[10] Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, we intend to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we notified the ITC of our preliminary affirmative determination of sales at LTFV and preliminary determination of critical circumstances. If the Commerce final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether imports of the subject merchandise are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry and whether critical circumstances exist.

[10] *See* 19 CFR 351.309; *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The products subject to this investigation are bands made of vulcanized rubber, with a flat length, as actually measured end-to-end by the band lying flat, no less than ½ inch and no greater than 10 inches; with a width, which measures the dimension perpendicular to the length, actually of at least 3/64 inch and no greater than 2 inches; and a wall thickness actually from 0.020 inch to 0.125 inch. Vulcanized rubber has been chemically processed into a more durable material by the addition of sulfur or other equivalent curatives or accelerators. Subject products are included regardless of color or inclusion of printed material on the rubber band's surface, including but not limited to, rubber bands with printing on them, such as a product name, advertising, or slogan, and printed material (*e.g.,* a tag) fastened to the rubber band by an adhesive or another temporary type of connection. The scope includes vulcanized rubber bands which are contained or otherwise exist in various forms and packages, such as, without limitation, vulcanized rubber bands included within a desk accessory set or other type of set or package, and vulcanized rubber band balls. The scope excludes products that consist of an elastomer loop and durable tag all-in-one, and bands that are being used at the time of import to fasten an imported product.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are vulcanized rubber bands of various sizes with arrow shaped rubber protrusions from the outer diameter that exceeds at the anchor point a wall thickness of 0.125 inches and where the protrusion is used to loop around, secure and lock in place.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are yarn/fabric-covered vulcanized rubber hair bands, regardless of size.

Merchandise covered by this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 4016.99.3510. Merchandise covered by the scope may also enter under HTSUS subheading 4016.99.6050. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–570–076]

Certain Plastic Decorative Ribbon From the People's Republic of China: Amended Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: On June 22, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary determination of the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation on certain plastic decorative ribbon (plastic ribbon) from the People's Republic of China (China). Commerce is amending the scope of the preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable September 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Hoadley, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 22, 2018, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary determination of the CVD investigation of plastic ribbon.[1] On August 2, 2018, Commerce placed on the record of this investigation a preliminary decision memorandum addressing all comments received in this proceeding and the companion antidumping proceeding regarding the scope of the investigations.[2] In accordance with the comments discussed in the memorandum, we made certain changes to the scope of these investigations. The changes include a revision to part b) of clause 4 in paragraph 5, and the exclusion of certain shredded plastic film or shredded plastic strip from the investigations. The revised scope is printed in its entirety below.

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is certain plastic decorative ribbon having a width (measured at the narrowest span of the ribbon) of less than or equal to four (4) inches in actual measurement, including but not limited to ribbon wound onto itself; a spool, a core or a tube (with or without flanges); attached to a card or strip; wound into a keg- or egg-shaped configuration; made into bows, bow-like items, or other shapes or configurations; and whether or not packaged or labeled for retail sale. The subject merchandise is typically made of substrates of polypropylene, but may be made in whole or in part of any type of plastic, including without limitation, plastic derived from petroleum products and plastic derived from cellulose products. Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, the word ''ribbon'' used in the singular includes the plural and the plural ''ribbons'' includes the singular.

The subject merchandise includes ribbons comprised of one or more layers of substrates made, in whole or in part, of plastics adhered to each other, regardless of the method used to adhere the layers together, including without limitation, ribbons comprised of layers of substrates adhered to each other through a lamination process. Subject merchandise also includes ribbons comprised of (a) one or more layers of substrates made, in whole or in part, of plastics adhered to (b) one or more layers of substrates made, in whole or in part, of non-plastic materials, including, without limitation, substrates made, in whole or in part, of fabric.

The ribbons subject to this investigation may be of any color or combination of colors (including without limitation, ribbons that are transparent, translucent or opaque) and may or may not bear words or images, including without limitation, those of a holiday motif. The subject merchandise

[1] *Certain Plastic Decorative Ribbon from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination,* 83 FR 29096 (June 22, 2018) (Preliminary CVD Determination).

[2] *See* Scope Comments Preliminary Decision Memorandum, dated July 30, 2018.

includes ribbons with embellishments and/or treatments, including, without limitation, ribbons that are printed, hot-stamped, coated, laminated, flocked, crimped, die-cut, embossed (or that otherwise have impressed designs, images, words or patterns), and ribbons with holographic, metallic, glitter or iridescent finishes.

Subject merchandise includes ''pull-bows'' an assemblage of ribbons connected to one another, folded flat, and equipped with a means to form such ribbons into the shape of a bow by pulling on a length of material affixed to such assemblage, and ''pre-notched'' bows, an assemblage of notched ribbon loops arranged one inside the other with the notches in alignment and affixed to each other where notched, and which the end user forms into a bow by separating and spreading the loops circularly around the notches, which form the center of the bow. Subject merchandise includes ribbons that are packaged with non-subject merchandise, including ensembles that include ribbons and other products, such as gift wrap, gift bags, gift tags and/or other gift packaging products. The ribbons are covered by the scope of this investigation; the ''other products'' (*i.e.,* the other, non-subject merchandise included in the ensemble) are not covered by the scope of this investigation.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are the following: (1) Ribbons formed exclusively by weaving plastic threads together; (2) ribbons that have metal wire in, on, or along the entirety of each of the longitudinal edges of the ribbon; (3) ribbons with an adhesive coating covering the entire span between the longitudinal edges of the ribbon for the entire length of the ribbon; (4) ribbon formed into a bow without a tab or other means for attaching the bow to an object using adhesives, where the bow has: (a) An outer layer that is either flocked or made of fabric, and (b) a flexible metal wire at the base which permits attachment to an object by twist-tying; (5) elastic ribbons, meaning ribbons that elongate when stretched and return to their original dimension when the stretching load is removed; (6) ribbons affixed as a decorative detail to non-subject merchandise, such as a gift bag, gift box, gift tin, greeting card or plush toy, or affixed (including by tying) as a decorative detail to packaging containing non-subject merchandise; (7) ribbons that are (a) affixed to non-subject merchandise as a working component of such non-subject merchandise, such as where the ribbon comprises a book marker, bag cinch, or part of an identity card holder, or (b) affixed (including by tying) to non-subject merchandise as a working component that holds or packages such non-subject merchandise or attaches packaging or labeling to such non-subject merchandise, such as a ''belly band'' around a pair of pajamas, a pair of socks or a blanket; (8) imitation raffia made of plastics having a thickness not more than one (1) mil when measured in an unfolded/untwisted state; and (9) ribbons in the form of bows having a diameter of less than seven-eighths (7/8) of an inch, or having a diameter of more than 16 inches, based on actual measurement. For purposes of this exclusion, the diameter of a bow is equal to the diameter of the smallest circular ring through which the bow will pass without compressing the bow.

The scope of the investigation is not intended to include shredded plastic film or shredded plastic strip, in each case where the shred does not exceed 5 mm in width and does not exceed 18 inches in length, imported in bags.

Further, excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty investigation are any products covered by the existing antidumping duty order on polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip (PET Film) from the People's Republic of China (China). *See Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from Brazil, the People's Republic of China and the United Arab Emirates: Antidumping Duty Orders and Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value for the United Arab Emirates,* 73 FR 66595 (November 10, 2008).

Merchandise covered by this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 3920.20.0015 and 3926.40.0010. Merchandise covered by this investigation also may enter under subheadings 3920.10.0000; 3920.20.0055; 3920.30.0000; 3920.43.5000; 3920.49.0000; 3920.62.0050; 3920.62.0090; 3920.69.0000; 3921.90.1100; 3921.90.1500; 3921.90.1910; 3921.90.1950; 3921.90.4010; 3921.90.4090; 3926.90.9996; 5404.90.0000; 9505.90.4000; 4601.99.9000; 4602.90.0000; 5609.00.3000; 5609.00.4000; and 6307.90.9889. These HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to the *Preliminary CVD Determination,* Commerce previously suspended liquidation of certain plastic decorative ribbon from China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after June 22, 2018 (the publication of the *Preliminary CVD Determination* in the **Federal Register**). Commerce will now instruct Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of certain plastic decorative ribbon from China, as defined by the revised scope language included above, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication of this amended preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**. Commerce will also instruct CBP to lift suspension of certain shredded plastic film or shredded plastic strip, as defined above, now excluded from the investigation.

Public Comment

Commerce has previously set August 13, 2018, as the deadline for case briefs and August 20, 2018 as the deadline for rebuttal briefs regarding the CVD preliminary determination.[3] Commerce has set a separate deadline for scope comments for both the antidumping and CVD proceedings.[4] The current deadline for case briefs regarding scope issues is August 30, 2018, and the current deadline for rebuttal briefs regarding scope issues is September 4, 2018. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its amended preliminary determination. If Commerce's final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after Commerce's final determination.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act.

[3] *See* Memorandum from Kaitlin Wojnar, ''Countervailing Duty Investigation of Plastic Decorative Ribbon from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Briefing Schedule and Clarification Regarding Scope Issues,'' dated July 24, 2018.

[4] *See* Scope Comments Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 5.

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting of the President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (PAC–DBIA or Council).

SUMMARY: The President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa will hold the final meeting of its term to deliberate and consider adopting a report containing recommendations to the President on actions the United States Government could take to mitigate obstacles that U.S. companies face in doing business in Africa, as well as findings from the Council's June 24–July 5, 2018 Fact-Finding Trip to Ethiopia, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, countries the Council identified as holding particular promise of business opportunities for U.S. companies, that was led by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Under Secretary for International Trade Gil Kaplan. The recommendations in the Council's report may include updates to recommendations the Council previously adopted on April 18, 2018 for Ethiopia, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, new recommendations that focus on those or other African countries, and recommendations that apply to the African region broadly.

The Secretary of Commerce extended the appointments of the members of the PAC–DBIA by 60 days, to expire on November 5, 2018, to allow the Council sufficient time to complete its final report following the Fact-Finding Trip.

The final agenda for the meeting will be posted at least one week in advance of the meeting on the Council's website at *http://trade.gov/pac-dbia.*

DATES: September 26, 2018, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa meeting will be broadcast via live webcast on the internet at *http://whitehouse.gov/live.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Giancarlo Cavallo or Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 22004, Washington, DC, 20230, telephone: 202–482–2091, email: *dbia@trade.gov, Giancarlo.Cavallo@trade.gov, Ashley.Bubna@trade.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Council was established on November 4, 2014, to advise the President, through the Secretary of Commerce, on strengthening commercial engagement between the United States and Africa. The Council's charter was renewed for a second, two-year term in September 2017. The Council was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Public Submissions: The public is invited to submit written statements to the Council. Statements must be received by 5:00 p.m. September 19, 2018 by either of the following methods:

a. Electronic Submissions

Submit statements electronically to Giancarlo Cavallo and Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, via email: *dbia@trade.gov.*

b. Paper Submissions

Send paper statements to Giancarlo Cavallo and Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 22004, Washington, DC, 20230.

Statements will be provided to the members in advance of the meeting for consideration and also will be posted on the Council website (*http://trade.gov/pac-dbia*). Any business proprietary information should be clearly designated as such. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure.

Meeting minutes: Copies of the Council's meeting minutes will be available within ninety (90) days of the meeting on the Council's website at *http://trade.gov/pac-dbia.*

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Fred Stewart,

Director, Office of Africa.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–570–070]

Rubber Bands From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, in the Countervailing Duty Investigation, and Amendment to the Scope of the Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) has preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of rubber bands from certain producers and exporters from the People's Republic of China (China). Further, Commerce has amended the scope of the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation on rubber bands from China.

DATES: Applicable September 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Johnson, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–4793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 30, 2018, Commerce received a CVD petition concerning imports of rubber bands from China filed in proper form on behalf of Alliance Rubber Co. (the petitioner).[1] The investigation was initiated on February 20, 2018,[2] and the affirmative *Preliminary Determination* was published on July 9, 2018.[3]

Commerce selected Graceful Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. (Graceful), Moyoung Trading Co., Ltd. (Moyoung), and Ningbo Syloon Imp & Exp Co., Ltd. (Ningbo Syloon) (collectively, the mandatory respondents) as the individually-examined respondents in

[1] *See* Letter from the petitioner, ''Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties: Rubber Bands from Thailand, China, and Sri Lanka,'' dated January 30, 2018 (Petition).

[2] *See Rubber Bands from Thailand, the People's Republic of China, and Sri Lanka: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations,* 83 FR 8429 (February 27, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*), and accompanying Initiation Checklist.

[3] *See Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Determination,* 83 FR 31729 (July 9, 2018) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

this investigation. Because neither the Government of China (GOC) nor the three mandatory respondents responded to Commerce's CVD questionnaire and, thus, are not cooperating in this investigation, Commerce's preliminary determination was based on the application of adverse facts available (AFA) in accordance with section 776(a) and (b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).[4]

On June 11, 2018, the petitioner alleged that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of rubber bands from China, pursuant to section 703(e)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206.[5] On June 27, 2018, we notified the petitioner that additional information was needed to support the allegation, in particular monthly import data and an explanation for the proposed base period.[6] On August 7, 2018, the petitioner submitted an amended allegation of critical circumstances.[7]

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.206(c)(1), if the petitioner submits an allegation of critical circumstances 30 days or more before the scheduled date of the final determination,[8] Commerce will make a preliminary finding whether there is a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that critical circumstances exist. Commerce will issue its preliminary finding of critical circumstances within 30 days after the petitioner submits the allegation.[9]

Period of Investigation (POI)

The POI is January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are rubber bands from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* the Appendix to this notice.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,[10] the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.,* scope).[11] Certain interested parties provided comments on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice.*[12] For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record of this CVD investigation, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, *see* the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.[13] We are preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice* and *Preliminary Determination. See* the revised scope in the Appendix to this notice.

Allegation of Critical Circumstances

The petitioner alleges a massive increase of imports of rubber bands from China and provided monthly import data, sourced from the U.S. International Trade Commission's (ITC) Tariff and Trade DataWeb (DataWeb) for the period January 2017 through April 2018.[14] The petitioner states that a comparison of total imports (by value) [15] for the period February 2017 through April 2017, to the period February 2018 through April 2018, shows that imports of rubber bands from China increased by 17.22 percent,[16] which is considered ''massive'' under 19 CFR 351.206(h)(2).

The petitioner also alleges that there is a reasonable basis to believe that there are subsidies in this investigation which are inconsistent with the Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement (SCM Agreement).[17]

Critical Circumstances Analysis

Section 703(e)(1) of the Act provides that Commerce will preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist if there is a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that: (A) The alleged countervailable subsidy is inconsistent with the SCM Agreement,[18] and (B) there have been massive imports of the subject merchandise over a relatively short period.

In determining whether there are ''massive imports'' over a ''relatively short period,'' pursuant to section 703(e)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206(h) and (i), Commerce normally compares the import volumes of the subject merchandise for at least three months immediately preceding the filing of the petition (*i.e.,* the base period) to a comparable period of at least three months following the filing of the petition (*i.e.,* the comparison period). The regulations also provide, however, that if Commerce finds that importers, or exporters or producers, had reason to believe, at some time prior to the beginning of the proceeding, that a proceeding was likely, Commerce may consider a period of not less than three months from the earlier time.[19] Imports must increase by at least 15 percent during the comparison period to be considered massive.[20]

Application of Facts Available for the Mandatory Respondents

Sections 776(a)(1) and (2) of the Act provide that Commerce shall, subject to section 782(d) of the Act, apply ''facts otherwise available'' if necessary information is not on the record or an interested party or any other person: (A) Withholds information that has been requested; (B) fails to provide information within the deadlines established, or in the form and manner requested by Commerce, subject to subsections (c)(1) and (e) of section 782 of the Act; (C) significantly impedes a proceeding; or (D) provides information that cannot be verified as provided by section 782(i) of the Act. Because the mandatory respondents decided to not participate in this investigation, we have made this preliminary determination with respect to critical circumstances on the basis of facts

[4] *See Preliminary Determination* PDM at Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences.

[5] *See* Letter from the petitioner, ''Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China: Critical Circumstances Allegation,'' dated June 11, 2018 (Critical Circumstances Allegation).

[6] *See* Letter to the petitioner, ''Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China: Critical Circumstances Allegation,'' dated June 27, 2018.

[7] *See* Letter from the petitioner, ''Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China: Critical Circumstances Allegation, Supplement to Brief,'' dated August 7, 2018 (Amended Critical Circumstances Allegation).

[8] The final determination for this CVD investigation is due no later than November 13, 2018.

[9] *See* 19 CFR 351.206(c)(2)(ii).

[10] *See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule,* 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

[11] *See Initiation Notice*, 83 FR at 8430.

[12] *See* Letter from Greenbrier International, Inc. and Conair Corporation, ''Rubber Bands from, Thailand, China, and Sri Lanka: Scope Comments,'' dated March 12, 2018; Letter from Jafferjee Brothers Exports (Pvt) Ltd., ''Rubber Bands from Thailand: Scope Comments,'' dated March 12, 2018; and Letter from the petitioner, ''Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Rubber Bands from Thailand and China—Rebuttal Scope Comments,'' dated March 22, 2018.

[13] *See* Memorandum, ''Rubber Bands from Thailand and the People's Republic of China: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination,'' dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

[14] *See* Amended Critical Circumstances Allegation at Exhibit 1.

[15] For ''U.S. imports for consumption,'' DataWeb reports only US$ value data for the harmonized tariff schedule number 4016.99.3510.

[16] *See* Amended Critical Circumstances Allegation at 3.

[17] *See* Critical Circumstances Allegation at 3–5.

[18] Commerce limits its critical circumstances findings to those subsidies contingent upon export performance or use of domestic over imported goods (*i.e.,* those prohibited under Article 3 of the SCM Agreement). *See e.g., Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Final Negative Critical Circumstances Determination: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire from Germany,* 67 FR 55808, 55809–10 (August 30, 2002).

[19] *See* 19 CFR 351.206(i).

[20] *See* 19 CFR 351.206(h)(2).

otherwise available, pursuant to section 776(a)(2)(A), (B), and (C) of the Act.

Section 776(b) of the Act provides that Commerce may use an adverse inference in selecting from among the facts otherwise available when a party fails to cooperate by not acting to the best of its ability to comply with a request for information. Further, section 776(b)(2) of the Act states that an adverse inference may include reliance on information derived from the petition, the final determination from the investigation, a previous administrative review, or other information placed on the record. Because Graceful, Moyoung, and Ningbo Syloon did not cooperate to the best of their ability in this investigation, in selecting from the facts available, we find that an adverse inference is warranted, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act, with respect to critical circumstances. As such, we are making an adverse inference that Graceful, Moyoung, and Ningbo Syloon each benefited from countervailable subsidies under the ''Export Assistance Grants'' program. As determined in Commerce's Initiation Checklist, the ''Export Assistance Grants'' program, alleged in the Petition and supported by information reasonably available to the petitioner, appears to be export contingent and thus inconsistent with the SCM Agreement.[21] Also, based on AFA, we preliminarily determine that Graceful, Moyoung, and Ningbo Syloon had massive imports of subject merchandise over a relatively short period. Thus, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist regarding imports of rubber bands shipped by Graceful, Moyoung, and Ningbo Syloon, pursuant to sections 703(e)(1) and 776(a) and (b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206.

All Other Companies

Consistent with prior determinations, we have not imputed the adverse inference of massive imports that we applied to the mandatory respondents to the non-individually examined companies receiving the all-others rate.[22] Rather, we examined data for total imports of subject merchandise during the comparison period relative to a base period to determine whether or not imports were massive with respect to these companies.

The petitioner stated that it is not aware of any seasonal or consumption trends.[23] The petitioner did not provide, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.206(i), any argument or evidence that importers, exporters, or producers had reason to believe, at some point prior to the filing of the Petition that a proceeding was likely.[24] Therefore, to determine whether or not there has been a massive surge of imports with respect to all other exporters or producers, we used a comparison period starting with February 2018, because the Petition was filed on January 30, 2018,[25] and ending with the most recent month for which we have import data on the record (*i.e.,* June 2018).

We obtained U.S. import value data from DataWeb for each month from January 2017 through June 2018.[26] It is Commerce's practice to base its critical circumstances analysis on all available data, using base and comparison periods of no less than three months. Therefore, we selected a five-month base period of September 2017 through January 2018, to compare to the comparison period of February 2018 through June 2018, to determine whether or not imports of subject merchandise were massive over a relatively short period. Our analysis of the data, which indicate a 9.1 percent decrease in imports of rubber bands from China, leads us to conclude that there was not a massive increase in imports, as defined by 19 CFR 351.206(h)(2).[27] Therefore, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to all other exporters or producers.

We will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances for rubber bands from China when we make our final determination in this investigation, which is currently scheduled to be signed no later than November 13, 2018.

Public Comment

Interested parties may submit case briefs or other written comments with regard to this preliminary affirmative critical circumstances determination and the preliminary scope decision. Such submissions must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance *via* ACCESS[28] no later than 30 days after the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.[29] Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.[30] Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.[31]

Electronically filed documents must be received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time,[32] on the due dates established above.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(e)(2)(A) of the Act, we are directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation, with regard to Graceful, Moyoung, and Ningbo Syloon, of any unliquidated entries of subject merchandise from the China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after April 10, 2018, which is 90 days prior to the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register**. For such entries, CBP shall require a cash deposit equal to the estimated preliminary subsidy rates established for Graceful, Moyoung, and Ningbo Syloon in the *Preliminary Determination.* This suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice. Further, as a result of the changes to the scope of the investigation in the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum, we are amending the scope of the investigation as published in the *Preliminary Determination.* We

[21] *See* Initiation Checklist at 23.

[22] *See e.g., Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination, Preliminary Partial Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination,* 80 FR 79558 (December 22, 2015), and accompanying PDM at 17–20, unchanged in *Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Final Partial Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination,* 81 FR 32729 (May 24, 2016).

[23] *See* Critical Circumstances Allegation at 6.

[24] *Id.* and Amended Critical Circumstances Allegation.

[25] When a petition is filed in the second half of the month, Commerce's practice is to consider the month in which the petition was filed as part of the base period. Based on the date of filing of the Petition, *i.e.,* January 30, 2018, which is in the second half of the month, February 2018 begins the comparison period. *See e.g., Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Russian Federation and the United Arab Emirates: Affirmative Preliminary Determinations of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances for Imports of Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Russian Federation,* 82 FR 42794 (September 12, 2017), and accompanying PDM at 13.

[26] *See* Memorandum, ''Countervailing Duty Investigation of Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China: Import Data for Preliminarily Determination of Critical Circumstances,'' dated concurrently with this notice.

[27] *Id.*

[28] ACCESS is Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System. It is available to registered users at *http://access.trade.gov,* and in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Commerce building.

[29] *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i); *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

[30] *See* 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1).

[31] *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

[32] *See* 19 CFR 351.303(b)(1).

will send appropriate instructions to CBP to reflect these changes to the scope of the investigation.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of this preliminary determination of critical circumstances.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

Amended Scope of the Investigation

The products subject to this investigation are bands made of vulcanized rubber, with a flat length, as actually measured end-to-end by the band lying flat, no less than ½ inch and no greater than 10 inches; with a width, which measures the dimension perpendicular to the length, actually of at least 3/64 inch and no greater than 2 inches; and a wall thickness actually from 0.020 inch to 0.125 inch. Vulcanized rubber has been chemically processed into a more durable material by the addition of sulfur or other equivalent curatives or accelerators. Subject products are included regardless of color or inclusion of printed material on the rubber band's surface, including but not limited to, rubber bands with printing on them, such as a product name, advertising, or slogan, and printed material (*e.g.,* a tag) fastened to the rubber band by an adhesive or another temporary type of connection. The scope includes vulcanized rubber bands which are contained or otherwise exist in various forms and packages, such as, without limitation, vulcanized rubber bands included within a desk accessory set or other type of set or package, and vulcanized rubber band balls. The scope excludes products that consist of an elastomer loop and durable tag all-in-one, and bands that are being used at the time of import to fasten an imported product.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are vulcanized rubber bands of various sizes with arrow shaped rubber protrusions from the outer diameter that exceeds at the anchor point a wall thickness of 0.125 inches and where the protrusion is used to loop around, secure and lock in place.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are yarn/fabric-covered vulcanized rubber hair bands, regardless of size.

Merchandise covered by this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 4016.99.3510. Merchandise covered by the scope may also enter under HTSUS subheading 4016.99.6050. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–549–835]

Rubber Bands From Thailand: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that rubber bands from Thailand are being or are likely to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable September 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel LaCivita or Stephanie Berger, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4243 or (202) 482–2483, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). We published the notice of initiation of this investigation on February 27, 2018.[1] On June 26, 2018, we postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation. The revised deadline is now August 29, 2018.[2] For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.[3] A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at *https://access.trade.gov,* and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at *http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/.* The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are rubber bands from Thailand. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to our regulations,[4] the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.,* scope).[5] Certain interested parties provided comments on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*.[6] For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, *see* the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.[7] We are preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice. See* the revised scope in Appendix I to this notice.

Methodology

We are conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. We have calculated export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Normal value (NV) is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

[1] *See Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China, Sri Lanka, and Thailand: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations,* 83 FR 8424 (February 27, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

[2] *See Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China and Thailand: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-FairValue Investigations,* 83 FR 29748 (June 26, 2018).

[3] *See* Memorandum, ''Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Rubber Bands from Thailand,'' dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

[4] *See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule,* 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

[5] *See Initiation Notice.*

[6] *See* Greenbrier's and Conair's letter, ''Rubber Bands from, Thailand, China and Sri Lanka: Scope Comments,'' dated March 12, 2018; Jafferjee's letter, ''Rubber Bands from Thailand: Scope Comments,'' dated March 12, 2018; and, the petitioner's letter, ''Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Rubber Bands from Thailand and China—Rebuttal Scope Comments,'' dated March 22, 2018.

[7] *See* Memorandum, ''Rubber Bands from Thailand: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination,'' dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

All-Others Rate

Sections 733(d)(1)(ii) and 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination we shall determine an estimated all-others rate for all exporters and producers not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act.

In this investigation, we preliminarily determined a zero rate for Liang Hah Heng International Rubber Co., Ltd. (Liang Hah Heng).[8] Therefore, the only rate that is not zero, *de minimis* or based entirely on facts otherwise available is the rate calculated for U. Yong Industry Co., Ltd. (U. Yong).[9] Consequently, the rate calculated for U. Yong is also assigned as the rate for all-other producers and exporters.

Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Liang Hah Heng International Rubber Co., Ltd./Hah Shung Heng Co[10]	0.00
U. Yong Industry Co., Ltd	5.86
All Others	5.86

Consistent with section 733(b)(3) of the Act, we disregard *de minimis* rates and preliminarily determine that individually examined respondents with *de minimis* rates have not made sales of subject merchandise at LTFV.

[8] *See* Memorandum, ''Analysis Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination of the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Rubber Bands from Thailand: Liang Hah Heng International Rubber Co., Ltd. (Liang Hah Heng) and Hah Shung Heng Co. (Hah Shung Heng),'' dated concurrently with this notice (Liang Hah Heng's Preliminary Analysis Memorandum).

[9] *See* Memorandum, ''Analysis Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination of the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Rubber Bands from Thailand: U. Yong Industry Co., Ltd. (U. Yong),'' dated concurrently with this notice (U. Yong's Preliminary Analysis Memorandum).

[10] We have preliminarily determined that Liang Hah Heng and its affiliated party, Hah Shung Heng Co. (Hah Shung Heng) are a single entity. *See* Memorandum, ''Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Rubber Bands from Thailand: Affiliation and Collapsing Memorandum Regarding Liang Hah Heng International Rubber Co., Ltd. and Hah Shung Heng Co.,'' dated July 20, 2018.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, we will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), we will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or the estimated all-others rate, as follows: (1) The cash deposit rate for the respondents listed above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined in this preliminary determination, except if that rate is zero or *de minimis,* no cash deposit will be required; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for that producer of the subject merchandise; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all-other producers and exporters will be equal to the all-others estimated weighted-average dumping margin.

We normally adjust cash deposits for estimated antidumping duties by the amount of export subsidies countervailed in a companion countervailing duty (CVD) proceeding, when CVD provisional measures are in effect. Accordingly, where we preliminarily make an affirmative determination for countervailable export subsidies, we offset the estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the appropriate CVD rate.

However, in the companion CVD preliminary determination, we have preliminarily determined that no countervailable subsidies are being provided to the production or exportation of subject merchandise, and therefore, we did not direct CBP to suspend liquidation of any such entries.[11] Accordingly, we made no adjustment for the prohibited subsidy offset to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure

We intend to disclose to interested parties the calculations and analysis performed in connection with this preliminary determination within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

[11] *See Rubber Bands from Thailand: Preliminary Negative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination,* 83 FR 31728 (July 9, 2018).

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, we intend to verify information relied upon in making our final determination.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.[12] Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, we intend to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who

[12] *See* 19 CFR 351.309; *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioner. Section 351.210(e)(2) of our regulations requires that a request by exporters for postponement of the final determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

On July 31, 2018, and August 1, 2018, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), Liang Hah Heng and U. Yong requested to postpone the final determination for a maximum of 135 days after the date of publication of the preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**, in the event that we issued an affirmative preliminary determination.[13] Liang Hah Heng and U. Yong, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2), also requested an extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.[14] In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) The preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporters account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, we are postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, we will make our final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

[13] *See* Liang Hah Heng's letter, ''Rubber Bands from Thailand: Request to Extend the Deadline for the Final Determination,'' dated July 31, 2018; U. Yong's letter, ''Rubber Bands from Thailand: Conditional Request for Extension of Final Determination,'' dated August 1, 2018.

[14] *Id.*

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

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Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG455

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Advisory Panel and Committee will hold a public meeting via webinar.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday September 24, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar, which can be accessed at: *http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/chubapcom2/.* Participants may also connect via telephone by calling 1–800–832–0736 and entering room number 5068871.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; website: *www.mafmc.org.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's

Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Advisory Panel and Committee will meet on Monday, September 24, 2018 (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). The purpose of this meeting is to review and provide comments on a draft public hearing document for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Chub Mackerel Amendment. This amendment will consider adding Atlantic chub mackerel (*Scomber colias*) to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. The amendment will consider potential catch limits, accountability measures, and other conservation and management measures required for stocks ''in the fishery.''

Background documents can be found on the Council's website (*www.mafmc.org*).

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG456

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings (webinars).

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Salmon Technical Team (STT) will hold a series of meetings via webinar to continue the discussion on the ongoing development of salmon rebuilding plans for Klamath River fall Chinook, Sacramento River fall Chinook, Strait of Juan de Fuca natural coho, Queets River natural coho, and Snohomish River natural coho. Each meeting is scheduled for two hours with either a morning or afternoon start time. These meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The STT webinar for Klamath River fall Chinook will be held Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The STT webinar for Sacramento River fall Chinook will be held Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The STT webinar for Strait of Juan de Fuca natural coho will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The STT webinar for Queets River natural coho will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The STT webinar for Snohomish River natural coho will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The STT meetings will be held by webinar. To attend the webinars, (1) join the meeting by visiting this link *https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar,* (2) enter the webinar ID: 334–312–835, and (3) enter your name and email address (required). After logging into the webinar, please (1) dial this TOLL number: 1–631–992–3221 (not a toll-free number); (2) enter the attendee phone audio access code: 729–002–541; and (3) then enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). NOTE: We have disabled mic/speakers as an option and require all participants to use a telephone or cell phone to participate. Technical Information and System Requirements: PC-based attendees are required to use Windows® 7, Vista, or XP; Mac®-based attendees are required to use Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; Mobile attendees are required to use iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet (See the *https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/ipad-iphone-android-webinar-apps*). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at *Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov* or contact him at (503) 820–2280, extension 411 for technical assistance. A public listening station will also be available at the Pacific Council office.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Robin Ehlke, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Three natural coho stocks (Queets coho, Strait of Juan de Fuca coho, and Snohomish coho) and two Chinook stocks (Sacramento River fall Chinook and Klamath River fall Chinook) were found to meet the criteria for being classified as overfished in the PFMC Review of 2017 Ocean Salmon Fisheries. Under the tenets of the Salmon Fishery Management Plan, the STT is required to develop a salmon rebuilding plan for each of these stocks and propose them to the Council within one year.

The STT, tribal, state, Federal, and other management entities are working together to develop the salmon rebuilding plans. These meetings are the third of a series of meetings, and will focus on the development of potential recommendations to be included in each rebuilding plan. Additional topics for discussion may include, but are not limited to, outstanding data needs, data analysis, and economic aspects to be included in each plan. One meeting will occur for each of the five stocks; additional meetings will be scheduled as needed. These meetings are open to the public. All meetings will have the same webinar ID and access code.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (*kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov;* phone: (503) 820–2411) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG411

Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's

Citizen Science Advisory Panel Action Teams.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the following Citizen Science Advisory Panel Action Teams: Finance & Infrastructure; Volunteers; Projects/Topics Management; Data Management; and Communication/Outreach/Education via webinar.

DATES: The Finance & Infrastructure Team meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 1 p.m.; Volunteers Team on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 2 p.m.; Projects/Topics Management Team will be held on Friday, September 28, 2018 at 10 a.m.; Data Management Team on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 10 a.m.; and Communication/Outreach/Education Team on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 2 p.m. Each meeting is scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes. Additional Action Team webinars and plenary webinar dates and times will publish in a subsequent issue in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meetings will be held via webinar and are open to members of the public. Webinar registration is required and registration links will be posted to the Citizen Science program page of the Council's website at *www.safmc.net.*

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amber Von Harten, Citizen Science Program Manager, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302–8433 or toll free (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: *amber.vonharten@safmc.net.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council created a Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool in June 2017. The Council appointed members of the Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool to five Action Teams in the areas of Volunteers, Data Management, Projects/Topics Management, Finance, and Communication/Outreach/Education to develop program policies and operations for the Council's Citizen Science Program.

Each Action Team will meet to continue work on developing recommendations on program policies and operations to be reviewed by the Council's Citizen Science Committee. Public comment will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting.

Items to be addressed during these meetings:

1. Discuss work on tasks in the Terms of Reference
2. Review the draft Standard Operating Policies and Procedures (SOPPs) for the Program
3. Other Business

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG459

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Applications for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP)

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of three exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications. NMFS has made a preliminary determination that these EFP applications warrant further consideration. The applications, submitted by the San Francisco Community Fishing Association, Scott Cook, and Real Good Fish, request exemptions from prohibitions to fish for rockfish species in the non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas during the 2019–2020 fishing years. All three applicants request to test hook-and-line gear that selectively harvests underutilized, midwater rockfish species while avoiding bottom-dwelling, overfished rockfish species. NMFS requests public comment on these applications.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2018–0093, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to *www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2018-0093,* click the ''Comment Now!'' icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. The EFP applications will be available under Supporting Documents through the same link.
- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Lynn Massey, West Coast Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Ste. 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4250.
- *Instructions:* Comments must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure that the comments are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are 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.) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter ''N/A'' in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Massey, West Coast Region, NMFS, (562) 436–2462, *lynn.massey@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and the regulations implementing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act at 50 CFR 600.745, which state that EFPs may be used to authorize fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited.

At its June 2018 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) made its final recommendation to NMFS on three EFP applications. The Council considered the EFP applications concurrently with the 2019–2020 biennial harvest specifications and management process because expected catch under each EFP is included in the catch limits for groundfish stocks. All three EFP applicants request to test hook-and-line gear that selectively targets underutilized, midwater rockfish species (*e.g.,* yellowtail rockfish) while avoiding overfished, bottom-dwelling rockfish species (*e.g.,* yelloweye rockfish). An EFP is necessary for these activities because they will all occur in

the non-trawl RCA, which is closed to fishing with non-trawl fixed gear to protect overfished groundfish stocks. A summary of each EFP application is provided below:

• *Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing for the 2019–2020 Fishing Seasons:* The San Francisco Community Fishing Association (SFCFA) and Daniel Platt submitted a renewal request for EFP activities that have been conducted since 2013. This EFP would authorize seven vessels to test the potential for a new commercial jig gear configured to target underutilized, midwater yellowtail and shelf rockfish species while avoiding overfished, bottom-dwelling yelloweye and canary rockfish. These EFP activities would take place within the non-trawl RCA off the California coast—specifically between Point Conception and the Oregon/California border at depths ranging from 35 to 150 fathoms (64 to 274 meters (m)).

• *Commercial Midwater Hook-and-Line Rockfish Fishing in the RCA off the Oregon Coast:* Scott Cook of Coos Bay, Oregon submitted an EFP to authorize 3–5 vessels to test a modified, midwater trolled longline gear configured to target underutilized, midwater yellowtail, widow, and canary rockfish while avoiding overfished, bottom-dwelling yelloweye rockfish. Alongside 100 percent observer coverage, this EFP would also test a new electronic monitoring (EM) device tailored to small vessels that are difficult to observe with human observers. These EFP activities will take place within the non-trawl RCA (referred to as Fixed Gear RCA in the EFP application) off the Oregon Coast—specifically in the rocky reef habitat at depths ranging from 30 to 100 fathoms (55 to 183 m). The Council approved this EFP application for final recommendation to NMFS with the understanding that the applicant will: (1) Harvest no more than 5 metric tons (mt) of canary rockfish as opposed to the requested 10 mt; (2) use artificial fishing lures; and, (3) limit the number of hooks per individual line to 40 or less with a maximum of 125 hooks total. The Council recommended the use of artificial fishing lures and a maximum hook limitation in order to minimize potential seabird interactions.

• *Monterey Bay Regional Exempted Fishing Permit—Chilipepper Rockfish:* Real Good Fish of Moss Landing, California submitted an EFP to authorize 5–10 vessels to: (1) Test a trolled hook-and-line gear configured to target underutilized, midwater chilipepper rockfish and avoid overfished, bottom-dwelling yelloweye rockfish; (2) determine areas that are abundant with chilipepper rockfish and that correspond to low densities of overfished yelloweye rockfish; and, (3) to test a new EM and vessel monitoring system intended to provide a cost-effective alternative to observer coverage on small vessels. These EFP activities will take place in the non-trawl RCA off the California coast—specifically in areas with canyon edges and walls that have historically produced high volumes of chilipepper rockfish catch and at depths ranging from 40 to 150 fathoms (73 to 274 m).

During the two-year period of EFP activities from 2019 to 2020, all applicants will adhere to EFP set-asides for targeted and incidental groundfish and other species, which were considered and approved by the Council at their June 2018 meeting. These EFP set-asides are off the top deductions from the 2019–2020 applicable annual catch limits (ACLs), meaning any landings and discards that occur under these EFPs would be accounted for within the applicable ACLs.

NMFS does not expect any impacts to the environment, essential fish habitat, or protected or prohibited species from this EFP beyond those analyzed for the groundfish fishery as a whole in applicable biological opinions [1] [2] or the draft Environmental Assessment for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery 2019–2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures.[3] During Council deliberations, Council members expressed concern regarding seabird and canary rockfish impacts from the Scott Cook EFP, and salmon bycatch impacts from all three EFPs. To address seabird concerns, the Council requested modifications to the Scott Cook EFP, which included requiring participating vessels to use artificial fishing lures (as opposed to live bait) and limiting hooks to a maximum of 40 hooks per line with a maximum of 125 hooks total. NMFS will require additional mitigation measures if necessary to ensure that all potential seabird impacts fall within the scope of the 2017 United States Fish and Wildlife Biological Opinion [2] for Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery impacts on seabirds. To address canary rockfish concerns, the Council requested a reduction in the Scott Cook EFP set-aside from 10 mt to 5 mt in order to take a precautionary approach in providing opportunities to target canary rockfish. To address the possibility of salmon bycatch, the Council requested that NMFS consider precautionary limits for bycatch of endangered salmon that may occur during EFP fishing activities. NMFS requested that the applicants estimate their expected bycatch of Chinook and coho salmon, and will present this information at the September 2018 Council meeting. NMFS will request that the Council provide additional input on the proposed salmon bycatch limits or additional considerations for approving these EFPs based on the expected salmon encounter rates and any public comments received during the comment period for the EFPs. The salmon bycatch limits that the Council approves would be counted against the non-whiting salmon bycatch guidelines for Chinook (5,500) and coho (560) salmon bycatch in NMFS's 2017 Biological Opinion. The terms and conditions of the EFP would state that EFP fishing will cease if vessels reach the expected salmon bycatch levels specified in the EFP.

[1] Available at: *http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/fishery_management/groundfish/s7-groundfish-biop-121117.pdf.*

[2] Available at: *http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/F7_Att1_USFWS_2017_STALBiOp_NOV2017BB.pdf.*

[3] Draft available at: *https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/E4_Supp_REVISEDAtt2_2019–20_GFSpexEA_E-Only_June2018BB.pdf.*

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.,* 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.,* and 16 U.S.C. 7001 *et seq.*

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Margo Schulze-Haugen,

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

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Day of Service Project Collection Tool; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled Day of Service Project Collection Tool for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, Attn: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**:

(1) *By fax to:* 202–395–6974, Attention: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; or

(2) *By email to: smar@omb.eop.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, David Sherman, at 202–606–6986, or by email to *dsherman@cns.gov.* Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY–TDD) may call 1–800–833–3722 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, 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;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Vol. 83, No. 22 Pg. 4644. This comment period ended April 2, 2018. No public comments were received from this Notice.

Description: Day of Service project promotion tool. Individuals organizing a volunteer event will be able to register their projects. This group includes national service grantees, corporations, volunteer organizations, and individuals. CNCS wants to help promote activities across the country and also to be able to assess impact of the CNCS's initiatives. Information provided is purely voluntary and will not be used for any grant or funding support. CNCS seeks to renew the current information collection. The information collection will otherwise be used in the same manner as the existing application. CNCS also seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB. The current application expired March 31, 2018.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Day of Service Project Collection Tool.

OMB Number: 3045–0122.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Any person or group organizing a service project in conjunction with a CNCS initiative.

Total Respondents: 60,000.

Frequency: Six times annually.

Average Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 60,000 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Rhonda Taylor,

Director, Partnerships and Program Engagement.

[FR Doc. 2018–19362 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

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

DATES:

Monday, September 24, 2018, 1:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: DoubleTree Hotel, 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Boyette, Office of External Affairs, Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802; Phone: (803) 952–6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda

Monday, September 24, 2018

Opening, Chair Update, and Agenda Review
Agency Updates
Break
Administrative & Outreach Committee Update
Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Update
Nuclear Materials Committee Update
Strategic & Legacy Management Committee Update
Waste Management Committee Update
Presentation on Salt Waste Processing Facility
Discussion of Open Recommendations:
- #354: Reclassify High-Level Waste
- #355: Budget, Pension and Scope

Discussion of Draft Recommendations:
- Pollinator Management Program
- Plant Indigenous Flowering Plants on Industrial Landfills

Public Comments
Recess

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Reconvene
Agenda Review
Presentations:
- Federal and State Oversight
- Savannah River National Laboratory Update and Funding

Lunch Break
Presentations:
- Consent Order NCO–216–01
- 3H Evaporator Status

Break
Presentations:
- Common Site Infrastructure
- Community Reuse Organization

Public Comments
Voting:
- Recommendations Proposed for Closure
  - #354: Reclassify High Level Waste
  - #355: Budget, Pension and Scope
- Draft Recommendations
  - Pollinator Management Program
  - Plant Indigenous Flowering Plants on Industrial Landfills

Adjourn

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Savannah River Site, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Amy Boyette at least

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

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Amy Boyette at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: *http://cab.srs.gov/srs-cab.html.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 30, 2018.

Latanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 2018–19286 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

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

DATES: Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Frank H. Rogers Science and Technology Building, 755 East Flamingo, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Ulmer, Board Administrator, 232 Energy Way, M/S 167, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030. Phone: (702) 630–0522; Fax: (702) 295–2025 or email: *Barbara.Ulmer@emcbc.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda

1. Fiscal Year 2019 Work Plan Development
2. Election of Officers

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Nevada, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Barbara Ulmer at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Barbara Ulmer at the telephone number listed above. The request must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments can do so during the 15 minutes allotted for public comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing to Barbara Ulmer at the address listed above or at the following website: *http://www.nnss.gov/NSSAB/pages/MM_FY18.html*.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 30, 2018.

Latanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 2018–19285 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

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

DATES: Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 1:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Sagebrush Inn Conference Center, 1508 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, New Mexico 87571.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB), 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506. Phone (505) 995–0393; Fax (505) 989–1752 or email: *Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2018
- Old Business
  - Report on EM SSAB Chairs Meeting and EM National Cleanup Workshop
  - Other Items
- New Business
- Update on Consent Order Execution
- Break
- Continuation of Update on Consent Order Execution
- Public Comment Period
- Update from EM-Los Alamos Field Office
- Update from New Mexico Environment Department
- Update from NNMCAB Deputy Designated Federal Officer and Executive Director
- Wrap-Up Comments from NNMCAB Members
- Adjourn

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

of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Menice Santistevan at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the internet at: *https://energy.gov/em/nnmcab/meeting-materials.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 31, 2018.

Latanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedngs

Docket Numbers: RP17–762–000.
Applicants: Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: Rate schedule PAWS report of Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC, et al. under RP17–762.
Filed Date: 7/31/18.
Accession Number: 20180731–5119.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/5/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1073–000.
Applicants: Comisión Federal de Electricidad,CFE International LLC.
Description: Application for Waiver of Capacity Release Regulations, et al. of Comision Federal de Electricidad, et al. under RP18–1073.
Filed Date: 8/22/18.
Accession Number: 20180822–5061.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1075–000.
Applicants: Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Superseding Non-conf Neg Rate Agmt (Entergy 48765) to be effective 9/1/2018.
Filed Date: 8/23/18.
Accession Number: 20180823–5000.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1076–000.
Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: AGT Aug2018 NRA Cleanup Filing to be effective 9/23/2018.
Filed Date: 8/23/18.
Accession Number: 20180823–5026.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1077–000.
Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update to Guardian URL to be effective 9/24/2018.
Filed Date: 8/23/18.
Accession Number: 20180823–5054.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1078–000.
Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update to Guardian URL to be effective 9/24/2018.
Filed Date: 8/23/18.
Accession Number: 20180823–5055.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1079–000.
Applicants: Midwestern Gas Transmission Company.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update to Midwestern URL to be effective 9/24/2018.
Filed Date: 8/23/18.
Accession Number: 20180823–5056.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1080–000.
Applicants: OkTex Pipeline Company, L.L.C.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update to OkTex URL to be effective 9/24/2018.
Filed Date: 8/23/18.
Accession Number: 20180823–5057.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1081–000.
Applicants: Viking Gas Transmission Company.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update to Viking URL to be effective 9/24/2018.
Filed Date: 8/23/18.
Accession Number: 20180823–5058.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1082–000.
Applicants: Northwest Pipeline LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2018 Housekeeping Filing to be effective 10/1/2018.
Filed Date: 8/23/18.
Accession Number: 20180823–5059.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1083–000.
Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: TETLP Aug2018 NCF and NRA Cleanup Filing to be effective 9/23/2018.
Filed Date: 8/23/18.
Accession Number: 20180823–5076.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/4/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1086–000.
Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates Atlantic Energy eff 9–1–18 to be effective 9/1/2018.
Filed Date: 8/28/18.
Accession Number: 20180828–5034.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/18.

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: August 29, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary

[FR Doc. 2018–19263 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2685–029]

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment: New York Power Authority

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Project, located on Schoharie Creek, in the Towns of Blenheim and Gilboa in Schoharie County, New York, and has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

The draft EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the draft EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website 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 Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@*

ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

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, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file 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. 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–2685–029.

For further information, contact Andy Bernick at (202) 502–8660 or by email at *andrew.bernick@ferc.gov.*

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER18–2246–000]

Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization: Heartland Divide Wind Project, LLC

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

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

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is September 19, 2018.

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

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

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP18–1087–000.

Applicants: Bison Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Bison Tenaska Non-Conforming Agreement to be effective 1/14/2019.

Filed Date: 8/29/18.

Accession Number: 20180829–5138.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1088–000.

Applicants: Elba Express Company, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Shell Negotiated Rate 9/10/18 to be effective 9/10/2018.

Filed Date: 8/29/18.

Accession Number: 20180829–5103.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1089–000.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate—Plymouth to Macquarie 797391 to be effective 9/1/2018.

Filed Date: 8/29/18.

Accession Number: 20180829–5105.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1090–000.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate—Boston Gas to BBPC 797311 to be effective 9/1/2018.

Filed Date: 8/29/18.

Accession Number: 20180829–5111.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1091–000.

Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate—Chevron to Colonial K8952768 to be effective 9/1/2018.

Filed Date: 8/29/18.

Accession Number: 20180829–5114.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18–1092–000.

Applicants: Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Revenue Sharing Update to be effective 10/1/2018.

Filed Date: 8/29/18.

Accession Number: 20180829–5137.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/10/18.

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: August 30, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER18–2330–000]

Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization: Enel Green Power Rattlesnake Creek Wind Project, LLC

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

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

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is September 19, 2018.

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

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

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: EC16–45–001; EC17–80–001.

Applicants: Seward Generation, LLC, Ebensburg Power Company.

Description: Notice of Change in Material Facts of Seward Generation, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 8/28/18.

Accession Number: 20180828–5123.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/18/18.

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

Docket Numbers: ER18–1982–001.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 2018–08–28_Amendment to MISO 2nd Quarter Tariff Clean-Up Filing to be effective 7/10/2018.

Filed Date: 8/28/18.

Accession Number: 20180828–5078.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/18/18.

Docket Numbers: ER18–2189–001.

Applicants: Sanford Energy Associates, LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Application for Market Based Rate Filing to be effective 8/10/2018.

Filed Date: 8/28/18.

Accession Number: 20180828–5114.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/18/18.

Docket Numbers: ER18–2330–000.

Applicants: Enel Green Power Rattlesnake Creek Wind Project, LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: MBR Tariff to be effective 9/1/2018.

Filed Date: 8/28/18.

Accession Number: 20180828–5118.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/18/18.

Docket Numbers: ER18–2331–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notice of Cancellation of WMPA SA No. 4632, Queue Position AB1–171 to be effective 8/27/2018.

Filed Date: 8/28/18.

Accession Number: 20180828–5122.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/18/18.

Docket Numbers: ER18–2332–000.

Applicants: Interstate Power and Light Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Concurrence to MEC—IPL LBA Agreement (Upland Prairie) to be effective 10/12/2018.

Filed Date: 8/29/18.

Accession Number: 20180829–5000.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/19/18.

Docket Numbers: ER18–2333–000.

Applicants: Interstate Power and Light Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Concurrence to MEC—IPL LBA Agreement (English Farms) to be effective 10/12/2018.

Filed Date: 8/29/18.

Accession Number: 20180829–5001.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/19/18.

Docket Numbers: ER18–2335–000.

Applicants: Josco Energy USA, LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Market-Based Rate Tariff Application to be effective 8/30/2018.

Filed Date: 8/29/18.

Accession Number: 20180829–5113.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/19/18.

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.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL18–193–000]

Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date: Citizens Sycamore-Penasquitos Transmission LLC

On August 30, 2018, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL18–193–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into whether Citizens Sycamore-Penasquitos Transmission LLC's proposed transmission owner tariff may be unjust and unreasonable. *Citizens Sycamore-Penasquitos Transmission LLC,* 164 FERC 61,149 (2018).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL18–193–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL18–193–000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214, within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18–538–000]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Gateway Project, and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues: Sendero Carlsbad Gateway, LLC

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Gateway Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Sendero Carlsbad Gateway, LLC (Gateway) in Eddy County, New Mexico and Culberson County, Texas. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies about issues regarding the project. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires the Commission to discover concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as ''scoping.'' The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 28, 2018.

You can make a difference by submitting your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Commission staff will consider and address all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on August 9, 2018, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP18–538–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law.

Gateway provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled ''An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?'' This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC website (*www.ferc.gov*).

Public Participation

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.* Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission's website (*www.ferc.gov*) under the link to *Documents and Filings.* Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is located on the Commission's website (*www.ferc.gov*) under the link to *Documents and Filings.* With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must

first create an account by clicking on *eRegister.* You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a Comment on a Filing; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP18–538–000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Gateway proposes to construct, operate, and maintain various facilities in connection with its proposed Gateway Project located in Eddy County, New Mexico and Culberson County, Texas. The Gateway Project would provide about 400 million standard cubic feet of natural gas per day from Gateway's newly expanded Carlsbad Plant (a cryogenic gas processing plant) to the Agua Blanca intrastate pipeline owned by White Water Midstream, LLC. According to Gateway, its project would help alleviate natural gas supply delivery constraints in southeast New Mexico and satisfy overall demand in the western region of the United States.

The Gateway Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Approximately 23 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline;
- A new meter station (including a mainline block valve and pig [1] launcher) within the existing Carlsbad Plant;
- A mainline block valve at milepost 15.0; and
- A pig receiver and mainline block valve at milepost 23.3 near a White Water Midstream, LLC meter station.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.[2]

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 334 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, Gateway would maintain about 100 acres of land for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and would revert to former uses. About 82 percent of the proposed pipeline route parallels existing pipeline, utility, or road rights-of-way.

The EA Process

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species;
- Public safety; and
- Cumulative impacts.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present Commission staffs' independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary,[3] and issued for an allotted comment period. Commission staff will consider and address all comments on the EA before making recommendations to the Commission. To ensure Commission staff have the opportunity to address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the EA.[4] Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.[5] Commission staff will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPOs as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). The EA for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that information related to this environmental review is sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Mailing List Update Form (appendix 2).

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at *www.ferc.gov* using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.,* CP18–538). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For

[1] A ''pig'' is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

[2] The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at *www.ferc.gov* using the link called eLibrary or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502–8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

[3] For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

[4] The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, part 1501.6.

[5] The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Finally, public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at *www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx* along with other related information.

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER18–2335–000]

Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization: Josco Energy USA, LLC

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

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

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is September 19, 2018.

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

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The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18–13–000]

Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC Line 8000 Replacement Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Line 8000 Replacement Project (Project), proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in the above-referenced docket. Columbia requests authorization to modernize and upgrade Columbia's Line 8000 pipeline system by replacing and abandoning existing pipeline and constructing new pipeline and appurtenant facilities in Mineral County, West Virginia and Allegany County, Maryland.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Line 8000 Project would consist of:

- Replacement of a total of approximately 13.25 miles of existing 12-inch-diameter bare steel pipeline, with approximately 13.54 miles of new, coated 12-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline in five sections and four modification points along Line 8000 and Lateral Line 8006;
- Replacement of a total of approximately 0.54 miles of existing 4-inch-diameter bare steel pipeline, with approximately 0.67 miles of new coated 4-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline along two laterals (Lateral Lines 8225 and 8244);
- Installation of two new pig [1] launcher and receiver sites and four new mainline valves associated with pipeline facilities;
- Modifications/abandonment of three existing mainline valves and three existing side tap valve sites and modification of tie-ins at two regulator stations; and
- Abandonment of 13 active residential taps and 109 inactive taps.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website (*www.ferc.gov*) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and

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measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 28, 2018.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP18–13–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.*

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (*www.ferc.gov*) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (*www.ferc.gov*) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on eRegister. You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select Comment on a Filing; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. The Commission may grant affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website (*www.ferc.gov*) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search, and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.,* CP18–13). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER18–2327–000]

Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization: Riverhead Solar Farm, LLC

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

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

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is September 19, 2018.

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

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 190–105]

Notice of Technical Conference and Environmental Site Review: Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.

a. *Date and Time:* The technical conference will be on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (MDT) and concluding no later than 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

b. *Location:* Springhill Suites Marriott, 1205 West Highway 40, Vernal, Utah 84078. For directions, please contact the Springhill Suites Marriott at (435) 781–9000.

c. *FERC Contact:* Quinn Emmering at (202) 502–6382 or *quinn.emmering@ferc.gov.*

d. *Purpose of Meeting:* To discuss the need for additional studies related to aquatic and fisheries resources on Pole Creek (one of three water sources diverted for the project) for our environmental analysis as part of the relicensing process for the Uintah Project.

e. The technical conference will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public records of the project.

f. All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to participate either in person or by telephone. Please contact Quinn Emmering at (202) 502–6382 or by email at *quinn.emmering@ferc.gov* by 4:00 p.m. (Eastern), September 20, 2018, to receive specific instructions on how to participate by telephone or have any questions.

g. In addition, Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc. (Moon Lake) and FERC staff will conduct an environmental site review of the project on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, starting at 9:00 a.m. (MDT). All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. The Uintah Project is located approximately 15 miles north of Neola, Utah.

h. For the environmental site review, Moon Lake has made arrangements to provide transportation for participants from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints parking lot located at 2062 W 9000N, Neola, Utah 84053 (at intersection with 2000W). Please note that the project tour is expected to take 4 hours, at minimum. No lunch is provided and food services in the Neola area are limited. Participants should make their own arrangements to bring food and beverages. Participants should dress appropriately for fall weather outdoors and wear hiking boots or similar footwear. Please RSVP Pat Corun at (435) 722–5406 or by email at *pcorun@mleainc.com* on or before September 14, 2018, if you plan to attend the environmental site review or have any questions.

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9983–39–OA]

Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Chartered Science Advisory Board (SAB)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the Chartered SAB to: Conduct two quality reviews of the draft SAB Review of EPA's Draft Toxicological Review of Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether and Draft Toxicological Review of tert-Butyl Alcohol; and the draft SAB review of the EPA's Framework for Assessing Biogenic CO_2 Emissions from Stationary Sources (2014); and receive updates on current SAB projects and future topics from the EPA.

DATES: The teleconference will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The public teleconference will be held by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to obtain information concerning the public teleconference may contact Mr. Thomas Carpenter, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564–4885 or at *carpenter.thomas@epa.gov.* General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found on the EPA website at *http://www.epa.gov/sab.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDDAA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the scientific and technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB will hold a public teleconference to discuss and deliberate on the topics below.

Quality Review of the draft SAB Review of EPA's Draft Assessments titled Toxicological Review of Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether and Toxicological Review of tert-Butyl Alcohol (tert-Butanol): National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) in the EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) develops toxicological reviews/assessments for various chemicals for the Integrated Risk Information System and requested that the SAB conduct a peer review of the two EPA draft assessments. NCEA is developing a draft Toxicological Review of tert-Butyl Alcohol (tert-butanol) and Toxicological Review of Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (ETBE). These two draft EPA documents represent new IRIS assessments of tert-butanol and ETBE. Experimental animal data and other relevant data from studies of the noncancer and cancer effects of tert-butanol and ETBE are evaluated in these assessments. These assessments include an oral reference dose (RfD) and inhalation reference concentration (RfC) for noncancer effects as well as a cancer assessment. The cancer assessments characterize tert-butanol and ETBE as having suggestive evidence of carcinogenic potential to humans and include oral cancer slope factors for both compounds and an inhalation unit risk for ETBE. The EPA SAB Staff Office augmented the SAB CAAC with subject matter experts, to provide advice to the Administrator through the chartered SAB regarding these assessments. Background on the current advisory activity can be found on the SAB website at: *https://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabpeople.nsf/WebCommittees/BOARD.*

Quality review of a draft SAB review report on the Framework for Assessing Biogenic CO_2 Emissions from Stationary Sources: In 2012, the SAB completed a review of the first draft accounting framework addressing scientific and technical issues associated with biogenic carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions, *Accounting Framework for Biogenic CO_2 Emissions from Stationary Sources* (September 2011). The EPA subsequently revised the 2011 framework and requested the SAB to conduct a review of the *Framework for Assessing Biogenic CO_2 Emissions from Stationary Sources* (November 2014). The purpose of the 2014 framework is to develop a method for calculating the adjustment, or Biogenic Assessment Factor (BAF), for carbon emissions associated with the combustion of biogenic feedstocks considering the biological carbon cycle effects associated with their growth, harvest

and processing. The SAB conducted two previous quality reviews and identified revisions to the draft reports in order to clarify the recommendations and in some cases to reframe them to ensure they are not policy prescriptive. This report is a product of SAB's direct efforts and utilizes portions of the draft reports. Previous drafts of the panel's report are retained on the SAB website. Background on the current advisory activity, Biogenic Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Stationary Sources—Assessment Framework can be found on the SAB website at *http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Biogenic%20CO2%20Framework?OpenDocument.*

Briefings and updates. The SAB will receive updates from SAB members on the current activities of committees and panels developing advisory reports and briefings on future topics from the EPA staff.

Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the Chartered SAB will hold a public teleconference to discuss information provided by the EPA on these topics. The Chartered SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Availability of Meeting Materials: Prior to the meeting, the review documents, agenda and other materials will be accessible on the SAB website at *http://www.epa.gov/sab/.*

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by the EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to the EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to the EPA. Members of the public can submit comments for a federal advisory committee to consider as it develops advice for the EPA. Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information on the topic of this advisory activity, and/or the group conducting the activity, for the SAB to consider during the advisory process. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for SAB to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should follow the instructions below to submit comments. *Oral Statements:* In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation on a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes. Each person making an oral statement should consider providing written comments as well as their oral statement so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Interested parties should contact Mr. Thomas Carpenter, DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by September 19, 2018, to be placed on the list of public speakers. *Written Statements:* Written statements should be supplied to the DFO via email at the contact information noted above by September 19, 2018, so that the information may be made available to the SAB members for their consideration. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the web page for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Thomas Carpenter at the contact information provided above. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Mr. Carpenter preferably at least ten days prior to each meeting to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Khanna Johnston,

Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Staff Office.

[FR Doc. 2018–19361 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OAR–2003–0085; FRL–9983–45–OAR]

Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; NESHAP for Radionuclides (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), ''NESHAP for Radionuclides (Renewal)'' (EPA ICR No. 1100.16, OMB Control No. 2060–0191) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, the EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2019. 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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2003–0085, online using *www.regulations.gov* (our preferred method), by email to [*a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov*], or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan P. Walsh, Radiation Protection Division, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, Mail Code 6608T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202–343–9238; fax number: 202–343–2304; email address: *walsh.jonathan@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at *www.regulations.gov* or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202–566–1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit *http://www.epa.gov/dockets.*

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) 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; (ii) 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; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) 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. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

Abstract: On December 15, 1989, pursuant to Section 112 of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1977 (42 U.S.C. 1857), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) to control radionuclide emissions from several source categories. The regulations are codified at 40 CFR part 61. Of the seven subparts (B, H, I, K, R, T and W) included in the 1989 rule, as currently amended, four apply to privately-operated facilities. In addition to requiring operational practices that limit emissions, Subparts B, K, R, and W impose radionuclide dose and/or emission limits, respectively, to underground uranium mines, elemental phosphorous plants, phosphogypsum stacks, and uranium mill tailings impoundments. Facilities must measure their radionuclide emissions, perform analysis or calculations per EPA procedure, and report the results to the EPA.

Information collected is used by the EPA to ensure that public health continues to be protected from the hazards of airborne radionuclides by compliance with these standards. Compliance is demonstrated through emissions testing and dose calculation when appropriate.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes of facilities associated with the activity of the respondents are: (1) Elemental Phosphorous—325180, (2) Phosphogypsum Stacks—212392, (3) Underground Uranium Mines—212291, and (4) Uranium Mill Tailings—212291.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (CAA, Sec, 112; 40 CFR part 61).

Estimated number of respondents: 17 (total).

Frequency of response: Annual, or one-time depending on the source category and respondent activity.

Total estimated burden: 1,880 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: $447,850 (per year), which includes $328,000 annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

Changes in estimates: There is a decrease of 1,898 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the 3,778 hours in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to a combination of factors. Fewer facilities, particularly uranium mines, are currently active. The only operating elemental phosphorus plant has obtained a waiver from annual testing and reporting. Compared to previous estimates, the current calculation assumes that fewer phosphogypsum stacks will require radon tests in any given year. The current assumption represents an upper bound on costs due to radon testing and reporting, compared to the actual observed activities of these facilities.

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Lee Ann B. Veal,

Director, Radiation Protection Division.

[FR Doc. 2018–19363 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Farm Credit Administration Board

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Notice, regular meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act, of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

DATES: The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on September 13, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102–5090. Submit attendance requests via email to *VisitorRequest@FCA.gov.* See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further information about attendance requests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale L. Aultman, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883–4009, TTY (703) 883–4056, *aultmand@fca.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available) and parts will be closed to the public. Please send an email to *VisitorRequest@FCA.gov* at least 24 hours before the meeting. In your email include: name, postal address, entity you are representing (if applicable), and telephone number. You will receive an email confirmation from us. Please be prepared to show a photo identification when you arrive. If you need assistance for accessibility reasons, or if you have any questions, contact Dale L. Aultman, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, at (703) 883–4009. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Open Session

A. *Approval of Minutes*
- August 9, 2018

B. *Report*
- Quarterly Report on Economic Conditions and FCS Condition and Performance

C. *New Business*
- Final Rule: Farmer Mac Investment Eligibility
- Revised Bookletter: Director Election Nomination Procedures

Closed Session*
- Office of Examination Quarterly Report

Dated: September 4, 2018.

Dale L. Aultman,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

[FR Doc. 2018–19450 Filed 9–4–18; 4:15 pm]

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 18–894]

Disability Advisory Committee; Announcement of Next Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission announces and provides an agenda for the next meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC or Committee).

DATES: Wednesday, October 3, 2018. The meeting will come to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554, in the Commission Meeting Room.

* Session Closed—Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Will Schell, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at 202–418–0767 (voice) or *DAC@fcc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to members of the general public. The meeting will be webcast with open captioning at: *www.fcc.gov/live.* In addition, a reserved amount of time will be available on the agenda for comments and inquiries from the public. Members of the public may comment or ask questions of presenters via the email address *livequestions@fcc.gov.* The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations or for materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) should be submitted via email to: *fcc504@fcc.gov* or by calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and a way for the FCC to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Requests should be made as early as possible; last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

Proposed Agenda: At this meeting, the DAC is expected to receive and consider reports and recommendations from its subcommittees. The DAC may also receive briefings from Commission staff on issues of interest to the Committee and may discuss topics of interest to the committee, including, but not limited to, matters concerning communications transitions, telecommunications relay services, emergency access, and video programming accessibility.

Federal Communications Commission.

Eliot Greenwald,

Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.

[FR Doc. 2018–19234 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Petition No. P2–18]

Petition of Orient Overseas Container Line Limited and OOCL (EUROPE) Limited for an Exemption; Notice of Filing and Request for Comments

Notice is hereby given that Orient Overseas Container Line Limited and OOCL (Europe) Limited (''Petitioners''), have petitioned the Commission pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 40103(a) and 46 CFR 502.94, ''. . . for an exemption from 46 U.S.C. 40703 so that they may reduce their tariff rates effective upon publication.''

The Petitioners allege this requested exemption ''. . . would neither reduce competition nor be detrimental to commerce.'' Petitioners state that ''OOCL operates as an ocean common carrier in numerous trades between ports in the United States and ports in other countries.'' Petitioners state that they are both entities classified as ''. . . controlled carriers within the meaning of 46 U.S.C. 40102(8) and 46 CFR 565.2(a).'' Petitioners ''. . . are requesting an exemption from the requirement that it provide 30 days' notice of a reduction in its tariff rates'' required of controlled carriers and allege that without this exemption ''. . . the OOCL entities would be effectively prevented from competing for a measurable portion of the market.''

In order for the Commission to make a thorough evaluation of the exemption requested in the Petition, pursuant to 46 CFR 502.92, interested parties are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the Petition no later than September 18, 2018. Replies shall be sent to the Secretary by email to *Secretary@fmc.gov* or by mail to Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20573–0001, and replies shall be served on Petitioners' counsels, David F. Smith, Cozen O' Connor, 1200 Nineteenth St. NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036, *dsmith@cozen.com,* and Jeff R. Vogel, Cozen O' Connor, 1200 Nineteenth St. NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036, *jvogel@cozen.com.*

Non-confidential filings may be submitted in hard copy to the Secretary at the above address or by email as a PDF attachment to *Secretary@fmc.gov* and include in the subject line: P2–18 (Commenter/Company). Confidential filings should not be filed by email. A confidential filing must be filed with the Secretary in hard copy only, and be accompanied by a transmittal letter that identifies the filing as ''Confidential-Restricted'' and describes the nature and extent of the confidential treatment requested. The Commission will provide confidential treatment to the extent allowed by law for confidential submissions, or parts of submissions, for which confidentiality has been requested. When a confidential filing is submitted, there must also be submitted a public version of the filing. Such public filing version shall exclude confidential materials, and shall indicate on the cover page and on each affected page ''Confidential materials excluded.'' Public versions of confidential filings may be submitted by email. The Petition will be posted on the Commission's website at *http://www.fmc.gov/P2-18.* Replies filed in response to the Petition will also be posted on the Commission's website at this location.

Rachel E. Dickon,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2018–19225 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreements to the Secretary by email at *Secretary@fmc.gov,* or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within twelve days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the agreements are available through the Commission's website (*www.fmc.gov*) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523–5793 or *tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.*

Agreement No.: 011741–022.

Agreement Name: U.S. Pacific Coast-Oceania Agreement.

Parties: ANL Singapore Pte. Ltd.; Hapag-Lloyd AG; and Maersk Line A/S.

Filing Party: Wayne Rohde; Cozen O'Connor.

Synopsis: The amendment replaces Hamburg Sud with Maersk Line A/S and deletes CMA CGM S.A. as a party, combines two vessel strings into a single string, deletes a restriction on operating in the trade outside the Agreement, makes several administrative changes, and restates the Agreement.

Proposed Effective Date: 10/11/2018.

Location: https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/601.

Agreement No.: 201270.

Agreement Name: Marine Terminal Services Agreement Between Port of Houston Authority and CMA CGM S.A.

Parties: CMA CGM S.A. and Port of Houston Authority.

Filing Party: Chasless Yancy; Port of Houston Authority.

Synopsis: The Agreement sets forth certain discounted rates and charges applicable to CMA CGM S.A.'s container vessels calling at the Port of Houston Authority's Barbours Cut and Bayport Container Terminals in the Port of Houston.

Proposed Effective Date: 8/29/2018.

Location: https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/16273.

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Rachel Dickon,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2018–19329 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than October 2, 2018.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *American Bancorporation, Inc., Sapulpa, Oklahoma;* to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Peoples State Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire Peoples Bank, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2. *First York Ban Corp, and Cornerstone Bank, both of York, Nebraska;* to acquire voting shares of Franklin State Bancshares, Inc., and thereby acquire Franklin State Bank, both of Franklin, Nebraska.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 31, 2018.

Ann Misback,

Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 2018–19292 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than October 1, 2018.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *N.B.C. Bancshares in Pawhuska, Inc., Pawhuska, Oklahoma;* to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Cushing, Cushing, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 31, 2018.

Ann Misback,

Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 2018–19342 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Docket No. 9373]

Impax Laboratories Oral Argument Before the Commission

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Oral Argument; open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission (''FTC'' or ''Commission'') will meet on Thursday, October 11, 2018, in Room 532 of the Federal Trade Commission Building for an Oral Argument in In the Matter of Impax Laboratories, Inc. The public is invited to attend and observe the open portion of the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The Oral Argument is scheduled for October 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Trade Commission Building, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald S. Clark, Secretary, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, 202–326–2514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Open Meeting

(1) Oral Argument in In the Matter of Impax Laboratories, Inc., Docket No. 9373.

Closed Meeting

(2) Executive Session to follow the Oral Argument in In the Matter of Impax Laboratories, Inc., Docket No. 9373.

Record of Commission's Vote

On August 22, 2018, Commissioners Simons, Phillips, Chopra, and Slaughter were recorded as voting in the affirmative to conduct Matter Number One in open session, and to close Matter Number Two, and to withhold from this meeting notice such information as is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c). Commissioner Ohlhausen was recorded as not participating.

Commission's Explanation of Closing

The Commission has determined that Matter Number Two may be closed under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10), and that the

public interest does not require the matter to be open.

General Counsel Certification

The General Counsel has certified that Matter Number Two may properly be closed, citing the following relevant exemptive provision: 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10).

Expected Attendees

Expected to attend the closed meeting are the Commissioners themselves, an advisor to one of the Commissioners, and such other Commission staff as may be appropriate.

By direction of the Commission, Commissioner Ohlhausen not participating.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2018–19226 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090–0317 Docket No. 2018–0001; Sequence No. 15]

Submission for OMB Review; Notarized Document Submittal for System for Award Management Registration

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an existing OMB clearance regarding a notarized document submittal for System for Award Management (SAM) Registration.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov: http://www.regulations.gov.* Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for the OMB Control number 3090–0317. Select the link ''Comment Now'' that corresponds with ''Information Collection 3090–0317; Notarized Document Submittal for System for Award Management Registration''. Follow the instructions on the screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and ''Information Collection 3090–0317; Notarized Document Submittal for System for Award Management Registration'' on your attached document.
- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405–0001. ATTN: Ms. Mandell/IC 3090–0317; Notarized Document Submittal for System for Award Management Registration.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 3090–0317; Notarized Document Submittal for System for Award Management Registration, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to *http://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check *www.regulations.gov,* approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Curtis E. Glover, Sr. Procurement Analyst, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, telephone number 202–501–1448, or via email to *curtis.glover@gsa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 4.11 prescribes policies and procedures for requiring contractor registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) database to: (1) Increase visibility of vendor sources (including their geographical locations) for specific supplies and services; and (2) establish a common source of vendor data for the Government.

In the past, the GSA Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted an investigation into fraudulent activities discovered within SAM. Certain bad actors have, through electronic means, used public information to impersonate legitimate entities and established new entity registrations for those entities in SAM. By establishing fraudulent entity registrations, bad actors submitted bids in certain U.S. Government procurement systems or shipped deficient or counterfeit goods to the U.S. Government.

GSA established a new Information Collection Request (ICR) to collect additional information to support increased validation of entities registered and registering in the System for Award Management (SAM). This additional information is contained in a notarized letter in which an officer or other signatory authority of the entity formally appoints the Entity Administrator for the entity registering or recertifying in SAM. The original, signed letter is mailed to the Federal Service Desk for SAM prior to the registration's activation or re-registration.

The new ICR expires September 30, 2018, without authority for an extension. GSA is actively pursuing technical alternatives to the collection of this information for all non-federal entities. GSA seeks to refine the requirement and adopt a risk-based approach. This notice for an extension of the ICR lays the groundwork for the authority to continue collection of the information provided GSA is still pursuing the technical alternative beyond the ICR expiration date. In the interim, the collection of the notarized letter information is essential to GSA's acquisition mission to meet the needs of all federal agencies, as well as the needs of the grant community. A key element of GSA's mission is to provide efficient and effective acquisition solutions across the Federal Government. SAM is essential to the accomplishment of that mission. In addition to federal contracts, federal assistance programs also rely upon the integrity and security of the information in SAM. Without assurances that the information in SAM is protected and, is at minimal risk of compromise, GSA would risk losing the confidence of the federal acquisition and assistance communities which is serves. As a result, some entities may prefer not to do business with the Federal Government.

B. Discussion and Analysis

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 83 FR 24312 on May 25, 2018. Two comments were received.

Comments: One respondent stated that it is already time-consuming and frustrating for our grantees to use the SAM registration process. If the process was simple, it would not be a problem; however, having to submit notarized documents in addition to an already difficult process affects our ability to nimbly respond to programmatic initiatives through small grants to organizations or individuals who we know and want to partner with to achieve our goals. The other respondent stated that the new procedure creates another challenge for our grantees in that mailing the notarized document requires extra effort, but also finding a

reliable courier service will be costly and requires a considerable amount of time to complete the registration process.

Response: GSA has taken several actions to address alleged fraudulent activity in the System for Award Management (SAM). The measures GSA has put in place to help prevent improper activity in SAM include masking specific data elements in the entity registration even for authorized entity users; requiring ''parent'' approval of new registrations for their ''child'' entities; multi-factor authentication using *login.gov* and notifying Entity Administrators when there is a change in the entity's bank account information. Requiring the formal appointment of the Entity Administrator by original, signed notarized letter ensures that the individual(s) reporting for their entity are associated with the entity and provides a validation of the letter submitter's identity by the notary. GSA is actively pursuing technical alternatives to replace and/or supplement the collection of notarized letters.

C. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 686,400.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Total Annual Responses: 686,400.
Hours per Response: 2.25.
Total Burden Hours: 1,544,400.

The information collection allows GSA to request the notarized letter, and apply this approach to new registrants (an average of 7,200 per month) and to existing SAM registrants (an average of 50,000 re-register per month).

Entities registered and registering in SAM are provided the template for the requirements of the notarized letter. It is estimated that the Entity Administrator will take on average 0.5 hour to create the letter and 0.25 hour to mail the hard copy letter. GSA proposes that an Entity Administrator equivalent to a GS–5, Step 5 Administrative Support person within the Government would perform these tasks. The estimated hourly rate of $24.70 (Base + Locality + Fringe) was used for the calculation.

Based on historical data of the ratio of small entities to other than small entities registering in SAM, GSA approximates 32,200 of the 57,200 new and existing entities (re-registrants) will have in-house resources to notarize documents. GSA proposes that the entities with in-house notaries will typically be large businesses where the projected salary of the executive or officer responsible for signing the notarized letter is on average approximately $150 per hour. The projected time for signature and notarizing the letter internally is 0.5 hour.

The other remaining 25,000 new and existing entities (re-registrants) per month are estimated to be small entities where the projected salary of the executive or officer responsible signing the notarized letter is on average approximately $100 per hour. These entities will more than likely have to obtain notary services from an outside source. The projected time for signature and notarizing the letter externally is 1 hour. The estimate includes a nominal fee ($5.00) usually charged by third-party notaries.

D. Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary, whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Information Collection 3090–0317; Notarized Document Submittal for System for Award Management Registration. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090–0317; Notarized Document Submittal for System for Award Management Registration, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 22, 2018.

David A. Shive,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[60Day–18–18ARO; Docket No. ATSDR–2018–0007]

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled ''Prenatal Assessment of Environmental Risk (PAER)''. This web-based data collection will provide information on behavioral risks for environmental exposures for patients seeking preconception and prenatal care, and for their reproductive health care clinicians (RHCCs).

DATES: ATSDR must receive written comments on or before November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. ATSDR–2018–0007 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. ATSDR will post, without change, all relevant comments to *Regulations.gov*.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffery M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404–639–7570; Email: *omb@cdc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submissions of responses; and

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

Prenatal Assessment of Environmental Risk (PAER)—NEW—Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

Background and Brief Description

Many environmental chemicals absorbed or ingested by pregnant women can cross the placenta to the fetus. The scientific evidence over the last 10 to 15 years has shown that exposure to toxic environmental agents before conception and during pregnancy can have significant and long-lasting adverse effects on the reproductive health of mothers, and on the long-term health of mothers and babies. Reducing exposure to toxic environmental agents is a critical area of intervention for reproductive health care professionals in the United States and worldwide. In 2013, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and other obstetrician-gynecologist professional societies called for timely action to identify and reduce exposure to toxic environmental agents while addressing the consequences of such exposure (ACOG, 2013; FIGO, 2105).

In support of this call to action, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is requesting a three-year Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) clearance for a new information collection request (ICR) entitled ''Prenatal Assessment of Environmental Risk (PAER)''.

The long-term goal is for the PAER web-based information collection system to be widely adopted by obstetricians, gynecologists, and other reproductive health care professionals. Through PAER, practicing clinicians will have readily accessible and reliable information, and educational resources to counsel mothers-to-be on their potential environmental exposures and associated risks. This will facilitate reduction in harm to mothers-to-be and their babies. PAER environmental exposure assessment results will be suitable for incorporation into patients' electronic health records and maintenance within health care provider organizations.

Data collected will also establish an ongoing public health surveillance system that will provide an improved understanding of behaviors in daily life that put women of reproductive age and their babies at higher risk of exposure to environmental hazards. ATSDR will maintain only anonymous patient PAER survey responses and registration variables, including the PAER unique survey ID number, age, and zip code. Age and zip code will serve as the two variables for data analysis. Reported risk-based aggregate data will be at the zip code or higher geographic level, excluding zip code tabulation areas (ZTCAs) with 20,000 or fewer persons.

ATSDR plans to analyze the exposure risk data by geographic regions and over time. This data analysis will allow clinician and patient education on the most prevalent region-specific environmental exposures. ATSDR and partner organizations can use this information to shape educational initiatives and counseling guidance on ways women can lower environmental exposure risk.

The PAER survey is web-based, and includes 17 multiple-choice questions and one open-ended question. These questions are divided into five topic areas: Lifestyle; home; food and water; cans, bottles, and containers; and getting ready for the baby. The PAER survey focuses on 11 common types of environmental exposures: Air pollution, benzene, bisphenol A (BPA), flame retardants, lead, mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, phthalates, smoking, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

There are two types of respondents who will participate in the PAER data collection, reproductive health care clinicians (RHCCs), and women of reproductive age who are seeking preconception or prenatal care. RHCCs will include obstetricians/gynecologists, family medicine physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, and nurse midwives who are involved in the care of these women.

RHCCs (the first type of respondent) who choose to participate in the PAER process will be required to register with ATSDR, and gain approval to participate and establish credentials through CDC's Secure Access Management Services (SAMS). ATSDR will provide online training resources to instruct RHCCs how to register themselves and their clinic for PAER, to recruit patients, to utilize environmental histories and PAER resources for patient counseling, and to link PAER results to their patient health records. Online registration and training module components are estimated to take 30 minutes per RHCC.

Each RHCC who participates in PAER will also invite their patients to complete the environmental exposure survey by email or text, link their patients' survey response data with the invitations sent and health records, and provide counseling to individual patients to aid in modifying behavior to lower environmental exposure risks. These components are estimated to take RHCCs 30 minutes per patient.

Of note, ATSDR will not receive any information from the patients' electronic health records. RHCCs will invite their patients to participate outside of the PAER application, and will be responsible for protecting the patient information provided to them within PAER in accordance with the 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) guidelines.

Based on ACOG estimates, the number of practicing RHCCs in the U.S. is approximately 35,586. On average over the next three years, ATSDR estimates that up to 15 percent (n = 5,338) of these clinicians will participate in the PAER process each year through online registration and training. For purposes of estimation, ATSDR assumes the RHCCs represent the full effort of clinic staff. The

annualized frequency of response (12 per RHCC) is based on ATSDR assumptions about the number of patients who will take part in the PAER survey as described below.

Women who receive preconception or prenatal care (the second type of respondents) may respond to the PAER environmental exposure history by accessing the online PAER survey through the application internet home page or through their RHCC's email/text invitation. ATSDR assumes that 5 percent of these women will participate in PAER over the next three years (or 1.67 percent per year). Using the 3,978,497 births reported in the 2015 U.S. Vital Statistics to represent the number women who receive preconception or prenatal care, 1.67 percent equals to 66,441 women who will take part in the PAER survey each year. Thus, each RHCCH is assumed to interact with 12 such patients per year (66,441/5,338 = 12). The time for women to respond to the survey is estimated at 10 minutes per patient.

Participation in the PAER process and survey is voluntary. There is no cost to respondents other than their time. The total annualized time burden requested is 45,772 hours. A summary of the estimated annualized burden hours is shown in the table that follows.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Reproductive Health Care Clinicians (RHCCs).	PAER Online Registration for RHCCs.	5,338	1	15/60	1,335
	PAER Training Materials for RHCCs	5,338	1	15/60	1,335
	PAER Email/Text Invitation, Data Linkage, and Counseling.	5,338	12	30/60	32,028
Women who Receive Preconception or Prenatal Care.	Access and Respond to PAER Survey.	66,441	1	10/60	11,074
Total					45,772

Jeffrey M. Zirger,

Acting Chief, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC–2018–0082]

Surgeon General's Call to Action: "Community Health and Prosperity"

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the opening of a docket to obtain comment on an upcoming Surgeon General's document/Call to Action with a working title ''*Community Health and Prosperity*''.

CDC is the lead agency to support the Office of the Surgeon General to publish a Call to Action that will be science-informed and actionable, outlining a conceptual framework with case examples and available evidence on the business case for investing in community health. The goal of the Call to Action is to: Clearly demonstrate that investments in community health have the potential to improve the health and prosperity of communities and issue a call to action to the private sector and local policy makers for investment in communities, unilaterally or as part of multi-sector or other consortium, to improve community health.

DATES: Written comments must be received before November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2018–0082 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Martin J. Vincent, Office of the Associate Director for Policy, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mail Stop D–28, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.
- *Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to *http://regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *http://www.regulations.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin J. Vincent, Office of the Associate Director for Policy, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mail Stop D–28, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Telephone: 404–639–1455, Email: *CHP@cdc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation

Interested persons or organizations are invited to submit written views, recommendations, and data about how investing in communities can improve health and prosperity. Examples may include:

(1) Available data, evidence and/or experience(s) (a) that suggest private sector investments in community health have (directly or indirectly) improved health and prosperity of the workforce and communities; (b) that healthier communities help private sector businesses to be more efficient, profitable, successful, or competitive; (c) description of data systems and evaluation frameworks that might contribute to supporting community health investment decisions, evaluating success and impact; and (d) case studies, examples, reviews and meta-analyses, data linkages, promising and emerging ideas, and best practices;

(2) Types of investments the private sector and local policy makers can consider to improve health and wellness of employees and families, and community well-being and prosperity;

(3) Types of partners or coalitions that have invested in community health and the scope of their collaborations contributions;

(4) Descriptions of important barriers to and facilitators of success;

(5) Private sector and local policy maker rationales for making investments in community health; and

(6) Successful efforts by local policy makers to promote and sustain private sector investments in community health.

Please note that comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Comments will be posted at *https://www.regulations.gov.* Therefore, do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure. If you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be on public display. CDC will review all submissions and may choose to redact or withhold submissions containing private or proprietary information, such as Social Security numbers, medical information, inappropriate language, or duplicate/near duplicate examples of a mass-mail campaign. CDC will carefully consider all comments submitted and may include relevant information in the Call to Action.

Background

America's prosperity is being hampered by preventable chronic diseases and behavioral health issues. Life expectancy at birth dropped in the United States for a second consecutive year in 2016. Preliminary data indicate that age-adjusted death rates continued to rise in 2017, which is likely to mark a third straight year of declining life expectancy. The U.S. lags behind comparable high-income countries on a range of health outcomes including life expectancy despite spending more on health care. About 6 in 10 American adults have at least one chronic health condition, and these people account for 90% of total health care spending. While chronic diseases affect all populations, they are not evenly distributed. Disease rates vary by race, ethnicity, education, geography and income level, with the most disadvantaged Americans often suffering the highest burden of disease.

However, only about 20% of the factors that influence a person's health can be addressed by health care and the remaining 80% reflect socioeconomic, environmental or behavioral factors. Focusing on strategies that address the social and community conditions could improve health, life expectancy, and quality of life, while also reducing related health care costs and productivity losses. Investing in communities to improve the health and well-being of people could also revitalize and improve economic opportunity, enhancing prosperity in the community and for its residents and businesses.

Although there are published literature and several ongoing public, private and philanthropic initiatives examining how investments in community health can enhance well-being and economic prosperity, there has not been a thorough assessment that compiles the evidence and best practices to illustrate benefits for the private sector and local policy makers. The Surgeon General's Call to Action is expected to bridge that gap and inspire more investments by the private sector and local policy makers in community health.

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Lauren Hoffmann,

Acting Executive Secretary, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–18–1099; Docket No. CDC–2018–0080]

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Capacity Building Assistance Program: Assessment and Quality Control. The purpose of this information collection is to assess how well the capacity building assistance (CBA) program meets the needs of health care staff from organizations funded directly or indirectly by the CDC, involved in HIV prevention service delivery. The program will assess customer satisfaction with CBA services and changes in capacity, knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy as a result of CBA service delivery.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2018–0080 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to *Regulations.gov*.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (*regulations.gov*) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffery M. Zirger Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404–639–7570; email: *omb@cdc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submissions of responses.

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

Capacity Building Assistance Program: Assessment and Quality Control—Revision—National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The CDC is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to grant a one year revision to collect data that comprises the Health Professional Application for Training, Training Follow-up Instrument, and the Technical Assistance Satisfaction Instrument. For this one year revision we will not collect any qualitative data (interviews) since we have gleaned valuable information that has been used to improve our service delivery and processes. The purpose of this information collection is to assess how well the CDC's Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) program meets the needs of its consumers in order to enhance its capacity building strategy over time. The PTCs and CBA providers are funded by CDC/Division of STD Prevention (DSTDP) and Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) over a five-year period to provide capacity building services that includes information, training, and technical assistance. CBA means the provision of free (not for fee) information, training, technical assistance, and technology transfer to individuals, organizations, and communities to improve their capacity in the delivery and effectiveness of evidence-based interventions and core public health strategies for HIV prevention. CBA is provided to support health departments, community-based organizations, and healthcare organizations in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of evidence-based HIV prevention interventions and programs; building organizational infrastructure; and community mobilization to decrease stigma and increase HIV testing in high risk communities. CBA services are requested by health departments, community-based organizations, and healthcare organizations and also offered proactively. Under this project, there will be no duplication of information collection, because it builds on existing, OMB approved data collection activities. The PTCs and CBA providers offer classroom and experiential training, web-based training, clinical consultation, and capacity building assistance to maintain and enhance the capacity of healthcare professionals to control and prevent STDs and HIV. The CBA service recipients are healthcare professionals who work at community-based organizations (CBOs), health departments, and healthcare organizations, most of whom are funded directly or indirectly by the CDC, involved in HIV prevention service delivery. Their positions include HIV educator, clinical supervisor, HIV prevention specialist, clinician, outreach worker, case manager director, program coordinator, program manager, disease intervention specialist, partner services provider, physicians, nurses, and health educators, etc. CDC is requesting to use two web-based assessments that will be administered to recipients of CBA services: (1) Training Follow-Up Instrument and (2) Technical Assistance Satisfaction Instrument. The first quantitative assessment will be disseminated 90 days after a training event to agency staff who participated in a training activity. It takes approximately 12 minutes to complete. The purpose of this web-based assessment is to determine the training participants' satisfaction with the trainers, training materials, and the course pace, benefits from the training, and CBA needs, how relevant the training was to their work, and whether they were able to utilize the information gained from the training. The second quantitative assessment will be disseminated 45 days after a technical assistance event to agency staff who participated in a technical assistance. This instrument takes approximately 12 minutes to complete. The purpose of the second assessment is to assess participants' satisfaction with the technical assistance they received, intended or actual use of enhanced capacity, barriers and facilitators to use, and benefits of the technical assistance. The 7,400 respondents represent an average of the number of health professionals who receive training and technical assistance from the CBA and PTC grantees during the years 2010 and 2011. The data collection is necessary (a) to assess CBA consumers' (community-based organizations, health departments, and healthcare organizations) satisfaction with and short-term outcomes from the overall CBA program as well as specific elements of the CBA program; (b) to improve CBA services and enhance the Capacity Building Branch's national capacity building strategy over time; (c) to assess the performance of the grantees in delivering training and technical assistance and to standardize the registration processes across the two CBA programs (*i.e.,* the PTC program and the CBA program) and multiple grantees funded by each program. There are no costs to respondents. The estimated annualized burden hours for this data collection activity are 8,633 hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Healthcare Professionals	Health Professional Application for Training (HPAT) (att 3)	7,400	2	5/60	1,233
Healthcare Professionals	Training Follow-up Instrument (att 5)	3,700	2	15/60	1,850
Healthcare Professionals	Training Telephone Script (att 13)	3,700	2	15/60	1,850
Healthcare Professionals	Technical Assistance (TA) Satisfaction Instrument (att 7)	3,700	2	15/60	1,850
Healthcare Professionals	Technical Assistance Telephone Script (att 14)	3,700	2	15/60	1,850
Total					8,633

Jeffrey M. Zirger,

Acting Chief, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–18–18AVU; Docket No. CDC–2018–0081]

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled ''*Assessment of Outcomes Associated with the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant*''. This assessment will assess select cross-cutting outputs and outcomes of the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant and demonstrates the utility of the grant on a national level.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2018–0081 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to *Regulations.gov*.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffery M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404–639–7570; Email: *omb@cdc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submissions of responses.

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

Assessment of Outcomes Associated with the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant—New—Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

For more than 35 years, the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHS Block Grant) has provided flexible funding for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, two American Indian tribes, five U.S. territories, and three freely associated states to address the unique public health needs of their jurisdictions in innovative and locally defined ways. First authorized by Congress in 1981 through the Public Health Service Act (Pub. L. 102–531), the fundamental and enduring purpose of the grant has been to provide grantees with flexibility and control to address their priority public health needs. In 1992, Congress amended the law to align PHHS Block Grant funding priorities with the 22 chapters specified in Healthy People (HP) 2000, a set of national objectives designed to guide health promotion and disease prevention efforts. Additional amendments included set-aside funds specifically dedicated to sex offense prevention and victim services, thus requiring grantees receiving this support to include related HP objectives and activities as part of their PHHS Block Grant-funded local programs.

CDC is establishing a comprehensive, standardized method to collect data to describe select outputs and outcomes and ensure the accountability of the PHHS Block Grant. The CDC PHHS Block Grant Measurement Framework is an innovative approach to assessing cross-cutting outputs and outcomes resulting from grantees' use of flexible grant funds. The framework defines four measures that enable CDC to standardize the collection of data on grantee achievements. The measures capture data on public health infrastructure improved (*i.e.,* information systems improved and quality improved—efficiency and effectiveness improvements achieved in programs, services, and operations), emerging public health needs addressed, and evidence-based public health interventions implemented.

The purpose of this information collection request (ICR) is to collect data that assess select cross-cutting outputs and outcomes of the grant (as defined by the framework measures) and that demonstrate the utility of the grant on a national level. This data collection will describe the outcomes of the PHHS Block Grant as a whole—not individual grantee activities or outcomes. Findings from this data collection will be used to: (1) Describe the outcomes and achievements of grantees' public health efforts and identify how the use of PHHS Block Grant funds contributed to

those results, and (2) help assess how the PHHS Block Grant advances work of the public health system and provides evidence to support future budgetary requests.

The respondent universe consists of 61 PHHS Block Grant coordinators, or their designees, across 61 health departments (50 states, the District of Columbia, two tribes, five US territories, and three freely associated states). The assessment will be administered to PHHS Block Grant coordinators electronically via a web-based questionnaire. A link to the assessment will be provided by email invitation. The survey will be completed once every two years. The total annualized estimated burden is 46 hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
PHHS Block Grant Coordinators, or Designees.	PHHS Block Grant Assessment	61	1	45/60	46
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	46

Jeffrey M. Zirger,

Acting Chief, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2018–D–3130]

Consideration of Uncertainty in Making Benefit-Risk Determinations in Medical Device Premarket Approvals, De Novo Classifications, and Humanitarian Device Exemptions; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of the draft guidance entitled ''Consideration of Uncertainty in Making Benefit-Risk Determinations in Medical Device Premarket Approvals, De Novo Classifications, and Humanitarian Device Exemptions.'' This guidance document describes FDA's current approach to considering uncertainty in making benefit-risk determinations to support certain FDA premarket decisions for medical devices—premarket approval applications (PMAs), De Novo requests, and humanitarian device exemption (HDE) applications. This guidance document elaborates on the consideration of uncertainty as part of our overarching approach to a benefit-risk based framework that is intended to assure greater predictability, consistency, and efficiency through the application of least burdensome principles. This draft guidance also provides examples of how the principles for considering uncertainty could be applied in the context of clinical evidence and circumstances where greater uncertainty could be appropriate in premarket decisions, balanced by postmarket controls—PMAs for Breakthrough Devices and PMAs for devices for small patient populations. This draft guidance is not final nor is it in effect at this time.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by December 5, 2018 to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on any guidance at any time 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–2018–D–3130 for ''Consideration of Uncertainty in Making Benefit-Risk Determinations in Medical Device Premarket Approvals, De Novo Classifications, and Humanitarian Device Exemptions; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff.'' 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.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

An electronic copy of the guidance document is available for download from the internet. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on electronic access to the guidance. Submit written requests for a single hard copy of the draft guidance document entitled ''Consideration of Uncertainty in Making Benefit-Risk Determinations in Medical Device Premarket Approvals, De Novo Classifications, and Humanitarian Device Exemptions'' to 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 request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonja Fulmer, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5451, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 240–402–5979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Medical Device Amendments of 1976 (Pub. L. 94–295) to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) established a risk-based framework for the regulation of medical devices. The law established a three-tiered risk classification system based on the risk posed to patients should the device fail to perform as intended. Under this system, devices that pose greater risks to patients are subject to more regulatory controls and requirements. Generally, in premarket decision-making for devices, there exists some uncertainty around benefits and risks. The Agency generally provides marketing authorization for a device when it meets the applicable standards, including that its benefits outweigh its risks.

In 2015, following pilots conducted over 4 years, FDA established the Expedited Access Pathway Program as a voluntary program for certain medical devices that address an unmet need in the treatment or diagnosis of life-threatening or irreversibly debilitating diseases or conditions. Under this program, an eligible device subject to a PMA could be approved with greater uncertainty about the product's benefits and risks, provided that, among other requirements, the data still support a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness, including that the probable benefits of the device outweigh its risks for a patient population with unmet medical needs. For devices subject to PMA, the Agency has the authority to impose, when warranted, postmarket requirements, including post-approval studies and postmarket surveillance, as a condition of approval, which could be used to address this greater uncertainty.[1] In the Breakthrough Device provisions of the FD&C Act, as added by the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) and amended by the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017 (FDARA), Congress codified and expanded this program to include devices reviewed through a 510(k) notification.[2]

This draft guidance provides further information on how FDA considers uncertainty in benefit-risk determinations for PMAs, De Novo requests, and HDE applications.

[1] See sections 513(a)(3)(C), 515(c)(5)(C), 515(d)(1)(B)(ii), and 515B(e)(2)(C) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 360c(a)(3)(C), 360e(c)(5)(C), 360e(d)(1)(B)(ii), and 360e–3(e)(2)(C)); 21 CFR 814.82).

[2] See section 515B of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 360e–3), as created by section 3051 of the Cures Act (Pub. L. 114–255) and amended by section 901 of FDARA (Pub. L. 115–52).

II. Significance of Guidance

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 consideration of uncertainty in making benefit-risk determinations in medical device premarket approvals, De Novo classifications, and humanitarian device exemptions. 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 the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

III. Electronic Access

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the draft guidance may do so by downloading an electronic copy from the internet. A search capability for all Center for Devices and Radiological Health guidance documents is available at *https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/default.htm.* This guidance document is also available at *https://www.regulations.gov.* Persons unable to download an electronic copy of ''Consideration of Uncertainty in Making Benefit-Risk Determinations in Medical Device Premarket Approvals, De Novo Classifications, and Humanitarian Device Exemptions; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff'' may send an email request to *CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov* to receive an electronic copy of the document. Please use the document number 17039 to identify the guidance you are requesting.

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This draft guidance refers to previously approved collections of information found in FDA 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). The collections of information in 21 CFR part 801 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0485; the collections of information for De Novo classification requests have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0844; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 814, subparts A through E, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0231; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 814, subpart H, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0332; and the collections of information in 21 CFR

part 822 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0449.

Dated: August 30, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2018–N–3233]

Request for Nominations for Voting Members on a Public Advisory Committee; Technical Electronic Product Radiation Safety Standards Committee

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Technical Electronic Product Radiation Safety Standards Committee (TEPRSSC) in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health. Nominations will be accepted for current and upcoming vacancies effective with this notice.

FDA seeks to include the views of women and men, members of all racial and ethnic groups, and individuals with and without disabilities on its advisory committees and, therefore, encourages nominations of appropriately qualified candidates from these groups.

DATES: Nominations received on or before November 5, 2018 will be given first consideration for membership on TEPRSSC. Nominations received after November 5, 2018 will be considered for nomination to the committee as later vacancies occur.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for membership should be sent electronically by accessing FDA's Advisory Committee Membership Nomination Portal at *https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/FACTRSPortal/FACTRS/index.cfm* or by mail to Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, Rm. 5103, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Information about becoming a member on an FDA advisory committee can also be obtained by visiting FDA's website at *https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricio G. Garcia, Office of Device Evaluation, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. G610, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–6875, email: *Patricio.Garcia@fda.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is requesting nominations for voting members on TEPRSSC that include three general public representatives.

I. General Description of the Committee's Duties

The committee provides advice and consultation to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (Commissioner) on the technical feasibility, reasonableness, and practicability of performance standards for electronic products to control the emission of radiation from such products, and may recommend electronic product radiation safety standards to the Commissioner for consideration.

II. Criteria for Voting Members

The committee consists of a core of 15 voting members including the Chair. Members and the Chair are selected by the Commissioner or designee from among authorities knowledgeable in the fields of science or engineering, applicable to electronic product radiation safety. Members will be invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to 4 years. Terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the committee by appropriate action prior to its expiration.

III. Nomination Procedures

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the committee. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must include a current, complete résumé or curriculum vitae for each nominee, including current business address and/or home address, telephone number, and email address if available, and a signed copy of the Acknowledgement and Consent form available at the FDA Advisory Nomination Portal (see **ADDRESSES**). Nominations must also specify the advisory committee for which the nominee is recommended. Nominations must also acknowledge that the nominee is aware of the nomination unless self-nominated. FDA will ask potential candidates to provide detailed information concerning such matters related to financial holdings, employment, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket Nos. FDA–1999–D–0081, FDA–2008–D–0205, FDA–2018–D–2173, FDA–2018–D–2236, FDA–2018–D–2238, and FDA–2018–D–2258]

Draft Guidances Relating to the Development of Human Gene Therapy Products; Availability; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notification; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is extending the comment period for the notices of availability for six draft guidance documents relating to the development of human gene therapy products that appeared in the **Federal Register** of July 12, 2018. The Agency is taking this action in response to requests for an extension to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments and any new information.

DATES: FDA is extending the comment period on the six documents that published on July 12, 2018 (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). Submit either electronic or written comments by December 10, 2018, to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on these draft guidances before it begins work on the final version of the guidances.

ADDRESSES: 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 December 10, 2018. The *https://www.regulations.gov* electronic filing system will accept comments until midnight Eastern Time at the end of December 10, 2018. 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–1999–D–0081 for ''Testing of Retroviral Vector-Based Human Gene Therapy Products for Replication Competent Retrovirus During Product Manufacture and Patient Follow-up; Draft Guidance for Industry;'' Docket No. FDA–2008–D–0205 for ''Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control Information for Human Gene Therapy Investigational New Drug Applications; Draft Guidance for Industry;'' Docket No. FDA–2018–D–2173 for ''Long Term Follow-Up After Administration of Human Gene Therapy Products; Draft Guidance for Industry;'' Docket No. FDA–2018–D–2236 for ''Human Gene Therapy for Retinal Disorders; Draft Guidance for Industry;'' Docket No. FDA–2018–D–2238 for ''Human Gene Therapy for Hemophilia; Draft Guidance for Industry;'' or Docket No. FDA–2018–D–2258 for ''Human Gene Therapy for Rare Diseases; Draft Guidance for Industry.'' 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: Jenifer Stach, 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of July 12, 2018, FDA published notices of availability with a 90-day comment period for six draft guidance documents listed in the following table. Three of the six draft guidance documents provide recommendations to stakeholders developing gene therapies for retinal disorders, hemophilia, and rare diseases. The remaining three guidance documents provide recommendations to sponsors manufacturing gene therapies; namely, how to provide chemistry, manufacturing and controls information for gene therapy products, additional recommendations regarding the testing for replication competent retrovirus during the manufacture of retroviral vector-based gene therapy products and during the follow-up monitoring of patients who received retroviral vector-based gene therapy products, and recommendations regarding the design of long-term follow-up observational studies for the collection of data on delayed adverse events following administration of a gene therapy product. Comments were requested on these draft guidances by October 10, 2018.

SIX DRAFT GUIDANCES PUBLISHED JULY 12, 2018

Docket No.	Draft guidance document title	FR cite
FDA–1999–D–0081	Testing of Retroviral Vector-Based Human Gene Therapy Products for Replication Competent Retrovirus During Product Manufacture and Patient Follow-up; Draft Guidance for Industry.	83 FR 32309
FDA–2008–D–0205	Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control Information for Human Gene Therapy Investigational New Drug Applications; Draft Guidance for Industry.	83 FR 32307
FDA–2018–D–2173	Long Term Follow-Up After Administration of Human Gene Therapy Products; Draft Guidance for Industry.	83 FR 32311
FDA–2018–D–2236	Human Gene Therapy for Retinal Disorders; Draft Guidance for Industry	83 FR 32302
FDA–2018–D–2238	Human Gene Therapy for Hemophilia; Draft Guidance for Industry	83 FR 32306

SIX DRAFT GUIDANCES PUBLISHED JULY 12, 2018—Continued

Docket No.	Draft guidance document title	FR cite
FDA–2018–D–2258	Human Gene Therapy for Rare Diseases; Draft Guidance for Industry	83 FR 32303

The Agency has received requests for a 60-day extension of the comment period for the six draft guidance documents. These requests conveyed concern that the current 90-day comment period does not allow sufficient time to develop a meaningful or thoughtful response to the draft guidance documents.

FDA has considered these requests and is extending the comment period for the six draft guidance documents for 60 days, until December 10, 2018. The Agency believes that a 60-day extension allows adequate time for interested persons to submit comments.

II. References

The following references are on display in the Dockets Management Staff (see **ADDRESSES**) and are available for viewing by interested persons between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; they are also available electronically at *https://www.regulations.gov.*

1. Letter from Robert Falb, Director, U.S. Policy and Advocacy, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine, to Dr. Peter Marks, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, FDA (July 23, 2018).
2. Letter from Sesquile Ramon, Ph.D., Director, Science and Regulatory Affairs, Biotechnology Innovation Organization, to FDA Dockets Management Staff (August 3, 2018).

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2011–D–0147]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Section 905(j) Reports: Demonstrating Substantial Equivalence for Tobacco Products

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the Agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal Agencies are required to publish notice in the **FEDERAL REGISTER** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on ''Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Section 905(j) Reports: Demonstrating Substantial Equivalence for Tobacco Products.''

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on the collection of information by November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: 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 November 5, 2018. The *https://www.regulations.gov* electronic filing system will accept comments until midnight Eastern Time at the end of November 5, 2018. 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.

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Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2011–D–0147 for ''Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Section 905(j) Reports: Demonstrating Substantial Equivalence for Tobacco Products.'' 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: Amber Sanford, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, Three White Flint North, 10A–12M, 11601 Landsdown St., North Bethesda, MD 20852, 301–796–8867, *PRAStaff@fda.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. ''Collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal Agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **FEDERAL REGISTER** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

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Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff on Section 905(j) Reports: Demonstrating Substantial Equivalence for Tobacco Products

OMB Control Number 0910–0673—Extension

On June 22, 2009, the President signed the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Tobacco Control Act) (Pub. L. 111–31) into law. The Tobacco Control Act amended the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) by adding, among other things, a chapter granting FDA authority to regulate the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of tobacco products to protect the public health generally and to reduce tobacco use by minors.

The FD&C Act, as amended by the Tobacco Control Act, requires that before a new tobacco product may be introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce, the new tobacco product must undergo premarket review by FDA. FDA must issue an order authorizing the commercial distribution of the new tobacco product or find the product exempt from the requirements of substantial equivalence under section 910(a)(2)(A) of the FD&C Act, before the product may be introduced into commercial distribution (section 910 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 387j)).

FDA has issued a guidance document containing recommendations for preparing substantial equivalence reports (SE Reports) under section 905(j)(1)(A)(i). A tobacco product manufacturer must show that a new tobacco product is substantially equivalent, within the meaning of section 910, to a tobacco product commercially marketed (other than for test marketing) in the United States as of February 15, 2007, or to a tobacco product that the Secretary has previously determined, pursuant to subsection (a)(3) of section 910, is substantially equivalent and that it is in compliance with the requirements of the FD&C Act. The comparison product chosen by the tobacco product manufacturer is referred to by FDA as the predicate tobacco product.

The guidance document associated with this collection of information contains recommendations on preparing reports intended to demonstrate substantial equivalence to a predicate tobacco product and compliance with the FD&C Act as required under section 905(j)(1)(A)(i). Submission of a section 905(j)(1)(A)(i) report intended to demonstrate substantial equivalence and, in response, an order from the Agency finding that the new tobacco product is substantially equivalent to a predicate tobacco product and in compliance with the requirements of the FD& C Act, is one means for a new tobacco product to legally enter the market. FDA's guidance entitled ''Demonstrating the Substantial Equivalence of a New Tobacco Product: Responses to Frequently Asked Questions'' (December 2016). This guidance may be accessed at *https://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/default.htm).* In that guidance, FDA recommends that certain modifications might be addressed in a ''Product Quantity Change Report,'' which is a more streamlined SE Reports for certain modifications that should be easier for manufacturers to prepare.

The Tobacco Control Act also gave FDA the authority to issue a regulation deeming all other products that meet the statutory definition of a tobacco product to be subject to Chapter IX of the FD&C Act (section 901(b) (21 U.S.C. 387a(b)) of the FD&C Act). On May 10, 2016, FDA issued that rule, extending FDA's tobacco product authority to all products that meet the definition of tobacco product in the law (except for accessories of newly regulated tobacco products), including electronic nicotine delivery systems, cigars, hookah, pipe tobacco, nicotine gels, dissolvables that were not already subject to the FD&C Act, and other tobacco products that may be developed in the future (81 FR 28974 at 28976) (''the Deeming final rule'').

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN [1]

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
Full SE 905(j)(1)(A)(i) and 910(a)	683	1	683	300	204,900
Full SE 905(j)(1)(A)(i) and 910(a) Bundled	456	1	456	90	41,040
Product Quantity Change SE Report	239	1	239	87	20,793
Product Quantity Change Bundled SE Report	192	1	192	62	11,904
Total					278,637

[1] There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

FDA's estimates are based on experience with SE Reports, initial updated deemed registration and listing data, interactions with the industry, and information related to other regulated products. The estimated number of SE Reports is expected to increase from an annual average of 979 to 1,570.

When groups of full or product quantity change SE Reports have identical content, they may be bundled; when a group of similar reports are bundled, the subsequent bundled reports are expected to take less time to prepare than the initial report.

FDA has based these estimates on information it now has available from interactions with the industry, information related to other regulated products, and FDA expectations regarding the tobacco industry's use of the section 905(j) pathway to market their products. Table 1 describes the annual reporting burden as a result of the implementation of the substantial equivalence requirements of sections 905(j)(1)(A)(i) and 910(a) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 387j(a)) for an SE application.

FDA estimates that 683 respondents will prepare and submit 683 section 905(j)(1)(A)(i) SE Reports each year. In addition, anyone submitting an SE Report is required to submit an environmental assessment (EA) under 21 CFR 25.40. The burden for environmental reports has been included in the burden per response for each type of SE report. Based on FDA's experience with EAs for currently regulated tobacco products, we expect industry to spend 80 hours to prepare an environmental assessment for a SE Report. Thus, FDA estimates that it will take a manufacturer approximately 300 hours per report to prepare an SE Report and the EA for a new tobacco product, which is a total of 204,900 hours.

In addition, we estimate receiving 456 Full SE Bundled Reports at 90 hours per submission for a total of 41,040 hours.

FDA estimates that it will receive 239 Product Quantity Change SE Reports and that it will take a manufacturer approximately 87 hours to prepare this report for a total of 20,793 hours. This includes time to prepare the environmental assessment, which FDA believes will take less time due to the typically more limited modification(s) included in a Product Quantity Change SE Report. We estimate receiving 192 Product Quantity Change Bundled SE Reports at approximately 62 hours per submission for a total of 11,904 hours, this number excludes the time for the initial SE Report which was previously account for.

Therefore, FDA estimates the burden for submission of SE information will be 278,637 hours. This is an increase of 106,759 hours from the currently approved burden. We attribute this increase to an increase in the number of SE Reports we expect related to Deemed products (*e.g.,* based on the initial registration and listing information).

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2018–N–3179]

Request for Nominations on Public Advisory Panels of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting that any industry organizations interested in participating in the selection of nonvoting industry representatives to serve on certain panels of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee (MDAC or Committee) in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) notify FDA in writing. FDA is also requesting nominations for nonvoting industry representatives to serve on certain device panels of the MDAC in the CDRH. A nominee may either be self-nominated or nominated by an organization to serve as a nonvoting industry representative. Nominations will be accepted for current and upcoming vacancies effective with this notice.

DATES: Any industry organization interested in participating in the selection of an appropriate nonvoting member to represent industry interests must send a letter stating that interest to FDA by October 9, 2018 (see sections I and II of this document for further details). Concurrently, nomination materials for prospective candidates should be sent to FDA by October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: All statements of interest from industry organizations interested in participating in the selection process of nonvoting industry representative nomination should be sent to Margaret Ames (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). All nominations for nonvoting industry representatives should be submitted electronically by accessing the FDA Advisory Committee Membership Nomination Portal: *https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/FACTRSPortal/FACTRS/index.cfm* or by mail to Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, Rm. 5103, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Information about becoming a member of an FDA advisory committee can also be obtained by visiting FDA's website at *https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Ames, Division of Workforce Management, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5264, Silver Spring, MD 20993, 301–796–5960, Fax: 301–847–8505, email: *margaret.ames@fda.hhs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency is requesting nominations for nonvoting industry representatives to the panels listed in the table in this document.

I. Medical Devices Advisory Committee

The Committee reviews and evaluates data on the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational devices and makes recommendations for their regulation. The panels engage in a number of activities to fulfill the functions the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) envisions for device advisory panels. With the exception of the Medical Devices Dispute Resolution Panel, each panel, according to its specialty area, advises the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner) regarding recommended classification or reclassification of devices into one of three regulatory categories; advises on any possible risks to health associated with the use of devices; advises on formulation of product development protocols; reviews premarket approval applications for medical devices; reviews guidelines and guidance documents; recommends exemption of certain devices from the application of portions of the FD&C Act; advises on the necessity to ban a device; and responds to requests from the Agency to review and make recommendations on specific issues or problems concerning the safety and effectiveness of devices. With the exception of the Medical Devices Dispute Resolution Panel, each panel, according to its specialty area, may also make appropriate recommendations to the Commissioner on issues relating to the design of clinical studies regarding the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational devices. The Committee also provides recommendations to the Commissioner or designee on complexity categorization of in vitro diagnostics under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988.

Dental Products Panel (two representatives—one to represent the medical device industry, and one to represent the dental drug industry).	Reviews and evaluates data concerning the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational products for use in dentistry, endodontics, or bone physiology relative to the oral and maxillofacial area and makes appropriate recommendations to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs.
Immunology Devices Panel	Reviews and evaluates data concerning the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational in vitro devices for use in clinical laboratory medicine including oncology, immunology, and allergy and makes appropriate recommendations to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

II. Qualifications

Persons nominated for the device panels should be full-time employees of firms that manufacture products that would come before the panel, or consulting firms that represent manufacturers, or have similar appropriate ties to industry.

III. Selection Procedure

Any industry organization interested in participating in the selection of an appropriate nonvoting member to represent industry interests should send a letter stating that interest to the FDA contact (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) within 30 days of publication of this document (see **DATES**). Within the subsequent 30 days, FDA will send a letter to each organization that has expressed an interest, attaching a complete list of all such organizations; and a list of all nominees along with their current resumes. The letter will also state that it is the responsibility of the interested organizations to confer with one another and to select a candidate, within 60 days after the receipt of the FDA letter, to serve as the nonvoting member to represent industry interests for a particular device panel. The interested organizations are not bound by the list of nominees in selecting a candidate. However, if no individual is selected within 60 days, the Commissioner will select the nonvoting member to represent industry interests.

IV. Application Procedure

Individuals may self-nominate and/or an organization may nominate one or more individuals to serve as a nonvoting industry representative. Nomination must include a current, complete résumé or curriculum vitae for each nominee including current business address and telephone number, email address if available, and a signed copy of the Acknowledgement and Consent form available at the FDA Advisory Committee Membership Nomination Portal (see **ADDRESSES**) within 30 days of publication of this document (see **DATES**). Nominations must also specify the advisory panel for which the nominee is recommended. Nominations must also acknowledge that the nominee is aware of the nomination unless self-nominated. FDA will forward all nominations to the organizations expressing interest in participating in the selection process for the particular device panels listed in the table. (Persons who nominate themselves as nonvoting industry representatives will not participate in the selection process).

FDA seeks to include the views of women and men, members of all racial and ethnic groups, and individuals with and without disabilities on its advisory committees and, therefore, encourages nominations of appropriately qualified candidates from these groups.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2014–D–0609]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Guidance for Industry: Drug Supply Chain Security Act Implementation: Identification of Suspect Product and Notification

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the Agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal Agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and

to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the identification of a suspect product and the termination of notifications regarding an illegitimate product.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on the collection of information by November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: 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 November 5, 2018. The *https://www.regulations.gov* electronic filing system will accept comments until midnight Eastern Time at the end of November 5, 2018. 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:

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Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2014–D–0609 for ''Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Guidance for Industry: Drug Supply Chain Security Act Implementation: Identification of Suspect Product and Notification.'' 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.

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Guidance for Industry: Drug Supply Chain Security Act Implementation: Identification of Suspect Product and Notification

OMB Control Number 0910–0806—Extension

This information collection supports the previously captioned Agency guidance and associated Form FDA 3911. The Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) (Title II of Pub. L. 113–54) added new section 582(h)(2) to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), requiring FDA to issue guidance to aid trading partners in identifying a suspect product and

terminating a notification regarding an illegitimate product and, for a manufacturer, a product with a high risk of illegitimacy. *Suspect product* is defined in section 581(21) of the FD&C Act as a product for which there is reason to believe it: (1) Is potentially counterfeit, diverted, or stolen; (2) is potentially intentionally adulterated such that the product would result in serious adverse health consequences or death to humans; (3) is potentially the subject of a fraudulent transaction; or (4) appears otherwise unfit for distribution such that the product would result in serious adverse health consequences or death to humans.

Beginning January 1, 2015, section 582 of the FD&C Act requires certain trading partners, upon determining that a product in their possession or control is a suspect product, to quarantine the product while they promptly conduct an investigation to determine whether the product is an illegitimate product. *Illegitimate product* is defined in section 581(8) of the FD&C Act as a product for which credible evidence shows that it: (1) Is counterfeit, diverted, or stolen; (2) is intentionally adulterated such that the product would result in serious adverse health consequences or death to humans; (3) is the subject of a fraudulent transaction; or (4) appears otherwise unfit for distribution such that the product would be reasonably likely to result in serious adverse health consequences or death to humans. Also beginning January 1, 2015, trading partners must, upon determining that a product in their possession or control is illegitimate, notify FDA and all immediate trading partners that they have reason to believe they may have received the illegitimate product not later than 24 hours after making the determination. Under section 582(b)(4)(B)(ii)(II) of the FD&C Act, manufacturers are additionally required to notify FDA and any immediate trading partners that they believe may possess a product manufactured by or purportedly manufactured by the manufacturer not later than 24 hours after the determination is made or being notified by FDA or a trading partner that the product has a high risk of illegitimacy.

Under section 202 of the DSCSA, manufacturers, repackagers, wholesale distributors, and dispensers (*e.g.,* pharmacies) must: (1) Notify FDA when they have determined that a product in their possession or control is illegitimate (and, for manufacturers, when they have determined or been notified by FDA or a trading partner that a product has a high risk of illegitimacy); (2) notify certain immediate trading partners about an illegitimate product that they may have received (and, for manufacturers, that a product has a high risk of illegitimacy); (3) terminate notifications regarding illegitimate products (and, for manufacturers, a product with a high risk of illegitimacy), in consultation with FDA, when the notifications are no longer necessary; and (4) notify immediate trading partners when the notifications are terminated. Trading partners should use Form FDA 3911 to submit notifications and requests for terminations of notifications to FDA. Form FDA 3911 is available on FDA's web page (*https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/email/drugnotification.cfm*).

A. Notifications to FDA

Under section 582(b)(4)(B)(ii)(I), (c)(4)(B)(ii), (d)(4)(B)(ii), and (e)(4)(B)(ii) of the FD&C Act, as amended by the DSCSA, and beginning not later than January 1, 2015, a manufacturer, repackager, wholesale distributor, or dispenser who determines that a product in its possession or control is illegitimate must notify FDA of that determination not later than 24 hours after the determination is made. In addition, section 582(b)(4)(B)(ii)(II) of the FD&C Act requires manufacturers to notify FDA when a manufacturer determines that a product poses a high risk of illegitimacy.

We originally estimated that all manufacturers, repackagers, wholesale distributors, and dispensers would collectively submit 5,000 notifications per year. This estimate included the notifications by trading partners that have determined that illegitimate product is in their possession or control, as well as notifications by manufacturers that have determined a product poses a high risk of illegitimacy. As discussed in our **Federal Register** notice of June 11, 2014 (79 FR 33564), the estimate was based on our experience with field alert reports (FARs) (Form FDA 3331) that holders of approved drug applications are required to submit for certain drug quality issues (21 CFR 314.81(b)(1)) and with reports of the falsification of drug sample records, diversion, loss, and known theft of prescription drug samples as currently required under § 203.37 (21 CFR 203.37). Upon evaluation of the number of notifications we received for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, however, we are lowering our estimate to 150 notifications.

We are also combining the estimates for manufacturers and repackagers because FDA's establishment and drug product listing database indicates that many companies perform activities of both manufacturers and repackagers. Although the DSCSA specifically defines dispensers, for estimation purposes, we are using estimates for pharmacies in general terms based on those that must comply with the new requirements under section 582(d) of the FD&C Act.

Because manufacturers, repackagers, and wholesale distributors are collectively responsible for prescription drugs from the point of manufacturing through distribution in the drug supply chain, we assume that most notifications of illegitimate products are submitted by these three trading partners. The total number of respondents is comprised of 80 percent manufacturers (120), 15 percent wholesale distributors (22), and 5 percent pharmacies (8).

We estimate that the number of annual notifications will vary from 0 to 2 for manufacturers/repackagers, as well as from pharmacies, with the vast majority of companies making no notifications. Although FDA's establishment and drug product listing database currently contains registrations for approximately 6,500 manufacturers and repackagers, we estimate that approximately 120 manufacturers/repackagers will notify us of illegitimate products an average of one time per year. Although we estimate approximately 69,000 pharmacy sites in the United States, based on data from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, the National Community Pharmacists Association, and the American Hospital Association, we estimate that approximately 8 pharmacies will notify FDA of illegitimate product an average of one time per year. According to the Healthcare Distribution Alliance (formerly known as Healthcare Distribution Management Association), approximately 30 wholesale distributors are responsible for over 90 percent of drug distributions; based on sales and because FDA is estimating that over 2,200 small wholesale distributors might be responsible for the remaining 10 percent of drug sales, we estimate that wholesale distributors will be responsible for making about an average of 1 notification per year to account for the estimated 22 notifications that FDA will receive regarding illegitimate product. Each notification should include information about the person or entity initiating the notification, the product determined to be illegitimate or having a high risk of illegitimacy, and a description of the circumstances surrounding the event that prompted

the notification. We estimate that each notification will take about 1 hour, as reflected in table 1.

B. Notifications to Trading Partners of an Illegitimate Product or Product With a High Risk of Illegitimacy

Under section 582(b)(4)(B)(ii)(I), (c)(4)(B)(ii), (d)(4)(B)(ii), and (e)(4)(B)(ii) of the FD&C Act, a trading partner who determines that a product in its possession is illegitimate must also notify all immediate trading partners that they believe may have received such illegitimate product not later than 24 hours after the determination is made. In addition, under section 582(b)(4)(B)(ii)(II) of the FD&C Act, a manufacturer is required to notify all immediate trading partners that the manufacturer believes may possess a product manufactured by or purported to be manufactured by the manufacturer not later than 24 hours after the determination is made or being notified by FDA or a trading partner that the product has a high risk of illegitimacy.

Because the extent of distribution of any illegitimate product is likely to vary from one situation to another, we assume a wide distribution of each illegitimate product. We estimate that, for each notification made by a manufacturer or repackager to FDA, approximately 30 trading partners (based on the number of distributors) will also be notified. This results in approximately 3,600 notifications annually to trading partners of manufacturers/repackagers. This estimate includes the notifications by manufacturers and repackagers who have determined that illegitimate product is in their possession or control, as well as notifications by manufacturers that have determined that a product poses a high risk of illegitimacy.

We estimate that a large wholesale distributor may have up to 4,500 trading partners, but a small wholesale distributor may have 200 trading partners, for an average of approximately 2,350. We originally estimated that a wholesale distributor would notify all 2,350 trading partners for each of the illegitimate products identified. However, we are lowering our estimate as a result of our experience with the collection and informal feedback from industry to reflect that 22 respondents will make 1,175 disclosures for a total of 25,850 disclosures annually; and that each disclosure will require approximately 12 minutes, for a total of 5,170 hours annually.

We estimate that a pharmacy purchases prescription drugs from an average of two wholesale distributors. Therefore, a pharmacy would notify 2 trading partners for each of the 8 illegitimate products identified, resulting in approximately 16 notifications annually to pharmacy trading partners.

Manufacturers/repackagers, wholesale distributors, and pharmacies may notify their trading partners using existing systems and processes used for similar types of communications. Such communications may include, but are not limited to, posting notifications on a company website, sending an email, telephoning, or mailing or faxing a letter or notification. The information contained in the notification to the immediate trading partner should be the same as or based on the notification that was already submitted to FDA. We estimate that, for all trading partners, each notification of immediate trading partners will take approximately 0.2 hours (12 minutes). The estimated total burden hours that manufacturers/repackagers, wholesale distributors, and pharmacies will take to notify trading partners is approximately 5,893 hours annually, as reflected in table 2.

C. Consultations With FDA and Termination of Notification

Section 582(b)(4)(B)(iv), (c)(4)(B)(iv), (d)(4)(B)(iv), and (e)(4)(B)(iv) of the FD&C Act requires that a trading partner who determines, in consultation with FDA, that a notification made under section 582(b)(4)(B)(ii), (c)(4)(B)(ii), (d)(4)(B)(ii), or (e)(4)(B)(ii) is no longer necessary must terminate the notification. The guidance for industry sets forth the process by which trading partners should consult with FDA to terminate notifications that are no longer necessary.

Each request for termination of notification must include information about the person or entity initiating the request for termination, the illegitimate product or product with a high risk of illegitimacy, the notification that was issued, and an explanation about what actions have taken place or what information has become available that make the notification no longer necessary. Trading partners should also include the FDA-assigned incident number associated with the initial notification on the request for termination. The request for a termination will be viewed as a request for consultation with FDA. We estimate that the same amount of time will be required to provide the information necessary to request termination as is required to make the notification. The time required to investigate and resolve an illegitimate product notification will vary, but we assume that each notification will eventually be terminated. We assume that the number of requests for termination of a notification per year will be the same as the original number of notifications for a given year. The estimated total burden hours of making requests for termination of notifications to FDA is 150 hours annually, as reflected in table 3.

D. Notifications to Trading Partners That a Notification Has Been Terminated

Section 582(b)(4)(B)(iv), (c)(4)(B)(iv), (d)(4)(B)(iv), and (e)(4)(B)(iv) of the FD&C Act requires that a trading partner who, in consultation with FDA, terminates a notification made under section 582(b)(4)(B)(ii)(I) or (II), (c)(4)(B)(ii), (d)(4)(B)(ii), or (e)(4)(B)(ii) must also promptly inform previously-notified immediate trading partners that the notification has been terminated. We estimate that the burden for notifying trading partners of an illegitimate product and the number of trading partners notified will be the same as the estimates for notification of termination. The estimated total burden hours of notifying trading partners that the notification is terminated is approximately 5,893 hours annually, as reflected in table 4.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN—NOTIFICATIONS TO FDA [1]

Respondent description	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
Manufacturers and Repackagers	120	1	120	1	120
Wholesale Distributors	22	1	22	1	22
Dispensers	8	1	8	1	8

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN—NOTIFICATIONS TO FDA [1]—Continued

Respondent description	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
Total					150

[1] There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

TABLE 2—ESTIMATED ANNUAL THIRD-PARTY DISCLOSURE BURDEN FOR NOTIFICATIONS TO TRADING PARTNERS OF AN ILLEGITIMATE PRODUCT [1]

Respondent description	Number of respondents	Number of disclosures per respondent	Total annual disclosures	Average burden per disclosure	Total hours
Manufacturers and Repackagers	120	30	3,600	0.20 (12 minutes)	720
Wholesale Distributors	22	1,175	25,850	0.20 (12 minutes)	5,170
Dispensers	8	2	16	0.20 (12 minutes)	3.2
Total					5,893

[1] There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

TABLE 3—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN FOR CONSULTATION WITH FDA AND TERMINATION OF NOTIFICATION [1]

Respondent description	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
Manufacturers and Repackagers	120	1	120	1	120
Wholesale Distributors	22	1	22	1	22
Dispensers	8	1	8	1	8
Total					150

[1] There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

TABLE 4—ESTIMATED ANNUAL THIRD-PARTY DISCLOSURE BURDEN FOR NOTIFICATIONS TO TRADING PARTNERS OF AN ILLEGITIMATE PRODUCT TERMINATION [1]

Respondent description	Number of respondents	Number of disclosures per respondent	Total annual disclosures	Average burden per disclosure	Total hours
Manufacturers and Repackagers	120	30	3,600	0.2 (12 minutes)	720
Wholesale Distributors	22	1,175	25,850	0.2 (12 minutes)	5,170
Dispensers	8	2	16	0.2 (12 minutes)	3.2
Total					5,893

[1] There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Cumulatively, the total estimated burden is 12,086 annual hours, which reflects a significant decrease. We base this adjustment on our experience with the information collection since its establishment and implementation.

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2018–N–3207]

Request for Nominations of Voting Members on a Public Advisory Committee; National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for voting members to serve on the National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health. Nominations will be accepted for upcoming vacancies effective with this notice.

FDA seeks to include the views of women and men, members of all racial and ethnic groups, and individuals with and without disabilities on its advisory committees and, therefore, encourages nominations of appropriately qualified candidates from these groups.

DATES: Nominations received on or before November 5, 2018, will be given first consideration for membership on the National Mammography Quality

Assurance Advisory Committee. Nominations received after November 5, 2018, will be considered for nomination to the committee as later vacancies occur.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for membership should be submitted electronically by logging into the FDA Advisory Nomination Portal: *http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/FACTRSPortal/FACTRS/index.cfm* or by mail to Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, Rm. 5103, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Information about becoming a member on an FDA advisory committee can also be obtained by visiting FDA's website at *http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Regarding all nomination questions for membership:* Sara Anderson, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. G616, Silver Spring, MD 20993, 301–796–7047, email: *Sara.Anderson@fda.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is requesting nominations for voting members to fill upcoming vacancies on the National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee.

I. General Description of the Committee Duties

The National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee advises the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner) or designee on: (1) Developing appropriate quality standards and regulations for mammography facilities; (2) developing appropriate standards and regulations for bodies accrediting mammography facilities under this program; (3) developing regulations with respect to sanctions; (4) developing procedures for monitoring compliance with standards; (5) establishing a mechanism to investigate consumer complaints; (6) reporting new developments concerning breast imaging that should be considered in the oversight of mammography facilities; (7) determining whether there exists a shortage of mammography facilities in rural and health professional shortage areas and determining the effects of personnel on access to the services of such facilities in such areas; (8) determining whether there will exist a sufficient number of medical physicists after October 1, 1999; and (9) determining the costs and benefits of compliance with these requirements.

II. Criteria for Voting Members

The committee consists of a core of 15 members, including the Chair. Members and the Chair are selected by the Commissioner or designee from among physicians, practitioners, and other health professionals, whose clinical practice, research specialization, or professional expertise includes a significant focus on mammography. Almost all non-Federal members of this committee serve as Special Government Employees. Members will be invited to serve for terms of up to 4 years.

III. Nomination Procedures

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the advisory committee. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must include a current, complete résumé or curriculum vitae for each nominee, including current business address, telephone number, and email address if available and a signed copy of the Acknowledgement and Consent form available at the FDA Advisory Nomination Portal (see **ADDRESSES**). Nominations must specify the advisory committee for which the nominee is recommended. Nominations must also acknowledge that the nominee is aware of the nomination unless self-nominated. FDA will ask potential candidates to provide detailed information concerning such matters related to financial holdings, employment, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

Dated: August 31, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2000–D–0277]

Allergic Rhinitis: Developing Drug Products for Treatment; Guidance for Industry; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled ''Allergic Rhinitis: Developing Drug Products for Treatment.'' The purpose of this guidance is to assist sponsors in the development of drug products for the treatment of allergic rhinitis in children and adults. The guidance addresses issues of trial design, effectiveness, and safety for new products being developed for the treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis (SAR) and perennial allergic rhinitis (PAR). This guidance incorporates the comments received for and finalizes the draft guidance of the same name issued on February 16, 2016.

DATES: The announcement of the guidance is published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time 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–2000–D–0277 for Allergic Rhinitis: Developing Drug Products for Treatment; 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.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of this 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. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the guidance document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stacy Chin, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 22, Rm., 3340, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 240–402–5005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled ''Allergic Rhinitis: Developing Drug Products for Treatment.'' The purpose of this guidance is to assist sponsors in the development of drug products for the treatment of allergic rhinitis in children and adults. The guidance addresses issues of trial design, effectiveness, and safety for new products being developed for the treatment of SAR and PAR. This guidance finalizes the draft guidance of the same name issued on February 16, 2016. All the public comments received on the draft guidance have been considered and the guidance has been revised as appropriate along with a few editorial changes.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on Allergic Rhinitis: Developing Drug Products for Treatment. 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 the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance refers to previously approved collections of information that 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). The collections of information in 21 CFR part 312 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0014.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the guidance at either *https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm* or *https://www.regulations.gov.*

Dated: August 29, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2016–D–0236]

Nonallergic Rhinitis: Developing Drug Products for Treatment; Guidance for Industry; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled ''Nonallergic Rhinitis: Developing Drug Products for Treatment.'' The purpose of this guidance is to assist applicants of new drug applications and biologics license applications in developing drug products for the treatment of nonallergic rhinitis (NAR) in children and adults. This guidance incorporates the comments received and finalizes the draft guidance of the same name issued on February 16, 2016.

DATES: The announcement of the guidance is published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time as follows:

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• 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–2016–D–0236 for ''Nonallergic Rhinitis: Developing Drug Products for Treatment; 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.*

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled ''Nonallergic Rhinitis: Developing Drug Products for Treatment.'' The purpose of this guidance is to assist applicants of new drug applications and biologics license applications in developing drug products for the treatment of nonallergic rhinitis (NAR) in children and adults. This guidance incorporates the comments received and finalizes the draft guidance of the same name issued on February 16, 2016 (81 FR 7811). All the public comments received on the draft guidance have been considered and the guidance has been revised primarily to update references and to clarify.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on developing drug products for treatment of nonallergic rhinitis. 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 the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

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Dated: August 29, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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 Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: October 18, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Democracy One, Room 651, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Nisan Bhattacharyya, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NIDCR, NIH, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 668, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–451–2405, *nisan_bhattacharyya@nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: October 30, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Morrison Clark Hotel, NW, 1015 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Contact Person: Crina Frincu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Suite 662, Bethesda, MD 20892, *cfrincu@mail.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel; Secondary Data Analysis.

Date: November 1, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Guo He Zhang, MPH, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Natl. Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 672, Bethesda, MD 20892, *zhanggu@mail.nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.121, Oral Diseases and Disorders Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 30, 2018.

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 of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting Microbiology, Infectious Diseases and AIDS Initial Review Group Microbiology and Infectious Diseases B Subcommittee.

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: Microbiology, Infectious Diseases and AIDS Initial Review Group; Microbiology and Infectious Diseases B Subcommittee MID–B September Review Meeting.

Date: September 25–26, 2018.

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: Ellen S. Buczko, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program Division of Extramural Activities, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7616 Bethesda, MD 20892–7616, 301–451–2676, *ebuczko1@niaid.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: August 30, 2018.

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 of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; R13 Conference Grant Applications.

Date: September 27, 2018.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jian Yang, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7111, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–5452, (301) 594–7799, *yangj@extra.niddk.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; PAR–17–123: Biomarkers for NIDDK Using Biosamples from the Repository (R01).

Date: October 2, 2018.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Najma S. Begum, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7349, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–5452, (301) 594–8894, *begumn@niddk.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; PAR–17–270: NIDDK Central Repositories Non-renewable Sample Access (X01).

Date: October 3, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Najma S. Begum, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7349, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–5452, (301) 594–8894, *begumn@niddk.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIDDK–KUH-Fellowship Review Meeting.

Date: October 5, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW, Washington, DC 20015.

Contact Person: Xiaodu Guo, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7023, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–5452, (301) 594–4719, *guox@extra.niddk.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy.

Date: October 5, 2018.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Michele L. Barnard, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch,

DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7353, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–2542, (301) 594–8898, *barnardm@extra.niddk.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships in Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases.

Date: October 16, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Doubletree Hotel Bethesda, (Formerly Holiday Inn Select), 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Thomas A. Tatham, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7021, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–5452, (301) 594–3993, *tathamt@mail.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships in Digestive Diseases and Nutrition.

Date: October 18–19, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Jian Yang, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7111, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–5452, (301) 594–7799, *yangj@extra.niddk.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; PAR–18–111: High Impact, Interdisciplinary Science in NIDDK Research Areas (RC2)—Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases.

Date: November 8, 2018.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Dianne Camp, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7013, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–2542, 301–594–7682, *campd@extra.niddk.nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 30, 2018.

David D. Clary,

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 Dental and Craniofacial Research; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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 Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel; FaceBase 3 SEP.

Date: October 24, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Crina Frincu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Suite 662, Bethesda, MD 20892, *cfrincu@mail.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: NIDCR Special Grants Review Committee; NIDCR Special Grants Review.

Date: October 25–26, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Cambria Hotel Washington, DC Convention Center, 899 O Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20001.

Contact Person: Latarsha J. Carithers, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–594–4859, *latarsha.carithers@nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.121, Oral Diseases and Disorders Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 30, 2018.

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 of Environmental Health Sciences: Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIEHS.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, 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.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, NIEHS.

Date: October 28–30, 2018.

Closed: October 28, 2018, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate programmatic and personnel qualifications.

Place: Hilton Garden Inn Durham Southpoint, 7007 Fayetteville Road, Durham, NC 27713.

Open: October 29, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Agenda: Scientific Presentations.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Closed: October 29, 2018, 11:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate programmatic and personnel qualifications.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Open: October 29, 2018, 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Agenda: Poster Session.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Closed: October 29, 2018, 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate programmatic and personnel qualifications.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Open: October 29, 2018, 3:30 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate programmatic and personnel qualifications.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Closed: October 29, 2018, 5:10 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate programmatic and personnel qualifications.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Closed: October 29, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate programmatic and personnel qualifications.

Place: Hilton Garden Inn Durham Southpoint, 7007 Fayetteville Road, Durham, NC 27713.

Open: October 30, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Agenda: Scientific Presentations.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Closed: October 30, 2018, 11:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate programmatic and personnel qualifications.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Contact Person: Darryl C. Zeldin, Scientific Director & Principal Investigator, Division of Intramural Research, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Mail drop A2–09, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919–541–1169, *zeldin@niehs.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.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 31, 2018.

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 Advancing Translational Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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 Center for Advancing Translational Sciences Special Emphasis; Panel NTU.

Date: October 24, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza, Room 1066, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Barbara J. Nelson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Democracy 1, Room 1080, Bethesda, MD 20892–4874, 301–435–0806, *nelsonbj@mail.nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.350, B—Cooperative Agreements; 93.859, Biomedical Research and Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 30, 2018.

David D. Clary,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review: Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Neuroendocrinology, Neuroimmunology, Rhythms and Sleep Study Section.

Date: September 27–28, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Michael Selmanoff, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5164, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1119, *mselmanoff@csr.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: Genes, Genomes, and Genetics Integrated Review Group; Molecular Genetics B Study Section.

Date: September 27–28, 2018.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Michael L. Bloom, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6187, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–451–0132, *bloomm2@mail.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Sensorimotor Integration Study Section.

Date: October 2, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Contact Person: John Bishop, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5182, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 408–9664, *bishopj@csr.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Neurogenesis and Cell Fate Study Section.

Date: October 3, 2018.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Residence Inn Capital View, 2850 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Joanne T Fujii, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4184, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1178, *fujiij@csr.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Epidemiology and Cohort Studies for Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementia, and Cognitive Resilience.

Date: October 3, 2018.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Gianina Ramona Dumitrescu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4193–C, Bethesda, MD 28092, *dumitrescurg@csr.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Academic Research Enhancement Award: Cancer Biology.

Date: October 3, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Jian Cao, MD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–5902, *caojn@csr.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR–18–744: Clinical Pilot Studies in Kidney Diseases.

Date: October 3, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Atul Sahai, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2188, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1198, *sahaia@csr.nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 30, 2018.

David D. Clary,

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 Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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 Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAID Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trial Implementation Grants (U01) and SBIR Phase II Clinical Trial Implementation Grant (U44).

Date: September 24, 2018.

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 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: Priti Mehrotra, Ph.D., Chief, Immunology Review Branch, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, Room #3G40, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC 9823, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616, 240–669–5066, *pmehrotra@niaid.nih.gov*.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Centers of Excellence for Translational Research (CETR) (U19 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

Date: September 27–28, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bethesda-Washington, DC (Formerly Holiday Inn Select), 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Yong Gao, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, Room #3G13B, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC 9823, Rockville, MD 20892–7616, (240) 669–5048, *yong.gao@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: August 30, 2018.

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 of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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; Limited Competition: Revision Applications for International Centers of Excellence for Malaria Research (U19 Clinical Trial Optional).

Date: September 26–28, 2018.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Ann Marie M. Cruz, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Program Management & Operations Branch, DEA/SRP RM 3E71, National Institutes of Health, NIAID, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852, 301–761–3100, *AnnMarie.Cruz@niaid.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: August 30, 2018.

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

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group; Biochemistry and Biophysics of Membranes Study Section.

Date: September 27–28, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Doubletree Hotel Bethesda (Formerly Holiday Inn Select), 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Nuria E. Assa-Munt, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4164, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451–1323, *assamunu@csr.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group; Synthetic and Biological Chemistry A Study Section.

Date: October 2–3, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean, VA 22102.

Contact Person: Anita Szajek, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4187, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–6276, *anita.szajek@nih.gov.*

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 30, 2018

Natasha M. Copeland,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2018–0789]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control Number: 625–0069

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of its approval for the following collection of information: 1625–0069, Ballast Water Management Reporting and Recordkeeping; without change. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Before submitting this ICR to OIRA, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG–2018–0789] to the Coast Guard 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.

A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the internet at *http://www.regulations.gov.* Additionally, copies are available from: Commandant (CG–612), ATTN: Paperwork Reduction Act Manager, U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE, Stop 7710, Washington, DC 20593–7710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Anthony Smith, Office of Information Management, telephone 202–475–3532, or fax 202–372–8405, for questions on these documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

This notice relies on the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended. An ICR is an application to OIRA seeking the approval, extension, or renewal of a Coast Guard collection of information (Collection). The ICR contains information describing the Collection's purpose, the Collection's likely burden on the affected public, an explanation of the necessity of the Collection, and other important information describing the Collection. There is one ICR for each Collection.

The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be granted based on the Collection being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the Collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the Collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the Collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the Collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. In response to your comments, we may revise this ICR or decide not to seek an extension of approval for the Collection. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. Comments must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR and the docket number of this request, [USCG–2018–0789], and must be received by November 5, 2018.

Submitting Comments

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. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public comments, are in our online docket at *http://www.regulations.gov* and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

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).

Information Collection Request

Title: Ballast Water Management Reporting and Recordkeeping.

OMB Control Number: 1625–0069.

*Summary:*This collection requires the master of a vessel to provide information that details the vessel operator's ballast water management efforts.

Need: The information is needed to ensure compliance with 16 U.S.C. 4711 and the requirements in 33 CFR part 151, subparts C and D regarding the management of ballast water, to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species into U.S. waters. The information is also used for research and periodic reporting to Congress.

Forms: Ballast Water Management Report and Ballast Water Management (BWM) Equivalent Reporting Program Application.

Respondents: Owners and operators of certain vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 61,819 hours to 83,337 hours a year due to an increase in the estimated annual number of responses.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: August 30, 2018.

James D. Roppel,

U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Chief, Office of Information Management.

[FR Doc. 2018–19327 Filed 9–5–18; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2018–0792]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of its approval for the following collection of information: 1625–0035, Title 46 CFR Subchapter Q: Lifesaving, Electrical, Engineering and Navigation Equipment, Construction and Materials & Marine Sanitation Devices (33 CFR part 159); without change. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Before submitting this ICR to OIRA, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG–2018–0792] to the Coast Guard 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.

A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the internet at *http://www.regulations.gov.* Additionally, copies are available from: COMMANDANT (CG–612), ATTN: PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT MANAGER, U.S. COAST GUARD, 2703 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE SE, STOP 7710, WASHINGTON, DC 20593–7710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Mr. Anthony Smith, Office of Information Management, telephone 202–475–3532, or fax 202–372–8405, for questions on these documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

This Notice relies on the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended. An ICR is an application to OIRA seeking the approval, extension, or renewal of a Coast Guard collection of information (Collection). The ICR contains information describing the Collection's purpose, the Collection's likely burden on the affected public, an explanation of the necessity of the Collection, and other important information describing the Collection. There is one ICR for each Collection.

The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be granted based on the Collection being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the Collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the Collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the Collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the Collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. In response to your comments, we may revise this ICR or decide not to seek an extension of approval for the Collection. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. Comments must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR and the docket number of this request, [USCG–2018–0792], and must be received by November 5, 2018.

Submitting Comments

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. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public comments, are in our online docket at *http://www.regulations.gov* and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

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).

Information Collection Request

Title: Title 46 CFR Subchapter Q: Lifesaving, Electrical, Engineering and Navigation Equipment, Construction and Materials & Marine Sanitation Devices (33 CFR part 159).

OMB Control Number: 1625–0035.

Summary: This information is used by the Coast Guard to ensure that regulations governing specific types of safety equipment, material and Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs) installed on commercial vessels and pleasure craft are met. Manufacturers are required to submit drawings, specifications, and laboratory test reports to the Coast Guard before any approval is given.

Need: Tile 46 U.S.C. 2103, 3306, 3703, and 4302 authorize the Coast Guard to establish safety equipment and material regulations. Title 46 CFR parts 159 to 164 prescribe these requirements. Title 33 U.S.C. 1322 authorizes the Coast Guard to establish MSD regulations. Title 33 CFR part 159 prescribes these rules. NVIC 8–01 (Chg 2) prescribes the standards for navigation equipment. This information is used to determine whether manufacturers are in compliance with Coast Guard regulations. When the Coast Guard

approves any safety equipment, material or MSD for use on a commercial vessel or pleasure craft, the manufacturer is issued a Certificate or Approval.

Forms: CGHQ–10030, Certificate of Approval.

Respondents: Manufacturers of safety equipment, materials and marine sanitation devices.

Frequency: On occasion.

Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has decreased from 118,594 hours to 114,586 hours a year due to a decrease in the estimated annual number of responses.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: August 30, 3018.

James D. Roppel,

U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Chief, Office of Information Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA–2018–0028; OMB No. 1660–0083]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Application for Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.,* the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and sent via electronic mail to *dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Information Management Division, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, email address *FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov* or Martha Polanco, Assistant Program Manager, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Public Assistance Division, (202) 212–5761.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed information collection previously published in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 2018 at 83 FR 30159 with a 60 day public comment period. FEMA received 12 unrelated comments. The number of respondents, responses, and total annual burden hours for this collection changed from the previously published **Federal Register** notice because the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico were added as a respondent. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance.

Collection of Information

Title: Application for Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program.

Type of Information Collection: Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660–0083.

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA Form 090–0–1, Certification Of Eligibility For Community Disaster Loans; FEMA Form 116–0–1, Promissory Note; FEMA Form 116–0–1A, Promissory Note; FEMA Form 116–0–1B, Promissory Note; FEMA Form 116–0–1C, Promissory Note; FEMA Form 085–0–1, Local Government Resolution—Collateral Security; FEMA Form 112–0–3C, Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; FEMA Form 090–0–4, Letter of Application through the GAR. The respondent will only complete each form once and each response will require 4.0 hours.

Abstract: The loan package for the CDL Program provides Local and Tribal governments that have suffered substantial loss of tax or other revenues as a result of a major disaster or emergency, the opportunity to obtain financial assistance in order to perform their governmental functions. The loan must be justified on the basis of need and actual expenses.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 144.

Estimated Number of Responses: 144.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 518.13.13.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: $27,761.41.

Estimated Respondents' Operation and Maintenance Costs: $0.

Estimated Respondents' Capital and Start-Up Costs: $0.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: $1,012,699.66.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submission of responses.

William Holzerland,

Information Management Division, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Mission Support, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2018–0002]

Changes in Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: New or modified Base (1-percent annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths,

Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, and/or regulatory floodways (hereinafter referred to as flood hazard determinations) as shown on the indicated Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for each of the communities listed in the table below are finalized. Each LOMR revises the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and in some cases the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports, currently in effect for the listed communities. The flood hazard determinations modified by each LOMR will be used to calculate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents.

DATES: Each LOMR was finalized as in the table below.

ADDRESSES: Each LOMR is available for inspection at both the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the table below and online through the FEMA Map Service Center at *https://msc.fema.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–7659, or (email) *patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov;* or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at *https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes the final flood hazard determinations as shown in the LOMRs for each community listed in the table below. Notice of these modified flood hazard determinations has been published in newspapers of local circulation and 90 days have elapsed since that publication. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

The modified flood hazard determinations are made pursuant to section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.,* and with 44 CFR part 65.

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The new or modified flood hazard information is the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

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Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the final flood hazard information available at the address cited below for each community or online through the FEMA Map Service Center at *https://msc.fema.gov.*

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, ''Flood Insurance.'')

David I. Maurstad,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Date of modification	Community No.
Arkansas: Washington (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Fayetteville (17–06–3792P).	The Honorable Lioneld Jordan, Mayor, City of Fayetteville, 113 West Mountain Street, Fayetteville, AR 72701.	Planning Department, 125 West Mountain Street, Fayetteville, AR 72701.	Aug. 13, 2018	050216
Colorado:					
Adams (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Commerce City (17–08–1290P).	The Honorable Sean Ford, Mayor, City of Commerce City, 7887 East 60th Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022.	City Hall, 7887 East 60th Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022.	Aug. 8, 2018	080006
Adams (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Adams County (17–08–1290P).	The Honorable Mary Hodge, Chair, Adams County Board of Commissioners, 4430 South Adams County Parkway, 5th Floor, Suite C5000A, Brighton, CO 80601.	Adams County Development and Engineering Services Department, 4430 South Adams County Parkway, Brighton, CO 80601.	Aug. 8, 2018	080001
Arapahoe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Centennial (18–08–0628P).	The Honorable Cathy Noon, Mayor, City of Centennial, 13133 East Arapahoe Road, Centennial, CO 80112.	Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority, 7437 South Fairplay Street, Centennial, CO 80112.	Aug. 3, 2018	080315
Broomfield (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City and County of Broomfield (17–08–1518P).	The Honorable Randy Ahrens, Mayor, City and County of Broomfield, 1 Descombes Drive, Broomfield, CO 80020.	Engineering Department, 1 Descombes Drive, Broomfield, CO 80020.	Aug. 3, 2018	085073
El Paso (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of El Paso County (18–08–0558P).	The Honorable Darryl Glenn, President, El Paso County Board of Commissioners, 200 South Cascade Avenue, Suite 100, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.	El Paso County Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80910.	Aug. 6, 2018	080059
Jefferson (FEMA Docket No.: B–1825).	City of Arvada (17–08–1484P).	The Honorable Marc Williams, Mayor, City of Arvada, P.O. Box 8101, Arvada, CO 80001.	Engineering Department, 8101 Ralston Road, Arvada, CO 80001.	Jul. 27, 2018	085072
Weld (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Brighton (17–08–1256P).	Mr. Philip Rodriguez, Manager, City of Brighton, 500 South 4th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601.	City Hall, 500 South 4th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601.	Jul. 26, 2018	080004

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Weld (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Weld County (17–08–1256P).	The Honorable Steve Moreno, Chairman, Weld County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 758, Greeley, CO 80632.	Weld County Commissioner's Office, 915 10th Street, Greeley, CO 80632.	Jul. 26, 2018	080266
Florida:					
Bay (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Bay County (17–04–2041P).	The Honorable William T. Dozier, Chairman, Bay County Board of Commissioners, 840 West 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401.	Bay County Planning and Zoning Division, 840 West 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401.	Aug. 1, 2018	120004
Collier (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Collier County (18–04–2026P).	The Honorable Andy Solis, Chairman, Collier County Board of Commissioners, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 303, Naples, FL 34112.	Collier County Growth Management Department, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL 34104.	Aug. 7, 2018	120067
Duval (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Jacksonville (17–04–7972P).	The Honorable Lenny Curry, Mayor, City of Jacksonville, 117 West Duval Street, Suite 400, Jacksonville, FL 32202.	Development Services Division, 214 North Hogan Street, Room 2100, Jacksonville, FL 32202.	Aug. 8, 2018	120077
Manatee (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Manatee County (18–04–2274P).	The Honorable Priscilla Trace, Chair, Manatee County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1000, Bradenton, FL 34206.	Manatee County Building and Development Services Department, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205.	Aug. 3, 2018	120153
Monroe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Marathon (17–04–7377P).	The Honorable Michelle Coldiron, Mayor, City of Marathon, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050.	Planning Department, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050.	Aug. 9, 2018	120681
Monroe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Village of Islamorada (18–04–2264P).	The Honorable Chris Sante, Mayor, Village of Islamorada, 86800 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, FL 33036.	Building Department, 86800 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, FL 33036.	Aug. 3, 2018	120424
Orange (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Orlando (18–04–1385P).	The Honorable Buddy Dyer, Mayor, City of Orlando, 400 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.	Permitting Services Department, 400 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.	Jul. 30, 2018	120186
Orange (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Orange County (18–04–1385P).	The Honorable Teresa Jacobs, Mayor, Orange County, 201 South Rosalind Avenue, 5th Floor, Orlando, FL 32801.	Orange County Stormwater Management Department, 4200 South John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32839.	Jul. 30, 2018	120179
Osceola (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Osceola County (17–04–6937P).	The Honorable Viviana Janer, Chair, Osceola County Board of Commissioners, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite 4700, Kissimmee, FL 34741.	Osceola County Stormwater Department, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite 3100, Kissimmee, FL 34741.	Aug. 10, 2018	120189
Volusia (FEMA Docket No.: B–1825).	City of Daytona Beach (17–04–3592P).	The Honorable Derrick Henry, Mayor, City of Daytona Beach, 301 South Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114.	Utilities Department, 125 Basin Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114.	Jul. 27, 2018	125099
Volusia (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Ormond Beach (18–04–1321P).	Ms. Joyce Shanahan, Manager, City of Ormond Beach, 22 South Beach Street, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.	City Hall, 22 South Beach Street, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.	Aug. 7, 2018	125136
Volusia (FEMA Docket No.: B–1825).	Unincorporated areas of Volusia County (17–04–3592P).	The Honorable Ed Kelley, Chairman, Volusia County Council, 123 West Indiana Avenue, Deland, FL 32720.	Volusia County Building and Zoning Division, 123 West Indiana Avenue, Deland, FL 32720.	Jul. 27, 2018	125155
Volusia (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Volusia County (18–04–1321P).	The Honorable Ed Kelley, Chairman, Volusia County Council, 123 West Indiana Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720.	Volusia County Building and Zoning Department, 123 West Indiana Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720.	Aug. 7, 2018	125155
Wakulla (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Wakulla County (17–04–6262P).	The Honorable Ralph Thomas, Chairman, Wakulla County Board of Commissioners, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.	Wakulla County Planning and Zoning Department, 3095 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.	Jul. 27, 2018	120315
Georgia: Effingham (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Effingham County (17–04–6088P).	The Honorable Wesley Corbitt, Chairman, Effingham County Board of Commissioners, 601 North Laurel Street, Springfield, GA 31329.	Effingham County Planning and Engineering Department, 601 North Laurel Street, Springfield, GA 31329.	Jul. 26, 2018	130076
Illinois: Winnebago (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Village of Machesney Park (17–05–3855P).	Mr. Tim Savage, Administrator, Village of Machesney Park, 300 Roosevelt Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115.	Community Development Department, 300 Roosevelt Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115.	Aug. 3, 2018	171009
Massachusetts: Essex (FEMA Docket No.: B–1834).	City of Lynn (18–01–0336P).	The Honorable Thomas M. McGee, Mayor, City of Lynn, 3 City Hall Square, Room 306, Lynn, MA 01901.	Inspectional Services Department, 3 City Hall Square, Room 401, Lynn, MA 01901.	Aug. 13, 2018	250088
Montana: Lake (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Lake County (18–08–0356P).	The Honorable Gale Decker, Chairman, Lake County Board of Commissioners, 106 4th Avenue East, Room 211, Polson, MT 59860.	Lake County Courthouse, 106 4th Avenue East, Polson, MT 59860.	Aug. 3, 2018	300155
Oklahoma: Oklahoma (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Edmond (18–06–0827P).	The Honorable Charles Lamb, Mayor, City of Edmond, P.O. Box 2970, Edmond, OK 73034.	Engineering Department, Stormwater Management, 10 South Littler Avenue, Edmond, OK 73034.	Aug. 9, 2018	400252
Pennsylvania:					

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Lancaster (FEMA Docket No.: B–1825).	City of Lancaster (17–03–2630P).	The Honorable Danene Sorace, Mayor, City of Lancaster, P.O. Box 1599, Lancaster, PA 17608.	City Hall, 120 North Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17608.	Aug. 3, 2018	420552
Lancaster (FEMA Docket No.: B–1825).	Township of East Lampeter (17–03–2630P).	The Honorable David Buckwalter, Chairman, Township of East Lampeter Board of Supervisors, 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602.	Township Hall, 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602.	Aug. 3, 2018	421771
Lancaster (FEMA Docket No.: B–1825).	Township of Lancaster (17–03–2630P).	Mr. William M. Laudien, Manager, Township of Lancaster, 1240 Maple Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.	Municipal Office, 1240 Maple Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.	Aug. 3, 2018	420553
Lancaster (FEMA Docket No.: B–1825).	Township of Manheim (17–03–2630P).	Mr. Sean P. Molchany, Manager-Secretary, Township of Manheim, 1840 Municipal Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.	Planning and Zoning Department, 1840 Municipal Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.	Aug. 3, 2018	420556
Texas:					
Bexar (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of San Antonio (18–06–1577X).	The Honorable Ron Nirenberg, Mayor, City of San Antonio, P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, TX 78283.	Transportation and Capital Improvements Department, Stormwater Division, 1901 South Alamo Street, 2nd Floor, San Antonio, TX 78204.	Aug. 6, 2018	480045
Dallas (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Irving (17–06–4073P).	The Honorable Rick Stopfer, Mayor, City of Irving, 825 West Irving Boulevard, Irving, TX 75060.	Capital Improvement Program Department, Engineering Section, 825 West Irving Boulevard, Irving, TX 75060.	Jul. 30, 2018	480180
Denton (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Denton County (17–06–4327P).	The Honorable Mary Horn, Denton County Judge, 110 West Hickory Street, 2nd Floor, Denton, TX 76201.	Denton County Mary and Jim Horn Government Center, 1505 East McKinney Street, Suite 175, Denton, TX 72509.	Aug. 1, 2018	480774
Harris (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Harris County (18–06–0478P).	The Honorable Edward M. Emmett, Harris County Judge, 1001 Preston Street, Suite 911, Houston, TX 77002.	Harris County Permit Department, 10555 Northwest Freeway, Suite 120, Houston, TX 77092.	Jul. 30, 2018	480287
Johnson (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	City of Burleson (17–06–2805P).	The Honorable Ken Shetter, Mayor, City of Burleson, 141 West Renfro Street, Burleson, TX 76028.	Public Works Department, 725 Southeast John Jones Drive, Burleson, TX 76028.	Aug. 10, 2018	485459
Virginia:					
Fauquier (FEMA Docket No.: B–1834).	Unincorporated areas of Fauquier County (17–03–2627P).	Mr. Paul S. McCulla, Fauquier County Administrator, 10 Hotel Street, Suite 204, Warrenton, VA 20186.	Fauquier County Zoning and Development Services Department, 29 Ashby Street, Suite 310, Warrenton, VA 20186.	Aug. 9, 2018	510055
Loudoun (FEMA Docket No.: B–1834).	Unincorporated areas of Loudoun County (17–03–2543P).	Mr. Tim Hemstreet, Loudoun County Administrator, 1 Harrison Street, Southeast, Leesburg, VA 20175.	Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street Southeast, Leesburg, VA 20175.	Aug. 10, 2018	510090
Stafford (FEMA Docket No.: B–1829).	Unincorporated areas of Stafford County (17–03–2523P).	Mr. Thomas C. Foley, Stafford County Administrator, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554.	Stafford County Department of Code Administration, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554.	Jul. 30, 2018	510154

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2018–0002]

Changes in Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: New or modified Base (1-percent annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, and/or regulatory floodways (hereinafter referred to as flood hazard determinations) as shown on the indicated Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for each of the communities listed in the table below are finalized. Each LOMR revises the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and in some cases the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports, currently in effect for the listed communities. The flood hazard determinations modified by each LOMR will be used to calculate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, ''Flood Insurance.'')

David I. Maurstad,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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Arizona:					
Maricopa (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	City of Avondale (17–09–2069P).	The Honorable Kenneth N. Weise, Mayor, City of Avondale, 11465 West Civic Center Drive, Avondale, AZ 85323.	Development & Engineering Services Department, 11465 West Civic Center Drive, Avondale, AZ 85323.	Jul. 27, 2018	040038
Maricopa (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	City of Buckeye (17–09–1551P).	The Honorable Jackie A. Meck, Mayor, City of Buckeye, 530 East Monroe Avenue, Buckeye, AZ 85326.	Engineering Department, 530 East Monroe Avenue, Buckeye, AZ 85326.	Jun. 22, 2018	040039
Maricopa (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	City of Glendale (17–09–2330P).	The Honorable Jerry Weiers, Mayor, City of Glendale, 5850 West Glendale Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301.	City Hall, 5850 West Glendale Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301.	Aug. 3, 2018	040045
Maricopa (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Glendale (17–09–2397P).	The Honorable Jerry Weiers, Mayor, City of Glendale, 5850 West Glendale Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301.	City Hall, 5850 West Glendale Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301.	Jul. 20, 2018	040045
Maricopa (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Phoenix (17–09–2397P).	The Honorable Greg Stanton, Mayor, City of Phoenix, City Hall, 200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85003.	Street Transportation Department, 200 West Washington Street, 5th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.	Jul. 20, 2018	040051
Maricopa (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	City of Phoenix (18–09–0275P).	The Honorable Greg Stanton, Mayor, City of Phoenix, 200 West Washington Street, 11th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.	Street Transportation Department, 200 West Washington Street, 5th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.	Jun. 15, 2018	040051
Maricopa (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of Maricopa County (17–09–2069P).	The Honorable Steve Chucri, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Maricopa County, 301 West Jefferson Street, 10th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.	Flood Control District of Maricopa County, 2801 West Durango Street, Phoenix, AZ 85009.	Jul. 27, 2018	040037
Maricopa (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of Maricopa County (17–09–2330P).	The Honorable Steve Chucri, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Maricopa County, 301 West Jefferson Street, 10th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.	Flood Control District of Maricopa County, 2801 West Durango Street, Phoenix, AZ 85009.	Aug. 3, 2018	040037
Maricopa (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	Unincorporated Areas of Maricopa County (17–09–2397P).	The Honorable Steve Chucri, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Maricopa County, 301 West Jefferson Street, 10th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.	Flood Control District of Maricopa County, 2801 West Durango Street, Phoenix, AZ 85009.	Jul. 20, 2018	040037
Pinal (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Casa Grande (17–09–0587P).	The Honorable Craig McFarland, Mayor, City of Casa Grande, 510 East Florence Boulevard, Casa Grande, AZ 85122.	Department of Planning and Development, 510 East Florence Boulevard, Casa Grande, AZ 85122.	Jul. 13, 2018	040080
Pinal (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Eloy (17–09–0587P).	The Honorable Joel G. Belloc, Mayor, City of Eloy, City Hall, 628 North Main Street, Eloy, AZ 85131.	Department of Public Works, 1137 West Houser Road, Eloy, AZ 85131.	Jul. 13, 2018	040083
Pinal (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	Unincorporated Areas of Pinal County (17–09–0587P).	The Honorable Todd House, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Pinal County, P.O. Box 827, Florence, AZ 85132.	Pinal County Public Works Department, 31 North Pinal Street, Building F, Florence, AZ 85132.	Jul. 13, 2018	040077
California:					
Kern (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	City of Delano (18–09–0302P).	The Honorable Grace Vallejo, Mayor, City of Delano, P.O. Box 3010, Delano, CA 93216.	Community Development, 1015 11th Avenue, Delano, CA 93215.	Aug. 3, 2018	060078

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Monterey (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Salinas (18–09–0131P).	The Honorable Joe Gunter, Mayor, City of Salinas, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, CA 93901.	Department of Public Works, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, CA 93901.	Jul. 23, 2018	060202
Orange (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Lake Forest (17–09–1011P).	The Honorable Scott Voigts, Mayor, City of Lake Forest, 25550 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100, Lake Forest, CA 92630.	City Hall, 25550 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100, Lake Forest, CA 92630.	Jul. 16, 2018	060759
Riverside (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	Unincorporated Areas of Riverside County (18–09–0328P).	The Honorable Chuck Washington, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Riverside County, 4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501.	Riverside County, Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501.	Jun. 25, 2018	060245
Sacramento (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	Unincorporated Areas of Sacramento County (17–09–2390P).	The Honorable Susan Peters, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Sacramento County, 700 H Street, Suite 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814.	Sacramento County, Department of Water Resources, 827 7th Street, Suite 301, Sacramento, CA 95814.	Jul. 2, 2018	060262
San Diego (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	City of Oceanside (17–09–0571P).	The Honorable Peter Weiss, Mayor, City of Oceanside, 300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054.	City Hall, 300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054.	Jul. 3, 2018	060294
San Joaquin (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Lathrop (18–09–0365P).	The Honorable Sonny Dhaliwal, Mayor, City of Lathrop, 390 Town Center Drive, Lathrop, CA 95330.	City Hall, 390 Town Center Drive, Lathrop, CA 95330.	Jul. 9, 2018	060738
Santa Barbara (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	City of Carpinteria (17–09–1980P).	The Honorable Fred Shaw, Mayor, City of Carpinteria, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013.	Public Works Department, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013.	Jul. 20, 2018	060332
Santa Barbara (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of Santa Barbara County (17–09–1980P).	The Honorable Das Williams, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Santa Barbara County, 105 East Anapamu Street 4th Floor, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.	Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Water Resources Division, 130 East Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.	Jul. 20, 2018	060331
Sonoma (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Rohnert Park (17–09–1348P).	The Honorable Pam Stafford, Mayor, City of Rohnert Park, 130 Avram Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.	City Hall, 130 Avram Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.	Jul. 16, 2018	060380
Stanislaus (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	City of Patterson (17–09–2636P).	The Honorable Deborah M. Novelli, Mayor, City of Patterson, 1 Plaza, 1st Floor, Patterson, CA 95363.	Department of Public Works, 33 South Del Puerto Avenue, Patterson, CA 95363.	Aug. 3, 2018	060390
Florida:					
Duval (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	City of Jacksonville (17–04–4852P).	The Honorable Lenny Curry, Mayor, City of Jacksonville, 117 West Duval Street, Suite 400, Jacksonville, FL 32202.	City Hall, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.	Jun. 15, 2018	120077
Nassau (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	Unincorporated Areas of Nassau County (18–04–1755P).	The Honorable Pat Edwards, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Nassau County, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite One, Yulee, FL 32097.	Nassau County Building Department, 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097.	Jul. 13, 2018	120170
Illinois:					
Adams (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	City of Quincy (17–05–6103P).	The Honorable Kyle A. Moore, Mayor, City of Quincy, 730 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301.	City Hall, 730 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301.	Jul. 24, 2018	170003
Adams (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of Adams County (17–05–6103P).	The Honorable Les Post, Chairman, Adams County Board, Adams County Courthouse, 101 North 54th Street, Quincy, IL 62305.	Adams County Courthouse, 101 North 54th Street, Quincy, IL 62305.	Jul. 24, 2018	170001
McHenry (FEMA Docket No.: B–1812).	Unincorporated Areas of McHenry County (18–05–2003P).	The Honorable Jack D. Franks, Chairman, McHenry County Board, County Government Center, 2200 North Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, IL 60098.	McHenry County Government Center, 2200 North Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, IL 60098.	Jun. 14, 2018	170732
McHenry (FEMA Docket No.: B–1812).	Village of Port Barrington (18–05–2003P).	The Honorable Shannon Yeaton, Village President, Village of Port Barrington, 69 South Circle Avenue, Port Barrington, IL 60010.	Village Hall, 69 South Circle Avenue, Port Barrington, IL 60010.	Jun. 14, 2018	170478
Indiana:					
Allen (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of Allen County (17–05–6157P).	The Honorable Therese M. Brown, President, Allen County Board of Commissioners, Citizens Square, 200 East Berry Street Suite 410, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.	Allen County Department of Planning Services, 200 East Berry Street, Suite 150, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.	Jul. 27, 2018	180302
DeKalb (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of DeKalb County (17–05–6157P).	The Honorable Donald D. Grogg, President, DeKalb County Board of County Commissioners, 100 South Main Street Courthouse, Auburn, IN 46706.	DeKalb County Planning Commission, 301 South Union Street, Auburn, IN 46706.	Jul. 27, 2018	180044
Minnesota:					
Clay (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	City of Moorhead (17–05–3618P).	The Honorable Del Rae Williams, Mayor, City of Moorhead, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN 56561.	City Hall, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN 56561.	Jun. 15, 2018	275244
Clay (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	Unincorporated Areas of Clay County (17–05–3618P).	The Honorable Kevin Campbell, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Clay County, 807 11th Street North, Moorhead, MN 56560.	Clay County Courthouse, 807 11th Street North, Moorhead, MN 56560.	Jun. 15, 2018	275235

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Hennepin (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Minnetrista (16–05–6914P).	The Honorable Lisa Whalen, Mayor, City of Minnetrista, 7701 County Road, 110 West, Minnetrista, MN 55364.	City Hall, 7701 County Road, 110 West, Minnetrista, MN 55364.	Jul. 9, 2018	270175
Hennepin (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Orono (16–05–6913P).	The Honorable Dennis Walsh, Mayor, City of Orono, P.O. Box 53, Crystal Bay, MN 55323.	City Hall, 2750 Kelley Parkway, Orono, MN 55356.	Jul. 9, 2018	270178
Hennepin (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of St. Bonifacius (16–05–6914P).	The Honorable Shawn Ruotsinoja, Mayor, City of St. Bonifacius, 8535 Kennedy Memorial Drive, St. Bonifacius, MN 55375.	City Hall, 8535 Kennedy Memorial Drive, St. Bonifacius, MN 55375.	Jul. 9, 2018	270183
Scott (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Prior Lake (17–05–5335P).	The Honorable Kirt Briggs, Mayor, City of Prior Lake, 4646 Dakota Street Southeast, Prior Lake, MN 55372.	City Hall, 4646 Dakota Street Southeast, Prior Lake, MN 55372.	Jul. 9, 2018	270432
Missouri: Laclede (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	City of Lebanon (17–07–1875P).	The Honorable Jared Carr, Mayor, City of Lebanon, 401 South Jefferson Avenue, Lebanon, MO 65536.	City Hall, 400 South Madison Street, Lebanon, MO 65536.	Jun. 21, 2018	290197
Nebraska: Washington (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Blair (17–07–2615P).	The Honorable James Realph, Mayor, City of Blair, 2532 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008.	City Hall, 218 South 16th Street, Blair, NE 68008.	Jul. 20, 2018	310228
Nevada:					
Clark (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	Unincorporated Areas of Clark County (18–09–0452P).	The Honorable Steve Sisolak, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Clark County, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 6th Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89106.	Clark County, Office of the Director of Public Works, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.	Jul. 10, 2018	320003
Storey (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	Unincorporated Areas of Storey County(16–09–2438P).	The Honorable Marshall McBride, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Storey County, P.O. Box 176, Virginia City, NV 89440.	Storey County Courthouse, 26 South B Street, Virginia City, NV 89440.	Jun. 18, 2018	320033
Washoe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	City of Reno (17–09–2191P).	The Honorable Hillary Schieve, Mayor, City of Reno, P.O. Box 1900, Reno, NV 89501.	City Hall Annex, 450 Sinclair Street, Reno, NV 89501.	Jul. 31, 2018	320020
Washoe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	Unincorporated Areas of Washoe County (16–09–2438P).	The Honorable Bob Lucey, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Washoe County, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512.	Washoe County Administration Building, Department of Public Works, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512.	Jun. 18, 2018	320019
Washoe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of Washoe County (17–09–1858P).	The Honorable Marsha Berkbigler, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Washoe County, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512.	Washoe County Administration Building, Department of Public Works, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512.	Aug. 1, 2018	320019
Washoe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	Unincorporated Areas of Washoe County (17–09–1979P).	The Honorable Marsha Berkbigler, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Washoe County, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512.	Washoe County Administration Building, Department of Public Works, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512.	Jul. 6, 2018	320019
Washoe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of Washoe County (17–09–2191P).	The Honorable Marsha Berkbigler, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Washoe County, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512.	Washoe County Administration Building, Department of Public Works, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512.	Jul. 31, 2018	320019
New Jersey: Ocean (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Borough of Point Pleasant Beach (18–02–0563P).	The Honorable Stephen D. Reid, Mayor, Borough of Point Pleasant Beach, 416 New Jersey Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742.	Municipal Building, 416 New Jersey Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742.	Jul. 27, 2018	340388
New York:					
Erie (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	Town of Elma (17–02–0955P).	The Honorable Dennis Powers, Supervisor, Town of Elma, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, NY 14059.	Town Hall, 1910 Bowen Road, Elma, NY 14059.	Jul. 19, 2018	360239
Erie (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	Town of Lancaster (17–02–0955P).	The Honorable Johanna M. Coleman, Board Supervisor, Town of Lancaster, 21 Central Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086.	Building Inspector, 11 West Main Street, Lancaster, NY 14086.	Jul. 19, 2018	360249
Monroe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	Town of Webster (17–02–1830P).	Mr. Ronald W. Nesbitt, Webster Town Supervisor, 1000 Ridge Road, Webster, NY 14580.	Town Hall, 1000 Ridge Road, Webster, NY 14580.	Aug. 2, 2018	360436
Ohio:					
Franklin (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	City of Columbus (18–05–0919P).	The Honorable Michael B. Coleman, Mayor, City of Columbus, 90 West Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, OH 43215.	Department of Development, 757 Carolyn Avenue, Columbus, OH 43224.	Jun. 29, 2018	390170
Franklin (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	City of Grandview Heights (18–05–0919P).	The Honorable Ray E. DeGraw, Mayor, City of Grandview Heights, 1525 Goodale Boulevard, Grandview Heights, OH 43212.	Development Office, 1525 West Goodale Boulevard, Grandview Heights, OH 43212.	Jun. 29, 2018	390172
Hamilton (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	City of Harrison (17–05–5193P).	The Honorable William Neyer, Mayor, City of Harrison, P.O. Box 286, Harrison, OH 45030.	Community Center, 300 George Street, Harrison, OH 45030.	Jul. 10, 2018	390220
Oregon: Benton (FEMA Docket No.: B–1818).	Unincorporated Areas of Benton County (17–10–1169P).	Ms. Annabelle Jaramillo, Chair, Benton County Board of Commissioners, 205 Northwest 5th Street, Corvallis, OR 97339.	Benton County Sheriff's Office, 180 Northwest 5th, Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97333.	Jun. 29, 2018	410008
Wisconsin:					

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Juneau (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of Juneau County (17–05–4106P).	The Honorable Alan K. Peterson, Chairman, Juneau County Board of Supervisors, 220 East State Street, Mauston, WI 53948.	Juneau County Courthouse, 220 East State Street, Mauston, WI 53948.	Jul. 20, 2018	550580
Monroe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Unincorporated Areas of Monroe County (17–05–4106P).	The Honorable Cedric Schnitzler, Chair, Monroe County Board Committee, 202 South K Street, Room 1, Sparta, WI 54656.	Monroe County Sanitation and Zoning Office, 14307 County Highway B, Sparta, WI 54656.	Jul. 20, 2018	550571
Monroe (FEMA Docket No.: B–1826).	Village of Kendall (17–05–4106P).	The Honorable Richard Martin, President, Village of Kendall, P.O. Box 216, Kendall, WI 54638.	Village Hall, 219 West South Railroad Street, Kendall, WI 54638.	Jul. 20, 2018	550287
Waukesha (FEMA Docket No.: B–1822).	Unincorporated Areas of Waukesha County (18–05–2348X).	The Honorable Paul L. Decker, Waukesha County Board Chair, County Courthouse, 515 West Moreland Boulevard, Room C170 Waukesha, WI 53188.	Waukesha County Administrator Center, 515 West Moreland Boulevard, Waukesha, WI 53188.	Jul. 16, 2018	550476

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–HQ–R–2018–N109; FXGO1664091HCC0–FF09D00000–189]

International Wildlife Conservation Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces a public meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council, which provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting.

DATES: September 26, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) and September 27, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time). For deadlines and directions on registering to attend, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see Public Input under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Headquarters Building, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cade London, Policy Advisor, by email (preferred) at *iwcc@fws.gov*; by telephone at (703) 358–2584; by U.S. mail at USFWS—International Affairs (see **ADDRESSES**); or via the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (council). The council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting.

Background

Formed in December 2017, the council is an advisory body whose duties include, but are not limited to:

(a) Developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting.

(b) Reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as:

1. An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival, and

2. An effective tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching.

(c) Recommending strategies to benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's permit office in receiving timely country data and information so as to remove barriers that impact consulting with range states.

(d) Recommending removal of barriers to the importation into the United States of legally hunted wildlife.

(e) Ongoing review of import suspension/bans and providing recommendations that seek to resume the legal trade of those items, where appropriate.

(f) Reviewing seizure and forfeiture actions/practices, and providing recommendations for regulations that will lead to a reduction of unwarranted actions.

(g) Reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and interaction with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, with the goal of eliminating regulatory duplications.

(h) Recommending methods for streamlining/expediting processing of import permits.

Meeting Agenda

The council will convene to hear and discuss the following:

1. Presentations made by conservation and sport hunting experts and government officials,

2. Administrative topics, and

3. Public comment and response.

The final agenda will be posted on the internet at *http://www.fws.gov/iwcc.*

Attendance

If you plan to attend this meeting, you must register by close of business on the date listed in Public Input. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to the Policy Advisor for International Affairs (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Space is limited and requests to attend will be accommodated in the order they are received.

Public Input

If you wish to. . .	You must contact the Policy Advisor for International Affairs (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than. . .
Attend the meeting	September 21, 2018.

If you wish to. . .	You must contact the Policy Advisor for International Affairs (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than. . .
Submit written information before the meeting for the council to consider during the meeting	September 21, 2018.
Give an oral presentation during the public comment period	September 21, 2018.
Attend the meeting and request reasonable accommodations	September 19, 2018.

Members of the public requesting reasonable accommodations, such as hearing interpreters, may contact Mr. London in writing (preferably by email), or via the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 no later than September 19, 2018.

Submitting Written Information

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information for the council to consider during the public meeting. Written statements must be received by the date in the table above so that the information may be made available to the council for consideration prior to the meeting. Submit written statements in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and/or one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Giving an Oral Presentation

Requests to address the council during the public comment period will be accommodated in the order the requests are received. Interested parties must contact the Policy Advisor for International Affairs in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Depending on the number of people who want to comment and the time available, the amount of time for individual oral comments may be limited. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements up to 30 days after the meeting.

Public Disclosure of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative 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. 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.

Meeting Minutes

Detailed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting. They will be posted on the internet at *http://www.fws.gov/iwcc.*

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

James W. Kurth,

Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, exercising the authority of the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLMT921000–15X–L51100000.GA0000–LVEME15CE410; NDM 102083; MO# 4500119938]

Competitive Coal Lease Sale, North Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that coal resources in lands in Oliver County, North Dakota, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 11 a.m. Mountain Time on October 10, 2018. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 10 a.m., October 10, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the 920 Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Montana State Office, at this same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Fesko by telephone at 406–896–5080 or by email at *gfesko@blm.gov.* Persons who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This sale is being held in response to a Lease-by-Application (LBA) filed by BNI Coal, Ltd. (BNI). The Federal coal resources to be offered are located in the following-described lands:

T.141 N, R. 83 W, 5th P.M.
sec. 18: NE¼.

The 160-acre tract, located in Oliver County, North Dakota, contains an estimated 2.4 million tons of surface mineable Federal coal resources. The tract contains one mineable coal bed, the Hagel A bed. The Hagel A bed averages approximately 9.0 feet in thickness with an average overburden thickness of 43 feet. The coal quality for the Hagel A bed averages 6,729 BTUs per pound in heating value, 39.31 percent moisture, 5.74 percent ash, 0.76 percent sulfur, and 6.23 percent sodium-in-ash content.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount, provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair-market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is $100 per acre or fraction thereof. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair-market value. The fair-market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

The sealed bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the Cashier, BLM Montana State Office, at the address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section and clearly marked ''Sealed Bid for NDM 102083 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 11 a.m. October 10, 2018.'' The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 10 a.m. will not be considered. If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the sale

official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received. Prior to lease issuance, the high bidder, if other than the applicant, must pay to the BLM the cost-recovery fees in the amount of $240,321.00 in addition to all processing costs the BLM incurs after the date of this sale notice (43 CFR 3473.2).

A lease issued as a result of this offering will require payment of an annual rental of $3 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods. Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are available at the Montana State Office. Casefile NDM 102083 is also available for public inspection at the Montana State Office.

Authority: 43 CFR 3422.3–2

Al Nash,

Acting State Director, BLM Montana/Dakotas.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of advisory board meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board (Advisory Board) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Advisory Board will hold a public meeting Tuesday through Thursday, October 9–11, 2018; from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday; and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. A public comment period will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All times are in Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet at the Courtyard Marriott Salt Lake City Downtown, 345 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; hotel website: *https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/slccd-courtyard-salt-lake-city-downtown/*; hotel phone: 385–290–6500.

Written comments and statements must be mailed to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, Attention: Dorothea Boothe WO–260, 20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20003, or emailed to: *whbadvisoryboard@blm.gov* by October 2, 2018, in order for the Board to consider them at the October meeting. Please include ''Advisory Board Comment'' in the subject line of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothea Boothe, Wild Horse and Burro Program Coordinator, at 202–912–7654, or by email at *dboothe@blm.gov.* Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM Director, and the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, on matters pertaining to the management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The Advisory Board operates under the authority of 43 CFR part 1780, subpart 1784. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

I. Advisory Board Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 (7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)

Field Tour of the Onaqui Horse Herd Management Area—7:00 a.m. to Noon

(The field tour is open to limited public attendance with advanced sign-up on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees must provide for their own transportation (high-clearance vehicle recommended) and personal needs. Field tour attendees will depart from the Courtyard Marriott at 7:00 a.m. To sign up, contact Dorothea Boothe by email at *dboothe@blm.gov* by September 28, 2018.)

Advisory Board Working Group Meetings—1:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 (8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review
Program Overview
Advisory Board General Business

Thursday, October 11, 2018 (8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review
Topics of Interest to the Board
Advisory Board General Business
Advisory Board Working Group Reports
Public Comment Period
Advisory Board Discussion and Recommendations to the BLM

The detailed final agenda will be posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting at *https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/get-involved/advisory-board.*

The meeting will be live-streamed at *www.blm.gov/live.* The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as an interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify Ms. Boothe no later than September 25, 2018. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange for it.

II. Public Comment Procedures

On Thursday, October 11, 2018, members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments to the Board on the Wild Horse and Burro Program. Persons wishing to make comments during the public comment period should register in person with the BLM by 2:00 p.m. (MDT) on October 11, 2018, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of commenters, the Advisory Board may limit the length of comments. At previous meetings, comments have been limited to 2 minutes in length; however, this time may vary. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above no later than October 2, 2018, or bring a written copy to the meeting. There will be a webcam present during the entire meeting and individual comments will be recorded.

Participation in the Advisory Board meeting is not required to submit written comments. The BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM considers comments that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations to be the most useful and likely to influence the BLM's decisions

on the management and protection of wild horses and burros.

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 in your comment that the BLM withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4–2)

Kristin Bail,

Assistant Director, Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS–NERO–CEBE–26153; PPNECEBE00, PPMPSAS1Z.Y00000]

Cedar Creek and Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the National Park Service is hereby giving notice that the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission (Commission) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Eastern).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Strasburg Town Hall Council Chambers, 174 East King Street, Strasburg, VA 22657.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information concerning the meeting may be obtained from Karen Beck-Herzog, Site Manager, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, P.O. Box 700, Middletown, Virginia 22645, telephone (540) 868–9176, or visit the park website: *https://www.nps.gov/cebe/index.htm.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission was designated by Congress to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior on the preparation and implementation of the park's general management plan and to advise on land protection (16 U.S.C. 410iii–7). Individuals who are interested in the park, the implantation of the plan, or the business of the Commission are encouraged to attend the meeting. Interested members of the public may present, either orally or through written comments, information for the Commission to consider during the public meeting. Attendees and those wishing to provide comment are strongly encouraged to preregister through the contact information provided. A detailed final agenda will be posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting on the Commission's website at *https://www.nps.gov/cebe/learn/management/park-advisory-commission.htm.*

Purpose of the Meeting: The topics to be discussed include: General management plan next steps, visitor services and interpretation, directional and interpretive signage and visitor facilities, land protection planning, historic preservation, and natural resource protection. Commission meetings consist of the following:

1. General Introductions
2. Review and Approval of Commission Meeting Notes
3. Reports and Discussions
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Public Comments
7. Closing Remarks

Public Disclosure of Comments: 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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Alma Ripps,

Chief, Office of Policy.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–586 and 731–TA–1384 (Final)]

Stainless Steel Flanges From India; Supplemental Schedule for the Subject Investigations

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

DATES: August 29, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Celia Feldpausch (202–205–2387), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 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 these investigations may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective January 23, 2018, the Commission established a general schedule for the conduct of the final phase of its investigations on stainless steel flanges from China and India,[1] following preliminary determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (''Commerce'') that imports of subject stainless steel flanges were subsidized by the governments of China and India.[2] Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigations and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of February 7, 2018 (83 FR 5459). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on April 10, 2018, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel. To date, Commerce has issued final affirmative determinations with respect to the subject stainless steel flanges from China,[3] [4] and, most recently, India.[5] The Commission

[1] *Stainless Steel Flanges from China and India; Scheduling of the Final Phase of Countervailing Duty and Antidumping Duty Investigations,* 83 FR 5459, February 7, 2018.

[2] *Stainless Steel Flanges from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination,* 83 FR 3118, January 23, 2018; Countervailing Duty Investigation of *Stainless Steel Flanges from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination,* 83 FR 3124, January 23, 2018.

[3] *Countervailing Duty Investigation of Stainless Steel Flanges From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination,* 83 FR 15790, April 12, 2018. The Commission issued its final affirmative determination regarding subsidized imports from China on May 29, 2018 (83 FR 25714, June 4, 2018).

[4] *Stainless Steel Flanges From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination*

currently is issuing a supplemental schedule for its countervailing and antidumping duty investigations on imports of stainless steel flanges from India.

This supplemental schedule is as follows: The deadline for filing supplemental party comments on Commerce's final determinations is September 4, 2018. Supplemental party comments may address only Commerce's final determinations regarding imports of stainless steel flanges from India. These supplemental final comments may not contain new factual information and may not exceed five (5) pages in length. The supplemental staff report in the final phase of these investigations regarding subject imports from India will be placed in the nonpublic record on September 7, 2018; and a public version will be issued thereafter.

For further information concerning these investigations see the Commission's notice cited above and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: August 30, 2018.

Katherine Hiner,

Supervisory Attorney.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–593–596 and 731–TA–1401–1406 (Final)]

Large Diameter Welded Pipe From Canada, China, Greece, India, Korea, and Turkey; Scheduling of the Final Phase of Countervailing Duty and Antidumping Duty Investigations

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping and countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701–TA–593–596 and 731–TA–1401–1406 (Final) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (''the Act'') to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of large diameter welded pipe (LDWP) from Canada, China, Greece, India, Korea, and Turkey, provided under subheadings 7305.11.1030, 7305.11.1060, 7305.11.5000, 7305.12.1030, 7305.12.1060, 7305.12.5000, 7305.19.1030, 7305.19.1060, 7305.19.5000, 7305.31.4000, 7305.31.6010, 7305.31.6090, 7305.39.1000, and 7305.39.5000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, preliminarily determined by the Department of Commerce (''Commerce'') to be subsidized and/or sold at less-than-fair-value.

DATES: August 27, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abu Kanu 202–205–2597, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 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 these investigations may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope.—For purposes of these investigations, Commerce has defined the subject merchandise is covered by these investigations as welded carbon and alloy steel pipe (including stainless steel pipe), more than 406.4 mm (16 inches) in nominal outside diameter (large diameter welded pipe), regardless of wall thickness, length, surface finish, grade, end finish, or stenciling. Large diameter welded pipe may be used to transport oil, gas, slurry, steam, or other fluids, liquids, or gases. It may also be used for structural purposes, including, but not limited to, piling. For a complete presentation of Commerce's scope, see Appendix I of the **Federal Register** notice.[1]

Background.—The final phase of these investigations is being scheduled pursuant to sections 705(b) and 731(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b) and 1673d(b)), as a result of affirmative preliminary determinations by Commerce that certain benefits which constitute subsidies within the meaning of section 703 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b) are being provided to manufacturers, producers, or exporters in China, India, Korea, and Turkey of large diameter welded pipe (LDWP), and that such products from Canada, China, Greece, India, Korea, and Turkey are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b). The investigations were requested in petitions filed on January 17, 2018, by American Cast Iron Pipe Company (Birmingham, Alabama), Berg Steel Pipe Corp. (Panama City, Florida), Berg Spiral Pipe Corp. (Mobile, Alabama), Dura-Bond Industries, Inc. (Export, Pennsylvania), Skyline Steel (Newington, Virginia), and Stupp Corporation (Baton Rouge, Louisiana).

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigations, hearing procedures, and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the final phase of these investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in § 201.11 of the Commission's rules, no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance during the preliminary phase of the investigations need not file an additional notice of appearance during this final phase. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to § 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the

of Sales at Less than Fair Value, 83 FR 26959, June 11, 2018. The Commission issued its final affirmative determination regarding dumped imports from China on July 25, 2018 (83 FR 36623, July 30, 2018).

[5] *Stainless Steel Flanges from India: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances,* 83 FR 40748, August 16, 2018; *Stainless Steel Flanges from India: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstance Determination,* 83 FR 40745, August 16, 2018.

[1] *See, e.g., Large Diameter Welded Pipe From China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value,* 83 FR 43644, August 27, 2018.

Secretary will make BPI gathered in the final phase of these investigations available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the investigations. A party granted access to BPI in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not reapply for such access. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Staff report.—The prehearing staff report in the final phase of these investigations will be placed in the nonpublic record on October 25, 2018, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.22 of the Commission's rules.

Hearing.—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the final phase of these investigations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before November 1, 2018. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should participate in a prehearing conference to be held on November 5, 2018, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, if deemed necessary. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by §§ 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), and 207.24 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 business days prior to the date of the hearing.

Written submissions.—Each party who is an interested party shall submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of § 207.23 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is October 31, 2018. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in § 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of § 207.25 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is November 13, 2018. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigations may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigations, including statements of support or opposition to the petition, on or before November 13, 2018. On November 29, 2018, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before December 3, 2018, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with § 207.30 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of § 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's *Handbook on E-Filing,* available on the Commission's website at *https://edis.usitc.gov,* elaborates upon the Commission's rules with respect to electronic filing.

Additional written submissions to the Commission, including requests pursuant to § 201.12 of the Commission's rules, shall not be accepted unless good cause is shown for accepting such submissions, or unless the submission is pursuant to a specific request by a Commissioner or Commission staff.

In accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: August 30, 2018.

Katherine Hiner,

Supervisory Attorney.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Notice of Receipt of Complaint; Solicitation of Comments Relating to the Public Interest

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has received a complaint entitled *Certain Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Components Thereof, DN 3335;* the Commission is soliciting comments on any public interest issues raised by the complaint or complainant's filing pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa R. Barton, Secretary to the Commission, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. The public version of the complaint can be accessed on the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov,* and 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 United States International Trade Commission (USITC) at *https://www.usitc.gov.* The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (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 has received a complaint and a submission pursuant to § 210.8(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure filed on behalf of Autel Robotics USA LLC on August 30, 2018. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (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 unmanned aerial vehicles and components thereof. The complaint names as respondents: SZ DJI Technology Co., Ltd. of China; DJI Europe B. V. of the Netherlands; DJI Technology Inc. of Burbank, CA; iFlight Technology Co., Ltd. of Hong Kong; DJI Baiwang Technology Co. Ltd of China; DJI Research LLC of Palo Alto, CA; DJI service LLC of Cerritos, CA; and DJI Creative Studio LLC of Burbank, CA. The complainant requests that the Commission issue a limited exclusion order and a cease and desist order and

impose a bond during the 60-day review period pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337(j).

Proposed respondents, other interested parties, and members of the public are invited to file comments, not to exceed five (5) pages in length, inclusive of attachments, on any public interest issues raised by the complaint or § 210.8(b) filing. Comments should address whether issuance of the relief specifically requested by the complainant in this investigation would affect the public health and welfare in the United States, competitive conditions in the United States economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, or United States consumers.

In particular, the Commission is interested in comments that:

(i) Explain how the articles potentially subject to the requested remedial orders are used in the United States;

(ii) Identify any public health, safety, or welfare concerns in the United States relating to the requested remedial orders;

(iii) Identify like or directly competitive articles that complainant, its licensees, or third parties make in the United States which could replace the subject articles if they were to be excluded;

(iv) Indicate whether complainant, complainant's licensees, and/or third party suppliers have the capacity to replace the volume of articles potentially subject to the requested exclusion order and/or a cease and desist order within a commercially reasonable time; and

(v) Explain how the requested remedial orders would impact United States consumers.

Written submissions on the public interest must be filed no later than by close of business, eight calendar days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. There will be further opportunities for comment on the public interest after the issuance of any final initial determination in this investigation. Any written submissions on other issues should be filed no later than by close of business nine calendar days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Complainant may file a reply to any written submission no later than the date on which complainant's reply would be due under § 210.8(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.8(c)(2)).

Persons filing written submissions must file the original document electronically on or before the deadlines stated above and submit 8 true paper copies to the Office of the Secretary by noon the next day pursuant to § 210.4(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.4(f)). Submissions should refer to the docket number (''Docket No. 3335) in a prominent place on the cover page and/or the first page. (*See* Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, Electronic Filing Procedures[1]). Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary (202–205–2000).

Any person desiring to submit a document to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. *See* 19 CFR 201.6. Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is properly sought will be treated accordingly. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. *See* 19 CFR 201.6. Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is properly sought will be treated accordingly. All information, including confidential business information and documents for which confidential treatment is properly sought, submitted to the Commission for purposes of this Investigation may be disclosed to and used: (i) By the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel,[2] solely for cybersecurity purposes. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary and on EDIS.[3]

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and of §§ 201.10 and 210.8(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.10, 210.8(c)).

By order of the Commission.

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Katherine Hiner,

Supervisory Attorney.

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[1] Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures: *https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf.*

[2] All contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

[3] Electronic Document Information System (EDIS): *https://edis.usitc.gov.*

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–569]

U.S. SME Exports: Trade-Related Barriers Affecting Exports of U.S. Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises to the United Kingdom; Institution of Investigation and Scheduling of Hearing

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request from the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) on August 3, 2018, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the U.S. International Trade Commission has instituted investigation No. 332–569, *U.S. SME Exports: Trade-Related Barriers Affecting Exports of U.S. Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises to the United Kingdom,* for the purpose of providing a report that catalogs trade-related barriers that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) perceive as disproportionately affecting U.S. SMEs exporting to the United Kingdom (UK), compared to larger U.S. exporters to the UK.

DATES:

February 8, 2019: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing

February 13, 2019: Deadline for filing prehearing briefs and statements

February 26, 2019: Public hearing

March 8, 2019: Deadline for filing posthearing briefs

March 15, 2019: Deadline for filing all other written submissions

July 31, 2019: Transmittal of Commission report to the USTR

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov/edis3-internal/app.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Leader Mahnaz Khan (202–205–

2046 or *mahnaz.khan@usitc.gov*) or Deputy Project Leader Sarah Scott (202–708–1397 or *sarah.scott@usitc.gov*) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact Katherine Linton (202–205–3393 or *katherine.linton@usitc.gov*) or William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or *william.gearhart@usitc.gov*). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or *margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov*). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its website (*http://www.usitc.gov*). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: As requested by the USTR, the Commission will conduct an investigation and prepare a report that catalogs trade-related barriers that SMEs perceive as disproportionately affecting U.S. SMEs exporting to the UK, compared to larger U.S. exporters to the UK. In identifying these barriers to exporting, the USTR indicated in his letter that the Commission may consider information and definitions contained in the three Commission reports on SMEs released in 2010, the Commission report on *Trade Barriers that U.S. Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises Perceive as Affecting Exports to the European Union* released in 2014, any relevant literature, and information gathered from SMEs and others throughout the investigation. The letter also said that the report should cover barriers faced by U.S. SMEs exporting manufactured products, agricultural goods, and services, focusing primarily on barriers identified by U.S. SMEs that have experience in exporting to the UK either directly or through supply chains. The letter said that the investigation, to the degree practicable, should identify barriers by economic sector and should focus on sectors with high concentrations of SMEs.

In addition, USTR asked that the Commission base its report on available information, including information furnished by SMEs and interested parties following the Commission's notice of investigation. The USTR said that the Commission, to the extent applicable, should provide qualitative distinctions among the identified trade-related barriers. Additionally, the letter said that the report may include suggestions gathered from SMEs or the relevant literature for actions that would help address some of the identified barriers and enhance the participation of U.S. SMEs in U.S.-UK trade. As requested, the Commission expects to transmit its report to the USTR by July 31, 2019.

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with this investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on February 26, 2019. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, no later than 5:15 p.m., February 8, 2019, in accordance with the requirements in the ''Submissions'' section below. All pre-hearing briefs and statements should be filed no later than 5:15 p.m., February 13, 2019; and all post-hearing briefs should be filed no later than 5:15 p.m., March 8, 2019 and all other statements responding to matters raised at the hearing should be filed no later than 5:15 p.m., March 15, 2019. In the event that, as of the close of business on February 8, 2019, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or nonparticipant should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000 after February 8, 2019, for information concerning whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions: In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, the Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements concerning this investigation. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, and should be received no later than 5:15 p.m., March 15, 2019. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 and the Commission's *Handbook on Filing Procedures* require that interested parties file documents electronically on or before the filing deadline and submit eight (8) true paper copies by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the next business day. In the event that confidential treatment of a document is requested, interested parties must file, at the same time as the eight paper copies, at least four (4) additional true paper copies in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information or ''CBI''). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Office of the Secretary, Docket Services Division (202–205–1802).

Confidential Business Information (CBI): Any submissions that contain CBI must also conform to the requirements of section 201.6 of the *Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the ''confidential'' or ''non-confidential'' version, and that the CBI is clearly identified using brackets. All written submissions, except for those containing CBI, will be made available for inspection by interested parties.

In his request letter, the USTR stated that his office intends to make the Commission's report available to the public in its entirety, and asked that the Commission not include any CBI or national security classified information in the report that it delivers to the USTR. All information, including CBI, submitted in this investigation may be disclosed to and used (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission, including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel for cybersecurity purposes. The Commission will not otherwise disclose any CBI in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

Summaries of Written Submissions: The Commission intends to publish summaries of the written submissions filed by interested persons. Persons wishing to have a summary of their submission included in the report should include a summary with their written submission and should mark the summary as having been provided for that purpose. The summary may not exceed 500 words, should be in MSWord format or a format that can be easily converted to MSWord, and should not include any CBI. The summary will be published as provided if it meets these requirements and is germane to the subject matter of the investigation. The Commission will identify the name of the organization furnishing the summary and will include a link to the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) where the full written submission can be found.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: August 30, 2018.

Katherine Hiner,

Supervisory Attorney.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2012–0005]

The Cadmium in General Industry Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning the proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Cadmium in General Industry Standard.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES:

Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at *http://www.regulations.gov,* which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: When using this method, you must submit a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2012–0005, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3653, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the OSHA Docket Office's normal business hours, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., ET.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA docket number (OSHA–2012–0005) for the Information Collection Request (ICR). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at *http://www.regulations.gov.* For further information on submitting comments, see the ''Public Participation'' heading in the section of this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to *http://www.regulations.gov* or the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. All documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) 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 website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Christie Garner at (202) 693–2222 to obtain a copy of the ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Mockler or Christie Garner, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone (202) 693–2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (*i.e.,* employer) burden, conducts a preclearance process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA–95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, the reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, the collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (see 29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires OSHA to obtain such information with a minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of effort in obtaining said information (see 29 U.S.C. 657).

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply—for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

The information collection requirements specified in the Cadmium in General Industry Standard protect workers from the adverse health effects that may result from their exposure to cadmium. The major information collection requirements of the standard include: conducting worker exposure monitoring, notifying workers of their cadmium exposures, implementing a written compliance program, implementing medical surveillance of workers, providing examining physicians with specific information, ensuring that workers receive a copy of their medical surveillance results, maintaining workers' exposure monitoring and medical surveillance records for specific periods, and providing access to these records to the workers who are the subject of the records, the worker's representative, and other designated parties.

The agency is requesting a burden hour adjustment decrease of 2,636 (from 75,998 to 73,362 hours). The agency estimates a decrease of exposed workers in the cross-industry sectors as well as in the specific-industry sectors. On the other hand, the number of plants is estimated to increase slightly in both sectors. As a result, the operation and maintenance costs have increased from $4,799,475 to $5,453,858, a total increase of $654,383, due to increased costs for exposure monitoring sampling and medical exams.

III. Proposed Actions

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Cadmium in General Industry (29 CFR 1910.1027).

OMB Control Number: 1218–0185.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 50,679.

Frequency: On occasion; Quarterly; Biennially; Semi-annually; Annually.

Average Time per Response: Varies.

Estimated Number of Responses: 208,899.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 73,362.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): $2,312,424.

IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) Electronically at *http://www.regulations.gov,* which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number (Docket No. OSHA–2012–0005) for the ICR. You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**). The additional materials must clearly identify electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so that the agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350; TTY (877) 889–5627.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at *http://www.regulations.gov.* Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the *http://www.regulations.gov* index, some information (*e.g.,* copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through this website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the *http://www.regulations.gov* website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's ''User Tips'' link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 30, 2018.

Loren Sweatt,

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–2018–0005]

Whistleblower Protection; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is announcing a public meeting to solicit comments and suggestions from stakeholders in the financial industry, including employers, employees, and representatives of employers and employees, on issues facing the agency in its administration of the whistleblower protection provisions of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, Section 1057 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on October 16, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. Persons interested in attending the meeting must register by September 30, 2018. In addition, comments relating to the ''Scope of Meeting'' section of this document must be submitted in written or electronic form by October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room N–4437 A–B, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Written Comments: Submit written comments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2018–0005, Room N–3653, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2350. You may submit materials, including attachments, electronically at *http://www.regulations.gov,* which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the on-line instructions for submissions. All comments should be identified with Docket No. OSHA–2018–0005.

Registration To Attend and/or To Participate in the Meeting: If you wish to attend the public meeting, make an oral presentation at the meeting, or participate in the meeting via telephone, you must register using this link *https://www.eventbrite.com/e/occupational-safety-and-health-administration-financial-stakeholder-meeting-registration-48336609099* by close of business on September 30, 2018. Participants may speak and pass out written materials, but there will not be an opportunity to give an electronic presentation. Actual times provided for presentation will depend on the number of requests, but no more than 10 minutes per participant. There is no fee to register for the public meeting. Registration on the day of the public meeting will be permitted on a space-available basis beginning at 12:00 p.m. ET. After reviewing the requests to present, we will contact each participant prior to the meeting with the approximate time that the participant's presentation is scheduled to begin.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For press inquiries: Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone (202) 693–1999; email *meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.*

For general information: Mr. Anthony Rosa, Deputy Director, OSHA Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone (202) 693–2199; email *osha.dwpp@dol.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of Meeting

OSHA is interested in obtaining information from the public on key issues facing the agency's whistleblower program. This meeting is the second in a series of meetings requesting public input on this program. For this meeting, OSHA is focusing on issues relating to whistleblower protection in the financial industry. In particular, the agency invites input on the following:

1. How can OSHA deliver better whistleblower customer service?

2. What kind of assistance can OSHA provide to help explain the whistleblower laws it enforces?

Request for Comments

Regardless of attendance at the public meeting, interested persons may submit written or electronic comments (see **ADDRESSES**). Submit a single copy of electronic comments or two paper copies of any mailed comments, except that individuals may submit one paper copy. To permit time for interested persons to submit data, information, or views on the issues in the ''Scope of Meeting'' section of this notice, submit comments by October 9, 2018. Please

include Docket No. OSHA–2018–0005. Comments received may be seen in the OSHA Docket Office, (see **ADDRESSES**), between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

Access to the Public Record

Electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice are available at *http://www.regulations.gov.* This notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, also are available on the Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs' web page at: *http://www.whistleblowers.gov.*

Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by Secretary's Order 01–2012 (Jan. 18, 2012), 77 FR 3912 (Jan. 25, 2012); 29 U.S.C. 660(c); 49 U.S.C. 31105; 49 U.S.C. 20109, and 6 U.S.C. 1142.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 30, 2018.

Loren Sweatt,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

PLACE: NTSB Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20594.

STATUS: The two items are open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

58357 Highway Special Investigation of Pedestrian Safety

58387 Aircraft Incident Report—Taxiway Overflight, Air Canada Flight 759, Airbus A320–211, C–FKCK, San Francisco, California, July 7, 2017

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Telephone: (202) 314–6100.

The press and public may enter the NTSB Conference Center one hour prior to the meeting for set up and seating.

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Rochelle McCallister at (202) 314–6305 or by email at *Rochelle.McCallister@ntsb.gov* by Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

The public may view the meeting via a live or archived webcast by accessing a link under ''News & Events'' on the NTSB home page at *www.ntsb.gov.*

Schedule updates, including weather-related cancellations, are also available at *www.ntsb.gov.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Candi Bing at (202) 314–6403 or by email at *bingc@ntsb.gov.*

FOR MEDIA INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher O'Neil at (202) 314–6100 or by email at *christopher.oneill@ntsb.gov* for the Highway Special Investigation of Pedestrian Safety and Keith Hollow at (202) 314–6100 or by email at *keith.holloway@ntsb.gov* for the Aircraft Accident Report.

Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Candi R. Bing,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–277 and 50–278; NRC–2018–0130]

Exelon Generation Company, LLC: Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License renewal application; opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering an application for the subsequent license renewal of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–44 and DPR–56, that authorizes Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon or the applicant) to operate Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units 2 and 3 (Peach Bottom). The renewed licenses would authorize the applicant to operate Peach Bottom for an additional 20 years beyond the period specified in each of the current renewed licenses. The current renewed operating licenses for Peach Bottom expire as follows: Unit 2 on August 8, 2033, and Unit 3 on July 2, 2034.

DATES: Requests for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by November 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2018–0130 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2018–0130. Address questions about NRC dockets to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301–287–9127; email: *Jennifer.BorgesRoman@nrc.gov.* For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
- *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 ''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 ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.
- *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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bennett M. Brady, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2981, email: *Bennett.Brady@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

By letter dated July 10, 2018 (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML18193A689); the NRC received an application from Exelon, filed pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and part 54 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), to renew the operating licenses for Peach Bottom Units 2 and 3, at 3,951-megawatt thermal each. The Peach Bottom units are boiling water reactors designed by General Electric Company and are located in Delta, PA (17.9 miles south of Lancaster, PA). A notice of receipt of the subsequent license renewal application (SLRA) was published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2018 (83 FR 37529).

By letter, dated August 27, 2018 (ADAMS Accession No. ML18191B085, the NRC staff determined that Exelon has submitted sufficient information in accordance with 10 CFR 54.19, 54.21, 54.22, 54.23, 51.45, and 51.53(c), to enable the staff to undertake a review of the application, and that the application is, therefore, acceptable for docketing (ADAMS Accession No. ML18191B085). The current Docket Nos. 50–277 and

50–278 for Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–44 and DPR–56, respectively, will be retained. The determination to accept the SLRA for docketing does not constitute a determination that a subsequent renewed license should be issued, and does not preclude the NRC staff from requesting additional information as the review proceeds.

Before issuance of the requested subsequent renewed licenses, the NRC will have made the findings required by the Act, and the Commission's rules and regulations. In accordance with 10 CFR 54.29, the NRC may issue a subsequent renewed license on the basis of its review if it finds that actions have been identified and have been or will be taken with respect to: (1) Managing the effects of aging during the period of extended operation on the functionality of structures and components that have been identified as requiring aging management review; and (2) time-limited aging analyses that have been identified as requiring review, such that there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the renewed licenses will continue to be conducted in accordance with the current licensing basis and that any changes made to the plant's current licensing basis will comply with the Act and the Commission's regulations.

Additionally, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.95(c), the NRC will prepare an environmental impact statement as a supplement to the Commission's NUREG–1437, ''Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants,'' dated June 2013. To issue the renewed license, the Commission must determine whether applicable requirements of subpart A of 10 CFR part 51 have been satisfied, and whether any matters raised under 10 CFR 2.335 have been addressed. Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.26, and as part of the environmental scoping process, the NRC staff intends to hold a public scoping meeting. Detailed information regarding the environmental scoping meeting will be the subject of a separate **Federal Register** notice.

II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any persons (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by this action may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to the action. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's ''Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure'' in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.309. The NRC's regulations are accessible electronically from the NRC Library on the NRC's website at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/.* Alternatively, a copy of the regulations is available at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Room O1–F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852. If a petition is filed, the Commission or a presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of hearing will be issued.

As required by 10 CFR 2.309, a petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following general requirements for standing: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; (2) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (3) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (4) the possible effect of any decision or order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(f), the petition must also set forth the specific contentions which the petitioner seeks to have litigated in the proceeding. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner must provide a brief explanation of the bases for the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to the specific sources and documents on which the petitioner intends to rely to support its position on the issue. The petition must include sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant or licensee on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions must be limited to matters within the scope of the proceeding. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to satisfy the requirements at 10 CFR 2.309(f) with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene. Parties have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing with respect to resolution of that party's admitted contentions, including the opportunity to present evidence, consistent with the NRC's regulations, policies, and procedures.

Petitions must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Petitions and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i) through (iii). The petition must be filed in accordance with the filing instructions in the ''Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)'' section of this document.

A State, local governmental body, Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h)(1). The petition should state the nature and extent of the petitioner's interest in the proceeding. The petition should be submitted to the Commission no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. The petition must be filed in accordance with the filing instructions in the ''Electronic Submission (E-Filing)'' section of this document and should meet the requirements for petitions set forth in this section, except that under 10 CFR 2.309(h)(2) a State, local governmental body, or Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof does not need to address the standing requirements in 10 CFR 2.309(d) if the facility is located within its boundaries. Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

If a hearing is granted, any person who is not a party to the proceeding and is not affiliated with or represented by a party may, in the discretion of the presiding officer, be permitted to make a limited appearance pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.315(a). A person making a limited appearance may make an oral or written statement of his or her position on the issues but may not otherwise participate in the proceeding. A limited appearance may be made at any session of the hearing or at any prehearing conference, subject to the limits and conditions as may be imposed by the presiding officer. Details regarding the opportunity to make a limited appearance will be provided by the presiding officer if such sessions are scheduled.

III. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including a request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition), any motion

or other document filed in the proceeding prior to the submission of a request for hearing or petition to intervene, and documents filed by interested governmental entities that request to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with the NRC's E-Filing rule (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007, as amended at 77 FR 46562, August 3, 2012). The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the internet, or in some cases to mail copies on electronic storage media. Detailed guidance on making electronic submissions may be found in the Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC and on the NRC's website at *http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html.* Participants may not submit paper copies of their filings unless they seek an exemption in accordance with the procedures described below.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email mail at *Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov,* or by telephone at 301–415–1677, to request (1) a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a request or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the hearing in this proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public website at *http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html.* Once a participant has obtained a digital ID certificate and a docket has been created, the participant can then submit adjudicatory documents. Submissions must be in Portable Document Format (PDF). Additional guidance on PDF submissions is available on the NRC's public website at *https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html.* A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC's E- Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email notice confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email notice that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed so that they can obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC's adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC's Electronic Filing Help Desk through the ''Contact Us'' link located on the NRC's public website at *https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/contact-us-eie.html* by email to *MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov,* or by a toll-free call at 1–866–672–7640. The NRC Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding government holidays.

Participants who believe that they have a good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted by: (1) First class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; or (2) courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service to the Office of the Secretary, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving the document on all other participants. Filing is considered complete by first-class mail as of the time of deposit in the mail, or by courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service upon depositing the document with the provider of the service. A presiding officer, having granted a request for exemption from using E-Filing, may require a participant or party to use E-Filing if the presiding officer subsequently determines that the reason for granting the exemption from use of E-Filing no longer exists.

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket which is available to the public at *http://adams.nrc.gov/ehd,* unless excluded pursuant to an order of the Commission or the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as described above, click cancel when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing dockets where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information, such as social security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings, unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. For example, in some instances, individuals provide home addresses in order to demonstrate proximity to a facility or site. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants are requested not to include copyrighted materials in their submission.

Detailed information about the subsequent license renewal process can be found under the Nuclear Reactors icon at *http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html* on the NRC's website. Copies of the application to renew the operating licenses for Peach Bottom are available for public inspection at the NRC's PDR, and at the NRC's website *http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/subsequent-license-renewal.html,* while the application is under review. The application may be accessed in ADAMS through the NRC Library on the internet at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html* under ADAMS Package Accession No. ML18193A689.

The NRC staff has verified that a copy of the SLRA is also available for inspection near the site at the Harford County Public Library: Whiteford Branch, 2407 Whiteford Rd, Whiteford, MD 21160.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of August 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Eric R. Oesterle,

Chief, License Renewal Project Branch, Division of Materials and License Renewal Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72–1050; NRC–2016–0231]

Interim Storage Partner's Waste Control Specialists Consolidated Interim Storage Facility

Correction

In notice document C1–2018–18758, appearing on page 44680 in the Issue of Friday, August 31, 2018, the subject line is corrected to read as set forth above.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2018–217 and CP2018–299; MC2018–218 and CP2018–300]

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:* September 7, 2018.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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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 website (*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 3007.301.[1]

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).:* MC2018–217 and CP2018–299; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express Contract 65 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* August 30, 2018; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.,* and 39 CFR 3015.5; *Public Representative:* Christopher C. Mohr*; Comments Due:* September 7, 2018.

2. *Docket No(s).:* MC2018–218 and CP2018–300; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 464 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* August 30, 2018; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.,* and 39 CFR 3015.5; *Public Representative:* Christopher C. Mohr*; Comments Due:* September 7, 2018.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Stacy L. Ruble,

Secretary.

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[1] *See* Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail Express Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Date of required notice:* September 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on August 30, 2018, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express Contract 65 to Competitive Product List.* Documents are available at *www.prc.gov,* Docket Nos. MC2018–217, CP2018–299.

Elizabeth Reed,

Attorney, Corporate and Postal Business Law.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Date of required notice:* September 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on August 30, 2018, it filed with the Postal Regulatory

Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 464 to Competitive Product List.* Documents are available at *www.prc.gov,* Docket Nos. MC2018–218, CP2018–300.

Elizabeth Reed,

Attorney, Corporate and Postal Business Law.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–84003; File No. SR–NASDAQ–2018–050]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the First Trust Senior Loan Fund of First Trust Exchange Traded Fund IV

August 30, 2018.

On June 27, 2018, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq'') 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 modify certain aspects of the First Trust Senior Loan Fund, the shares of which have been approved by the Commission for listing and trading under Nasdaq Rule 5735. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2018.[3] The Commission has received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act [4] provides that, within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is August 31, 2018. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,[5] designates October 15, 2018, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change (File Number SR–NASDAQ–2018–050).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[6]

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83618 (July 11, 2018), 83 FR 33277.

[4] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[5] *Id.*

[6] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(31).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–84001; File No. SR–NASDAQ–2018–070]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Corporate Non-Convertible Bonds on Nasdaq

August 30, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on August 27, 2018, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq'' or ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''SEC'' or ''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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 proposes to adopt listing and trading requirements and fees for non-convertible corporate bonds.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at *http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Nasdaq is amending its rules to permit the initial and continued listing of and trading of non-convertible corporate debt securities (referred to herein as ''bonds'' or ''non-convertible bonds'') on Nasdaq and to establish fees for listing those bonds. While Nasdaq rules currently provide for the initial and continued listing of convertible bonds, Nasdaq believes that there may be a demand from certain types of investors for Exchange-listed non-convertible bonds. Nasdaq also believes that this proposal will improve the public market for non-convertible bonds by promoting the fair and orderly operation of that market and by increasing the transparency of that market for securities that are listed pursuant to this proposal. Nasdaq is therefore amending the relevant listing and trading rules accordingly.

Listing Rules

First, Nasdaq proposes to adopt Rule 5702 to permit the initial listing of non-convertible bonds. For non-convertible bonds, Nasdaq proposes to require a minimum principal amount outstanding or market value of at least $5 million, instead of the minimum $10 million principal amount outstanding required for convertible debt under Rule 5515(b). Nasdaq notes that this requirement is the same as the initial listing requirement for bonds on the New York Stock Exchange LLC (''NYSE'') and NYSE American LLC (''NYSE American''), which both require that the debt issue have an aggregate market value or principal amount of no less than $5 million.[3]

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* Section 102.03 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual and Section 104 of the NYSE American Company Guide.

In addition to Rule 5702(a)(1), Nasdaq also proposes to require satisfaction of the condition set forth in Rule 5702(a)(2) for non-convertible bonds to be eligible for listing on the Exchange. This condition is that the issuer of the bond must have one class of equity security that is listed on Nasdaq, NYSE, or NYSE American. This condition is similar to one that NYSE and NYSE American impose.[4]

Nasdaq also proposes to add continued listing requirements under Rule 5702(b). Proposed Rule 5702(b)(1) would require, for continued listing, that a non-convertible bond issuance maintain a market value or principal amount outstanding of at least $400,000.[5] Proposed Rule 5702(b)(2) would also require an issuer to meet its obligations on the listed non-convertible bonds, and Nasdaq proposes to amend Rule 5810(c)(1) to provide that a determination by the Exchange's Listings Qualifications Department that the issuer has failed to meet its obligations on the bonds would result in their immediate suspension and the commencement of delisting proceedings. Nasdaq notes that these proposed continued listing standards for non-convertible bonds are the same as the listing requirements for bonds imposed by NYSE American.[6]

In addition to these quantitative requirements for listing non-convertible bonds, the issuer of listed bonds would also have to comply with other requirements that are generally applicable to companies listed on Nasdaq pursuant to Rule 5250. Specifically, Rule 5250(a) allows Nasdaq to request additional information, either public or non-public, deemed necessary to make a determination regarding a company's continued listing. Rule 5250(b) requires issuers to make public disclosure of material information, disclosure of notification of deficiency, and disclosure of third party director and nominee compensation. Rule 5250(c) requires companies to file all required periodic financial reports. Rule 5250(d) requires the distribution of annual and interim reports. Rule 5250(e) sets forth various corporate events resulting in material changes that trigger the requirement for the issuer to submit certain forms to Nasdaq.[7] Rule 5250(f) requires the issuers to pay all applicable fees set forth in the Rule 5900 series.

In addition to the Exchange's rules that would apply to an issuer of non-convertible bonds that list on Nasdaq,[8] the issuers of those bonds would have to register those securities pursuant to Section 12(a) of the Act.[9] Among other things, the issuer is required to disclose information about the organization, financial structure, information about the nature of the business, certain information about the directors, officers and underwriters, material contracts, and balance sheets. As part of this proposal, Nasdaq is requiring that the issuer must currently list one class of an equity security on either Nasdaq,[10] NYSE, or NYSE American,[11] and so issuers may already disclose this information in connection with the listing of those securities. However, Section 12(a) also requires issuers to disclose information that is more specific to the security to be listed and traded on the Exchange, such as the terms, position, rights, and privileges of the different classes of securities outstanding, and the terms on which the issuer's securities are to be, and during the preceding three years have been, offered to the public or otherwise. Given this requirement, Nasdaq's proposal may increase the amount of information about non-convertible bonds that will be disclosed by the issuer than would otherwise be the case.

Nasdaq proposes to amend Rule 5515(b)(4) to change references from the American Stock Exchange to NYSE American to reflect the name change of that exchange.[12]

Nasdaq also proposes to amend the definition of a ''substitution listing event'' in Rule 5005 to include an additional event related to the listing of bonds. Specifically, Rule 5005(a)(40) will include a change in the obligor of a listed debt security as a ''substitution listing event.'' A Substitution Listing Event triggers certain reporting requirements to the Exchange.[13] Nasdaq is proposing to make this change to both convertible and non-convertible bonds,

[4] *See* Section 104 of the NYSE American Company Guide; Section 102.03 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.

[5] The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5810(c)(3) to provide that a failure to meet the continued listing requirements under Rule 5702(b)(1) for a period of 30 consecutive business days will constitute a deficiency; in the event of a deficiency, the Exchange's Listings Qualifications Department will promptly notify the deficient issuer and the issuer shall have a period of 180 calendar days from such notification to regain compliance. Compliance will be deemed to be regained by meeting the applicable standard for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days, unless the Listing Qualifications Department exercises its discretion to extend this 10 day period as set forth in Rule 5810(c)(3)(G).

[6] *See* Section 1003(b)(iv) of the NYSE American Company Guide.

[7] The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5250(e)(3) to require issuers of non-convertible bonds to provide at least 10 calendar days advance notice to the Exchange of certain corporate actions, including redemptions (full or partial calls), tender offers, changes in par value, and changes in identifier (*e.g.,* CUSIP number or symbol), by filing the appropriate form as Nasdaq shall designate.

[8] Nasdaq notes that currently, the Rule 5600 Series generally would apply to securities listed in this proposal. However, subsequent to this proposal, but prior to listing non-convertible bonds of issuers that have equity securities listed on NYSE or NYSE American, Nasdaq plans to submit a proposal to amend Rule 5615(a)(6) to state that the Rule 5600 Series does not generally apply to companies listing only preferred or debt securities on the Exchange. Under this proposal, companies listing only non-convertible bonds would be exempt from the Rules relating to Independent Directors (Rule 5605(b)), Audit Committee Requirements (Rule 5605(c)), Compensation Committee Requirements (Rule 5605(d)), Independent Director Oversight of Director Nominations (Rule 5605(e)), Code of Conduct (Rule 5610), Meetings of Shareholders (Rule 5620), Review of Related Party Transactions (Rule 5630), Shareholder Approval (Rule 5635), and Voting Rights (Rule 5640). However, Rule 5615(a)(6) would state that such companies still must comply with Rule 5625, pursuant to which an issuer would provide Nasdaq with prompt notification after an executive officer of the company becomes aware of any noncompliance by the company with the requirements of the Rule 5600 Series. In addition, this amended Rule would require issuers of listed non-convertible bonds to comply with Rule 5605(c), which sets forth the requirements of the company's audit committee, including its charter, composition, responsibilities and authority, to the extent required by Exchange Act Rule 10A–3. The Rule thereby would apply the requirements of Rule 10A–3 to the issuer's audit committee. The Rule also would impose on the issuer the obligation to promptly notify Nasdaq after an executive officer of the issuer becomes aware of any noncompliance by the issuer with the requirements of the Rule 5600 series, such as noncompliance with the audit committee provisions that are required by Rule 10A–3 and set forth in Rule 5605(c). Nasdaq also notes that NYSE and NYSE American have adopted similar exemptions for both companies that list only preferred and debt securities. *See* Section 303A of the NYSE Listed Company Manual; *see also* Section 801(g) of the NYSE American Company Guide. Finally, Nasdaq notes that the foregoing proposal would not apply to issuers of non-convertible bonds that have equity securities listed on Nasdaq.

[9] Specifically, Section 12(a) requires that, in order for an exchange member, broker or dealer to effect a transaction in a security on a national securities exchange, a registration must be effective ''as to such security for such exchange.'' *See* 15 U.S.C. 78(l)(a).

[10] For purposes of the listing requirement that the non-convertible bond issuer also list a class of equity securities on Nasdaq, the issuer may list an equity security on the Nasdaq Capital Market, the Nasdaq Global Market, or the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

[11] The Exchange notes that upon the effective date of the proposal, it only expects to be capable of listing and trading non-convertible bonds of issuers that currently list equity securities on Nasdaq. The Exchange expects to be ready to list and trade bonds of issuers with equity securities listed on NYSE or NYSE American by the Second Quarter of 2019. The Exchange will issue a trader alert at least seven days in advance of accepting applications to list and trade bonds of issuers with equity securities listed on NYSE or NYSE American.

The Exchange proposes to include language to this effect in the rule text, which it will then propose to remove after the Exchange begins listing and trading non-convertible bonds of issuers with equity securities listed on NYSE and NYSE American.

[12] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80283 (Mar. 21, 2017), 82 FR 15244 (Mar. 27, 2017) (SR–NYSEMKT–2017–14).

[13] *See* Rule 5250(e)(4).

as both types of securities could potentially be subject to a change in the obligor of that bond, which Nasdaq believes should qualify as a substitution listing event.

Nasdaq proposes to add fees in connection with listing non-convertible bonds. Specifically, Nasdaq proposes to add Rule 5935 to impose a non-refundable application fee of $5,000 to list a class of non-convertible bonds pursuant to Rule 5702. Nasdaq proposes to waive this application fee if, in connection with a company's application to list non-convertible bonds on Nasdaq, the company will be switching the listing market for such bonds from NYSE or NYSE American to Nasdaq. Nasdaq notes that NYSE American imposes an initial listing fee of $100 per $1 million principal amount (or fraction thereof) for listed bonds, with a minimum fee of $5,000 and a maximum fee of $10,000,[14] while NYSE imposes an initial listing fee of $25,000 on all listed bonds of NYSE equity issuers.[15]

Nasdaq also proposes to add an annual fee in connection with listing non-convertible bonds. Nasdaq proposes to add Rule 5935(b) to state that the issuer of each class of non-convertible bonds listed pursuant to Rule 5702 shall pay to Nasdaq an annual fee of $5,000. Moreover, the proposed Rule states that a company that switches its listing market for its non-convertible bonds from the New York Stock Exchange or NYSE American to Nasdaq will not be liable for the annual fee until January 1 of the calendar year following the effective date of the non-convertible bonds listing on Nasdaq. Nasdaq notes that NYSE American assesses an annual listing fee of $5,000 for listed bonds and debentures of companies whose equity securities are not listed on NYSE American,[16] while NYSE assesses an annual listing fee of $25,000 for listed bonds of NYSE equity issuers and affiliated companies.[17]

Nasdaq also proposes to clarify rule text relating to the listing fees for convertible bonds. Specifically, Rule 5920(a)(2) specifies a fee of $1,000 or $50 per million dollars face amount of bonds outstanding, whichever is higher. Nasdaq proposes to clarify that this is an entry fee, and that it applies to convertible bonds only. Nasdaq is not charging an entry fee for non-convertible bonds, as it believes that the proposed application fee will allow the Exchange to adequately recoup the expenses incurred by the Exchange in processing an issuer's application to list those securities.

Nasdaq believes that this proposal will improve the public debt market by increasing transparency for non-convertible bonds that are listed pursuant to this proposal and the orderliness of the market for those securities. For example, Rule 5250(b)(1) requires listed companies to, except in unusual circumstances, disclose promptly to the public through any Regulation FD compliant method (or combination of methods) any material information that would reasonably be expected to affect the value of their securities or influence investors' decisions.[18] Nasdaq-listed companies must notify Nasdaq's MarketWatch Department prior to the distribution of certain material news at least ten minutes prior to public announcement of the news when the public release of the information is made, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. E.T. As set forth in IM–5250–1, such events may include: (1) Financial-related disclosures, including quarterly or yearly earnings, earnings restatements, pre-announcements or guidance; (2) corporate reorganizations and acquisitions, including mergers, tender offers, asset transactions and bankruptcies or receiverships; (3) new products or discoveries, or developments regarding customers or suppliers (*e.g.,* significant developments in clinical or customer trials, and receipt or cancellation of a material contract or order); (4) senior management changes of a material nature or a change in control; (5) resignation or termination of independent auditors, or withdrawal of a previously issued audit report; (6) events regarding the Company's securities, such as defaults on senior securities, calls of securities for redemption, repurchase plans, stock splits or changes in dividends, changes to the rights of security holders, or public or private sales of additional securities; (7) significant legal or regulatory developments; or (8) any event requiring the filing of a Form 8–K.

Nasdaq's MarketWatch Department monitors real time trading in all Nasdaq securities during the trading day for price and volume activity. In the event of certain price and volume movements, the MarketWatch Department may contact a company in order to ascertain the cause of the unusual market activity.

For non-convertible bonds that are listed under this proposal, the issuer will be required to comply with these disclosure requirements and to update Nasdaq accordingly on any material information that would reasonably be expected to affect the value of their bonds or influence investors' decisions. Depending on the nature of the event and the company's views regarding the business advisability of disclosing the information, the MarketWatch Department may work with the company to accomplish a timely release of the information. Furthermore, depending on the materiality of the information and the anticipated effect of the information on the price of the Company's bonds, the MarketWatch Department may advise the Company that a temporary trading halt is appropriate to allow for full dissemination of the information and to maintain an orderly market. For non-convertible bonds that are listed on Nasdaq pursuant to this proposal, a trading halt will be initiated by the Exchange, pursuant to proposed Rule 4000B(i). In these ways, Nasdaq believes that the proposal will increase transparency for bonds that are listed pursuant to this proposal and the orderliness of the market for those bonds.[19]

Nasdaq also believes that this proposal will benefit market participants by making non-convertible bonds more accessible to certain kinds of investors. For example, in the European Union, certain investors, such as so-called UCITS investment funds,[20] may generally only hold 10% of assets in securities that are not listed on an

[14] *See* NYSE American Company Guide Section 140.

[15] *See* NYSE Listed Company Manual Section 902.08.

[16] *See* NYSE American Company Guide Section 141.

[17] *See* Section 902.08 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.

[18] Nasdaq will determine compliance with the listing requirements for non-convertible bonds based upon information it receives directly from issuers as well as data that it obtains from third party data providers.

[19] Nasdaq notes that it also proposes to amend Rule 5250(e)(3) to require an issuer to provide at least 10 calendar days advance notice to Nasdaq of certain corporate actions relating to non-convertible bonds listed on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, including redemptions (full or partial calls), tender offers, changes in par value, and changes in identifier (*e.g.,* CUSIP number or symbol), by filing the appropriate form as designated by Nasdaq. These disclosures will aid the Listings Qualification Department in assessing an issuer's compliance with the continuing listing standards set forth in proposed Rule 5702.

[20] UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) is a harmonized regime throughout Europe for the management and sale of mutual funds. A UCITS fund is essentially a mutual fund based in the European Union that meets these requirements and is therefore exempt from national regulation in individual European countries. Under UCITS III, a UCITS fund can invest in transferable securities, such as listed and publicly traded equities and bonds, deposits and money market instruments, other mutual funds, and financial derivative instruments, subject to diversification requirements.

exchange or other regulated market meeting certain standards.

Trading Rules

In conjunction with its proposal to adopt rules to list non-convertible bonds on Nasdaq, the Exchange also proposes rules that will provide for the trading of such listed bonds. The Exchange notes that its proposed non-convertible bond trading system—to be known as the ''Nasdaq Bond Exchange''—will offer Members,[21] at its inception, certain core trading functionality that will be competitive with NYSE Bonds. However, the Exchange will reserve more sophisticated and elaborate functionality until such time as the Exchange observes that a sufficient demand exists for it.[22]

In many respects, the proposed trading system and the proposed rules that govern it are a pared down version of the NYSE Bonds system and NYSE Rule 86. That is, like NYSE Bonds, the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be an electronic system for receiving, processing, executing, and reporting bids, offers and executions in bonds. Like NYSE Bonds, the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will display, match, and execute buy and sell orders on a price/time basis. The Exchange, like NYSE and NYSE American, will also accept good-for-day limit orders and fill-or-kill orders, and it will trade bonds of issuers that have at least one class of equity securities listed on Nasdaq and NYSE or NYSE American.[23] However, at its inception, the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will not have—as does NYSE Bonds—market makers, sponsored access, auctions, price collars, or certain order types (*e.g.,* reserve orders, minimum quantity orders, good-til-cancelled orders, and timed orders). The Nasdaq Bond Exchange also will have only one trading session each day as opposed to NYSE Bonds, which has three sessions. Again, the Exchange may add such features and functionalities to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange in the future to the extent that it determines that a demand exists for them. The Exchange observes that users of NYSE Bonds do not appear to avail themselves of many of these features and functionalities, such that the Exchange does not believe that including them in the Nasdaq Bond Exchange is necessary for it to compete with NYSE Bonds.

Order Types

The proposed rules designate the types of orders that could be entered into the Nasdaq Bond Exchange. Initially, Users [24] of the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be allowed to enter good-for-day limit orders (''Nasdaq Bond Exchange Good for Day Limit Orders''), which are orders to buy or sell a stated quantity of units of bonds at a specified price or at a better price that, if not executed or cancelled, will expire at the end of the trading session on the day on which they are entered. Users will also be able to enter a Nasdaq Bond Exchange Fill-or-Kill All-Or-None Order (''Nasdaq Bond Exchange FOK–AON Order''), which is an order that is to be executed immediately in its entirety against one or more contra parties at the best price available, or if it is not executed immediately in its entirety, it is cancelled. All orders on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be displayed and will be anonymous. The Exchange will file a proposed rule change with the Commission and notify its members if and when additional order types become available for use.

Trading Units

The minimum unit of trading in the Nasdaq Bond Exchange is one bond unless the issuer otherwise specifies a larger minimum unit of trading in the bond indenture agreement. The Nasdaq Bond Exchange will accept and display bids and offers in bonds priced to three decimal places, as per market standard.

Order Entry and Execution

To post an order in a particular bond on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, a User will be required to enter certain basic information including: CUSIP number, order quantity, order type (*i.e.,* Nasdaq Bond Exchange Good for Day Limit Order); price (up to three decimals); and whether the order is buy or sell.

The Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be an electronic order-driven matching system. Nasdaq Bond Exchange orders submitted by Users will be displayed, matched, and executed on a price/time priority basis. Orders that are marketable at the time of entry will be matched and executed. An order will be marketable when it entered the Nasdaq Bond Exchange system if contra side interest is available at that price or a better price. Nasdaq Bond Exchange Good for Day Limit Orders that are not marketable at the time of entry would post to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange order ''book.''

The Nasdaq Bond Exchange will provide an exception to its normal price/time system to allow Users to avoid internalizing orders. Users may be interested in self-match prevention in order to run multiple strategies at once that may sit on opposite sides of the book. Pursuant to the proposed Rule 4000B(h)(1)(C), which the Exchange adapts from Nasdaq Rule 4757(a)(4), Nasdaq will permit Users to direct that orders entered into the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will not execute against orders entered under the same MPID. In addition, the proposed Rule provides that Users using the FIX order entry protocol (discussed below) may assign to orders entered through a specific order entry port a unique group identification modifier that will prevent orders with such modifier from executing against each other. In such a case, the proposed Rule states that a User may elect from the following options: (i) Regardless of the size of the interacting orders, cancelling the oldest order in full; or (ii) regardless of the size of the interacting orders, cancelling the most recent of the orders in full. The foregoing options may be applied to all orders entered through a specific order entry port.

An order designated for execution in the Bond Trading Session may be cancelled at any time as long as the order had not been executed.

The Exchange will charge no fees for posting orders or executing trades on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange. If the Exchange decides to charge any such fees in the future, then the Exchange will submit a rule filing proposal to that effect to the Commission.

Clearing

Most orders matched on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be locked-in trades and will be submitted without an omnibus account to the National Securities Clearing Corporation using Universal Trade Capture and then to the Depository Trust Company (''DTC'') for clearance and settlement. Settlement of corporate bond trades will be consistent with current convention, *i.e.,* two day settlement. Bonds that are not eligible for settlement at DTC will be settled manually (''ex-clearing'') between the two counterparties.

Bond Trading Session

The Nasdaq Bond Exchange would have one trading session per trading day from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. E.T. (the

[21] A ''Member'' means any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in Nasdaq. *See* Rule 0120(i).

[22] The Nasdaq Bond Exchange will only trade non-convertible bonds that are listed on Nasdaq.

[23] As noted earlier, at the launch date of the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, the Exchange expects that the system will be only capable of trading bonds of issuers that currently list equity securities on Nasdaq. The Exchange expects to be ready to list and trade bonds of issuers with equity securities listed on NYSE or NYSE American by the Second Quarter of 2019. *See* n.11, *supra.*

[24] Proposed Rule 4000B defines a ''User'' as any Nasdaq Member that has elected, pursuant to the process described below, to receive access to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange.

''Bond Trading Session''). There will be no pre-market or post-market session. Instead, the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will immediately start processing orders as they are entered upon opening. Orders submitted outside of the Bond Trading Session will not be accepted.

Clearly Erroneous Executions

Bond trades on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange would be made subject to Exchange Rule 11890, which governs the process for addressing clearly erroneous trades. Within the context of bond trading on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, a ''clearly erroneous execution'' will be one where there is an obvious error in any term, such as price, unit of trading, or identification of the bond.'' [25] A User that receives an erroneous execution may request the Exchange review the transaction or the President of the Exchange, a senior level employee thereof, or a designated officer (a ''Senior Official'') may review an execution on their own initiative. A request for review of an execution must include certain information, including in pertinent part, information concerning the time of the transaction, security symbol, number of bonds, price, and factual basis for believing that the trade is clearly erroneous.[26] The request for review would have to be submitted within 30 minutes of the trade in question.[27] The other party (or parties) to the trade will be notified of the request for review.[28] Thereafter, an Exchange official would review the transaction and would make a determination as to whether it was clearly erroneous.[29] The reviewer could make this determination with or without supporting documentation from any party to the transaction.[30] Pursuant to proposed Rule 11890(a)(2)(C)(4), determinations of a clearly erroneous execution will be made on a case-by-case basis, considering factors that include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) Execution price; (ii) volume and volatility of a bond; (iii) news released for the issuer or the bond and/or the related equity security; (iv) trading halts; (v) corporate actions; (vi) general market conditions; (vii) the rating of the bond; (viii) interest and/or coupon rate; (ix) maturity date; (x) yield curves; (xi) prior print, if available within a reasonable time frame; (xii) executions inconsistent with the trading pattern of a bond; (xiii) current day's trading high/low; (xiv) recent day's and week's trading high/low; (xv) executions outside the 52 week high/low; (xvi) effect of a single large order creating several prints at various prices; and (xvii) quotes and executions of other market centers.[31]

If the reviewer determines that the execution was not clearly erroneous, then no corrective action will be taken in relation to the transaction. If the reviewer determines that the transaction were clearly erroneous, the transaction will be deemed null and void.[32] If one party does not agree with the determination, then that party may request further review or an appeal to the Nasdaq Review Council pursuant to the procedures set forth in Rule 11890(c). Depending on the outcome of the appeal, the transaction would either remain unchanged or be deemed null and void.[33]

Nasdaq Bond Exchange System Disruption or Malfunction or Equipment Changeover

Rule 11890(b) further provides that, in the event of any system disruption, malfunction, or equipment changeover in the Nasdaq Bond Exchange trading facility, a Senior Official may, without the need for a request for review, review transactions affected by a system disruption, malfunction, or equipment changeover and decide if any transactions are erroneous.[34] In such situations, the Senior Official could declare the transaction to be unchanged or null and void, appropriate.[35] The Rule also provides that, absent extraordinary circumstances, any such action of the Senior Official shall be taken within 30 minutes of detection of the system disruption, malfunction, or equipment changeover, or an erroneous transaction resulting from such system problem.[36] If an erroneous transaction occurred as a result of a system disruption, system malfunction, or equipment changeover, each party to the erroneous transaction will be notified of the situation and the specific action as soon as practicable.[37] Thereafter, the User aggrieved by the action could appeal such action.[38]

Halting and Suspending Bond Trading on the Exchange

Proposed Rule 4000B(i)(1) provides that the Exchange may halt or suspend trading in non-convertible bonds listed on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange when: (1) In the Exchange's regulatory capacity, it is necessary or appropriate to maintain a fair and orderly market, to protect investors, or is in the public interest, due to extraordinary circumstances or unusual market conditions; (2) a class of equity that is issued by the same issuer as the non-convertible bond has been halted or suspended by, or de-listed from, the Exchange or by its primary listing market (NYSE or NYSE American), as applicable, for regulatory purposes; (3) news reports have a material impact on a non-convertible bond, its issuer, or related stock of its issuer; or (4) the non-convertible bond is to be called for redemption or will mature or become subject to retirement, and thereafter it will be subject to de-listing, in which case the Exchange shall cease trading the non-convertible bond, effective not less than 10 days before the date when such de-listing becomes effective, pursuant to a de-listing application that the Exchange submits to the Commission on Form 25 and consistent with SEC Rule 12d2–2 [39] and the Act.

Pursuant to proposed Rule 4000B(i)(2), when bond trading is halted under any of the circumstance described above, a halt message at the beginning and end of the halt will be disseminated to all Nasdaq Bond Market Users. This trading halt will be referred to as a ''Bond Halt.'' [40] Upon commencement of a Bond Halt, all pending orders in the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be cancelled.[41] The Nasdaq Bond Exchange will resume accepting orders and trading once the Exchange declares an end to a Bond Halt.[42]

Dissemination of Trading Information

The Exchange proposes to publicly disseminate a real-time bond data feed,

[25] *See* proposed Rule 4000B(b)(2)(C).

[26] *See* Rule 11890(a)(2).

[27] *See id.*

[28] *See id.*

[29] *See id.*

[30] *See id.*

[31] The criteria to be used to determine clearly erroneous executions of non-convertible bonds, which are set forth in proposed Rule 11890(a)(2)(C)(4), are in lieu of the criteria presently used to determine clearly erroneous executions of equity securities, which are set forth in Rule 11890(a)(2)(C)(1)–(C)(3).

[32] *See* Rule 11890(a)(2)(B).

[33] The Exchange notes that, pursuant to Article VI of the By-Laws of the Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC, at least 20 percent of the Nasdaq Review Council must consist of representatives of Members of the Exchange. Although the By-Laws do not specify any specific categories of Members that must be represented on the Review Council, the Exchange expects that the existing Member representatives will adequately represent the interests of Users in appeals of clearly erroneous determinations. If it becomes apparent to the Exchange that roster of the Nasdaq Review Council does not adequately represent the interests of Users, then it will, at the appropriate time, consider nominating one or more Users to the Council.

[34] *See* Rule 11890(b)(i).

[35] *See id.*

[36] *See id.*

[37] *See id.*

[38] *See id.*

[39] *See* 17 CFR 240.12d2–2.

[40] *See* Rule 4000B(i)(2).

[41] *See Id.*

[42] *See Id.*

which will be referred to as ''Nasdaq Corporates Totalview.'' [43] The Nasdaq Corporates Totalview data feed would reflect all orders in time sequence in the Nasdaq Bond Exchange order ''book.'' Because the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be a purely order-driven system, the Exchange would not disseminate any information on a particular bond if there are no orders posted in the ''book'' for such bond. In addition to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange order ''book,'' the data feed also would include the last sale price as executions occur. The Nasdaq Corporates Totalview data feed will be available on a standalone basis free of charge to market participants, third-party data vendors, and other interested parties who request access and agree to the Exchange's terms. If the Exchange decides to establish fees for the Nasdaq Corporates Totalview product at a later date, it will submit a separate rule filing.

Access to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange System

Only Members of the Exchange that have entered into a written service agreement with the Exchange (*i.e.,* the ''Nasdaq U.S. Services Agreement'') and that elect to receive access to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange on their Member application form, will be duly authorized Users that may receive such access. Existing Members of the Exchange will not be required to amend their Nasdaq U.S. Services Agreements to become Users and obtain access to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange; instead, existing Members simply will be required to complete a form, attached hereto as *Exhibit 3* [sic], that indicates their interest in becoming Users and obtaining access.

Users of the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will gain access to the system via direct or indirect electronic linkages utilizing the Financial Information Exchange or ''FIX'' protocol. The FIX protocol is already used and widely accepted by Nasdaq market participants and will be used by the Nasdaq Bond Exchange Users for order entry, modification and cancellation, and message transmittal for all non-convertible bonds traded through the Nasdaq Bond Exchange. All of the communications protocols will be publicly available to allow Users and service bureaus to develop their own front-end software. Users will have the ability to establish connectivity to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange directly or through third-party connectivity providers, including a range of extranets and service bureaus, as set forth in General 8 of the Nasdaq Rules.[44] The Exchange will not charge any fees for FIX port connectivity to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange or for connectivity to the Bond Exchange's disaster recovery system.[45]

Reports and Recordkeeping

Users of the Nasdaq Bond Exchange would have to comply with all relevant rules of the Exchange and the Commission in relation to reports and recordkeeping of transactions on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, including Rules 17a–3 and 17a–4 under the Act.[46]

Regulation

The Exchange will leverage its existing infrastructure to operate a national securities exchange in compliance with Section 6 of the Exchange Act, and Section 6(b)(7) in particular,[47] to regulate its non-convertible bonds trading business and to enforce compliance with its Rules. Nasdaq's existing disciplinary rules and processes, set forth in its Rule 8000 and 9000 Series, will govern the discipline of Members that participate in corporate bond trading, just as it does for equities regulation, and Nasdaq will perform bond listing regulation as well as real-time surveillance of bond trading as it does today for equities.

In particular, MarketWatch will perform real-time surveillance of the Nasdaq Bond Exchange for the purpose of maintaining a fair and orderly market at all times. As it does with Nasdaq's equities trading, MarketWatch will monitor trading on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange market on a real-time basis to identify unusual trading patterns and determine whether particular trading activity requires further regulatory investigation. In addition, Nasdaq Regulation will oversee the process for determining and implementing trade halts and identifying and responding to unusual market conditions.

System Information

The Nasdaq Bond Exchange will operate out of the same data center in Carteret, New Jersey as does the Nasdaq Stock Market and other exchanges owned by Nasdaq, Inc., but it will use equipment that is separate from the equipment used by those exchanges. In addition, the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will have a backup data center that will be geographically diverse from the Carteret data center and that will be designed to resume operations of the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, in the event of a system failure, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation Systems Compliance and Integrity.[48] The Nasdaq Bond Exchange will use Nasdaq's flexible INET technology, which is easily scalable to higher volumes through the addition of more equipment in the data center. The Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be protected from unauthorized access through the same robust firewall protection already in use at Nasdaq, Inc.'s data centers.

Applicability of Section 11(a) and (b) of the Act

Section 11(a) of the Act [49] prohibits a member of a national securities exchange from effecting transactions on that exchange for its own account, the account of an associated person, or an account over which it or its associated person exercises investment discretion, unless an exception applies. This general prohibition would not impact trading on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange because Rule 11a1–4(T) under the Act [50] deems transactions in bonds on a national securities exchange for a member's own account to be consistent with Section 11(a). Similarly, Section 11(b) of the Act[51] and Rule 11b–1 thereunder,[52] which pertain to specialists and market-makers, would not be implicated because there will be no specialists or market makers on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange.

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act [53] in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4), (b)(5), and (b)(7) of the Act,[54] in particular. As discussed below, Nasdaq believes the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the

[43] Pursuant to FINRA Rule 6730(e)(2), transactions on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange need not be reported to FINRA's Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine because only bonds listed on Nasdaq, a national securities exchange, may be traded on the Bond Exchange, and because bond transaction information will be disseminated publicly.

[44] The Exchange notes that Users that already purchase FIX port connectivity to the Nasdaq Stock Exchange will need to obtain one or more additional FIX ports to connect to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange.

[45] Separately from port connectivity, the Exchange notes that Users will need to establish physical connections to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, as set forth in General 8 of the Nasdaq Rules. To the extent that a User already purchases physical connectivity to the Nasdaq Stock Exchange, that purchase will also provide for the User to connect to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, such that the User will incur no additional fee for the new connection. New Users that do not already purchase physical connectivity to Nasdaq will need to do so, pursuant to General 8 of the Nasdaq Rules.

[46] 17 CFR 240.17a–3 and 240.17a–4.

[47] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(7).

[48] *See* 17 CFR 242.1001, .1004.

[49] 15 U.S.C. 78k(a).

[50] 17 CFR 240.11a1–4(T).

[51] 15 U.S.C. 78k(b).

[52] 17 CFR 240.11b–1.

[53] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

[54] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4), (5), and (7).

Act[55] in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges, and that it is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act[56] in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 are not designed to permit unfair discrimination. Finally, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(7) of the Act[57] in that it provides a fair procedure of discipline for those listing and trading non-convertible bonds on Nasdaq.

Listing Rules

The Exchange believes that its proposal to list non-convertible bonds will improve the quality of the public market for bonds by improving the transparency and the orderliness of the market. As discussed above, an issuer that lists bonds pursuant to this proposal will be required to disclose any material information that would reasonably be expected to affect the value of their securities or influence investors' decisions, except in unusual circumstances.[58] Through this requirement, Nasdaq will be able to evaluate such disclosure to determine if, among other things, a Bond Halt should be declared for that security.[59] This proposal, in connection with Nasdaq's proposal to trade such bonds, would also increase the amount of bond-specific information that would disclosed by issuers in fulfillment of the requirements of Section 12 of the Act.

Nasdaq also believes that its proposed listing standards are consistent with the Act. Nasdaq notes that its proposed initial listing standards, set forth in Rule 5702(a)—which require a minimum principal amount outstanding of the non-convertible bond or a market value of at least $5 million and the issuer of the non-convertible bond also having a class of equity listed on Nasdaq, NYSE, or NYSE American—are similar to the initial listing requirements for bonds listed on NYSE and NYSE American. Similarly, the continued listing requirement under Rule 5702(b)(1) that a non-convertible bond maintain a market value or principal amount of bonds outstanding of at least $400,000 is similar to the listing requirement for bonds imposed by NYSE American. Nasdaq notes that, pursuant to Rule 5702(b)(2), an issuer would also be required to meet its obligations on the listed non-convertible bonds, and that Nasdaq would initiate proceedings immediately under Rule 5810 (Notification of Deficiency by the Listing Qualifications Department) if the issuer were unable to meet its obligations on its non-convertible bonds. Nasdaq believes that it is consistent with the Act to immediately institute immediate de-listing proceedings in this instance, rather than to first afford the issuer a time period during which it may regain compliance (*i.e.,* the 180 calendar day period it proposes to provide when a bond fails to meet the quantitative requirements under Rule 5702(b)(1)) because a violation of a covenant, a default on interest payments, or another failure of an issuer to meet its obligations under a bond indenture, constitutes a breach of an issuer's legal obligations to bondholders, and signals that a bond is not appropriate for continued listing on the Exchange.

Nasdaq also believes that the change to the definition of a ''substitution listing event'' to include a change in the obligor of a listed non-convertible bond is consistent with the Act. Nasdaq is proposing to make this change to both convertible and non-convertible bonds, as both types of securities could potentially be subject to a change in the obligor of that bond, which Nasdaq believes should qualify as a substitution listing event.

Likewise, it is consistent with the Act to amend Rule 5515(b)(4) to change existing references from the American Stock Exchange to NYSE American to ensure that our Rules regarding convertible debt are current and accurate with respect to the names of the exchanges they reference.

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities. The proposed $5,000 application fee and $5,000 annual fee will be equally applicable to any issuer seeking to list non-convertible bonds on Nasdaq, other than for those issuers that propose to switch their listings from NYSE or NYSE American to Nasdaq. Nasdaq's proposal to waive the application fee and the first year's annual fee for issuers that switch their listings to Nasdaq from NYSE or NYSE American is reasonable and equitable because such fees will otherwise serve as disincentives for issuers to switch their listings, particularly if they have already paid their annual fees to NYSE or NYSE American for the year in which a switch would otherwise occur.[60] The waiver of the application fee is also equitable because it is Nasdaq's experience that less work is required to process a listing application for a security that is already listed on another exchange than it is to process an application for listing a new security. The application and annual fees are also reasonable and equitable because they will support Nasdaq's regulatory program to review and qualify debt issuances for listing.

The proposed application and annual fees are competitive with the initial and annual fees that are currently assessed by NYSE and NYSE American for the listing of bonds.[61]

Nasdaq also notes that the proposed $5,000 initial listing fee is the same as the application fee it charges for convertible bonds. However, Nasdaq will not charge an entry fee (as it does for convertible bonds under the

[55] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[56] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[57] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(7).

[58] As noted above, Nasdaq proposes to amend Rule 5250(e)(3) to require an issuer to provide at least 10 calendar days advance notice to Nasdaq of certain corporate actions relating to non-convertible bonds listed on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, including redemptions (full or partial calls), tender offers, changes in par value, and changes in identifier (*e.g.,* CUSIP number or symbol), by filing the appropriate form as designated by Nasdaq. This proposal is consistent with the Act because it aid the Listings Qualification Department in assessing an issuer's compliance with the continuing listing standards set forth in proposed Rule 5702.

[59] Nasdaq is limiting this proposal to an issuer that is currently listing one class of an equity security on either Nasdaq, NYSE, or NYSE American. While the issuer may be required to make similar disclosures in connection with its listed equity security, Nasdaq may not receive such disclosures if the listing venue for that equity security is NYSE or NYSE American. As such, this proposal provides the Exchange with additional information related to listed companies that it may otherwise not possess.

[60] Nasdaq notes that it presently waives entry fees for listing equity securities that transfer to Nasdaq from another national security exchange. *See* Rule 5910(a)(7)(i) (Nasdaq Global and Global Select Markets); Rule 5920(a)(7)(i) (Nasdaq Capital Market); Rule 5940(a)(5)(i)(Exchange Traded Products). It also waives a portion of the annual fee for securities whose listings transfer from a national securities exchange to Nasdaq on an exclusive basis. *See* IM–5900–4. Nasdaq's rationale for employing waivers in those instances is similar to that which Nasdaq asserts for its corporate bond listing programs. *See, e.g.,* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34–70418 (Sept. 16, 2013), 78 FR 57909 (Sept. 20, 2013) (SR–NASDAQ–2013–115).

[61] NYSE American charges an initial listing fee for bonds of $100 per $1 million principal amount (or fraction thereof) with a minimum fee of $5,000 and a maximum fee of $10,000. NYSE American also charges an annual fee of $5,000 for listed bonds and debentures of companies whose equity securities are not listed on NYSE American. *See* NYSE American Listed Company Guide Sections 140 and 141. Meanwhile, NYSE charges an initial listing fee of $25,000 and an annual fee of $25,000 for listed debt of NYSE equity issuers and an initial listing fee of $45,000 and an annual listing fee of $45,000 for listed debt of non-NYSE equity issuers. *See* Section 902.08 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.

proposed amendment to Rule 5920(a)(2)) because Nasdaq believes that the proposed application fee will allow the Exchange to adequately recoup its expenses incurred in processing an issuer's application to list those bonds. Nasdaq proposes a flat $5,000 annual fee for non-convertible bonds in lieu of the variable annual fee that Nasdaq charges to issuers of convertible bonds ($500 or $25 per million dollars face amount of debentures outstanding, whichever is greater, pursuant to Rule 5920(c)(B)(2)) because the Exchange believes that issuers will prefer the simplicity and predictability of a flat fee. Moreover, the Exchange expects to list large issuances of non-convertible bonds, in which cases the annual fees for such bonds will be comparable to, if not lower than, the annual fees that Nasdaq charges for convertible bonds.

These proposed listing fees for non-convertible bonds are lower than Nasdaq's initial and annual fees for equity securities, which range from $50,000—$75,000 for initial listing of equity securities, and from $32,000—$45,000 for annual listing of equity securities.[62] Nasdaq competes for the listing of securities, including bonds, with NYSE and NYSE American, and the differential between its proposed listing fees for non-convertible bonds and its current listing fees for equity securities is similar to the differential for listing debt and equity securities on NYSE American.[63]

Nasdaq also believes that the proposed listing rules are consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act[64] in that they serve the interests of the public and investors by facilitating competition in the market for listing corporate non-convertible bonds. The proposed listing rules also are similar to those of NYSE and NYSE American, which the Commission has recognized as being equitable and adequately protective of the public interest. Furthermore, the Exchange believes that the proposed listing fees are equitable for the reasons set forth above. Meanwhile, the proposed waivers of application and first year annual fees for listings of non-convertible bonds that switch to Nasdaq from NYSE or NYSE American are not unfairly discriminatory because, in absence of such waivers, issuers that have already paid such fees to list their bonds on another exchange would have a significant disincentive to switch their listing to Nasdaq as they would be required to pay twice for similar listing services. The proposed waiver of the application fee for bonds that switch to Nasdaq from another exchange is fair because it reflects the fact that less work is required by Nasdaq to process such applications than is required to process applications for newly-listed securities. Finally, as is discussed above, Nasdaq already employs similar fee waivers for listings of equity securities and exchange traded products.[65]

Finally, Nasdaq notes that it will apply the surveillance and enforcement infrastructure that it utilizes for listings on its other markets to ensure that issuers comply with initial and continuing listing requirements for non-convertible corporate bonds and that the Exchange will take fair and appropriate action under the Nasdaq Rule 5800 Series to address violations of those listing Rules.

Trading Rules

Nasdaq's proposal to establish the Nasdaq Bond Exchange system to trade non-convertible corporate bonds listed on Nasdaq is also consistent with the Act. Nasdaq has designed the Nasdaq Bond Exchange to operate in accordance with the Act, the applicable rules of the Commission and of the Exchange, and the high standards that Nasdaq believes to be in evidence at all of Nasdaq, Inc.'s exchanges. The proposal will offer Users opportunities to trade non-convertible bonds through a fair, open, and well-regulated market. The proposal will promote the interests of the public and investors by providing for the entry into the marketplace of a new exchange venue for trading non-convertible corporate bonds. Such bonds presently are tradeable, other than on an over-the-counter basis, only on NYSE and NYSE American. The Nasdaq Bond Exchange will introduce competition into this space, and that competition will spur innovation, which in turn will benefit issuers, traders, and investors alike.

The Nasdaq Bond Exchange is also designed to be a free, open, and fair marketplace. All Nasdaq Members will be eligible to become Users simply by electing to receive access. Moreover, Nasdaq proposes simple and straightforward rules to govern the operation of the Bond Exchange, including a familiar price-time allocation methodology, two basic order types, a single Bond Trading Session with no after-hours trading, and market data feed that will be disseminated, for free, to any member of the public that requests it and agrees to the Exchange's terms and conditions of use. At the same time, the proposal will also include provisions that are endemic to orderly and well-regulated markets, including authority to impose trading halts and suspensions, in appropriate circumstances, and to unwind clearly erroneous trades pursuant to established procedures under Nasdaq Rule 11890 and bond-specific criteria adapted from NYSE Rule 86.

Nasdaq will also leverage the conduct rules, surveillance technology, and enforcement infrastructure that it utilizes with respect to its other markets to ensure that the Nasdaq Bond Exchange operates in a fair and orderly fashion and that Nasdaq prevents, detects, and addresses fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices. For example, Nasdaq's MarketWatch Department will surveil the market and employ its SMARTS technology to detect suspicious or non-compliant behavior. Nasdaq's existing disciplinary rules, as set forth in the Nasdaq Rule 8000 and 9000 Series, will apply to Users of the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, and Nasdaq's Regulation Department will, pursuant to these disciplinary rules, investigate and take fair and appropriate enforcement action to address violations of rules relevant to trading on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange or the conduct of Users.

Moreover, the proposal provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities. Nasdaq will charge no fees to trade non-convertible bonds on the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, to obtain the FIX ports that are necessary to connect to the Nasdaq Bond Market, or to receive the Nasdaq Corporates Totalview data feed product. Additionally, to the extent that a User already purchases physical connectivity to Nasdaq pursuant to General 8, Sections 1 and 2 of the Nasdaq Rules, such a User could utilize its existing connectivity to connect to the Bond Exchange without any incurring additional fees to do so.

Finally, Nasdaq notes that it has designed the Nasdaq Bond Exchange system to facilitate transactions in corporate bonds in a manner that is similar to, and competitive with, the existing NYSE Bonds trading system. The Commission has already deemed the design of NYSE Bonds to be consistent with the Act.[66] Indeed, much of the language in proposed Rule 4000B, which will govern the Nasdaq Bond Exchange, is adapted from NYSE Rule

[62] *See* Rule 5920(a)–(c).

[63] *See, e.g.* NYSE American Listed Company Guide Sections 140 and 141 (NYSE American charges an initial listing fee for common stock that ranges from $50,000–$75,000 and an annual fee of between $40,000 and $50,000).

[64] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[65] *See* n.60, *supra.*

[66] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34–55496 (Mar. 20, 2007), 72 FR 14631 (Mar. 28, 2007).

86, which governs NYSE Bonds. That is, like NYSE Bonds, the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be an electronic system for receiving, processing, executing, and reporting bids, offers and executions in bonds. Like NYSE Bonds, the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will display, match and execute buy and sell orders on a price/time basis. The Exchange, like NYSE, will also accept good-for-day limit orders and kill-or-fill orders, and it will trade bonds of issuers that have at least one class of equity securities listed on Nasdaq, NYSE, or NYSE American.[67]

To the extent that the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will differ from NYSE Bonds, these differences will render the Nasdaq Bond Exchange simpler than NYSE Bonds. At its inception, the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will not have—as does NYSE Bonds—market makers, sponsored access, auctions, price collars, or certain order types (*e.g.,* reserve orders, minimum quantity orders, good-til-cancelled orders, and timed orders). The Nasdaq Bond Exchange also will have only one trading session each day as opposed to NYSE Bonds, which has three sessions. Although the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will initially lack these features of NYSE Bonds, Nasdaq believes that the platform nevertheless will have the features it needs to compete effectively with NYSE Bonds. The Exchange observes that Users of NYSE Bonds do not appear to avail themselves of many of its features and functionalities, such that the Exchange does not believe that the Nasdaq Bond Exchange needs these features and functionalities to compete with NYSE Bonds. In any event, the Exchange is committed to adding new features to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange in the future to the extent that Nasdaq determines that a demand exists for those features and that adding them will help the Nasdaq Bond Exchange compete successfully in the marketplace.

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. Rather, the proposed rule change will promote competition among exchanges by allowing Nasdaq to list and trade non-convertible bonds, which can currently be listed only on NYSE and NYSE American. The proposals will have the pro-competitive effect of spurring further initiative and innovation among market centers and market participants.

Nasdaq notes that its proposed listing standards are consistent with the standards for initial and continued listing of bonds on NYSE and NYSE American. If issuers are unsatisfied with Nasdaq's listing program or the fees charged for that program, these issuers can choose to list on these other markets.

Likewise, the Exchange notes that its proposed system for trading non-convertible bonds listed on Nasdaq—the Nasdaq Bond Exchange—will be competitive with NYSE Bonds. Although initially, the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will have more limited functionality than does NYSE Bonds, including with respect to order types, auctions, the number of trading sessions, and the use of market makers, the Exchange believes that the Nasdaq Bond Exchange will be competitive with NYSE Bonds because the Exchange has incorporated into the Nasdaq Bond Exchange those features of NYSE Bonds that its Users actually want and need when trading bonds and it excluded those they do not actually utilize. That said, the Exchange will add additional functionality and features to the Nasdaq Bond Exchange as demand warrants it to do so and to the extent that the Exchange deems it necessary to remain competitive with NYSE Bonds.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission shall: (a) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or
- Send an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include File Number SR–NASDAQ–2018–070 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 Number SR–NASDAQ–2018–070. 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 website (*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 website 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2018–070 and should be submitted on or before September 27, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[68]

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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[67] *See* n.11, *supra.*

[68] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10532]

In the Matter of the Designation of Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM), aka Jamaat Nosrat al-Islam wal-Mouslimin, aka Group for the Support of Islam and Muslims, aka Group to Support Islam and Muslims, aka GSIM, aka GNIM, aka Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimeen, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist

Acting under the authority of and in accordance with section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, and Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, I hereby determine that the person known as Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM), also known as Jamaat Nosrat al-Islam wal-Mouslimin, also known as Group for the Support of Islam and Muslims, also known as Group to Support Islam and Muslims, also known as GSIM, also known as GNIM, also known as Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimeen, committed, or poses a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States.

Consistent with the determination in section 10 of Executive Order 13224 that prior notice to persons determined to be subject to the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order because of the ability to transfer funds instantaneously, I determine that no prior notice needs to be provided to any person subject to this determination who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, because to do so would render ineffectual the measures authorized in the Order.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 15, 2018.

Michael R. Pompeo,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10530]

In the Matter of the Designation of Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM), aka Jamaat Nosrat al-Islam wal-Mouslimin, aka Group for the Support of Islam and Muslims, aka Group to Support Islam and Muslims, aka GSIM, aka GNIM, aka Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimeen, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter, and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, I conclude that there is a sufficient factual basis to find that the relevant circumstances described in section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (hereinafter ''INA'') (8 U.S.C. 1189), exist with respect to Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM), also known as Jamaat Nosrat al-Islam wal-Mouslimin, also known as Group for the Support of Islam and Muslims, also known as Group to Support Islam and Muslims, also known as GSIM, also known as GNIM, also known as Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimeen.

Therefore, I hereby designate the aforementioned organization and its aliases as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219 of the INA.

This determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 15, 2018.

Michael R. Pompeo,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10534]

Notice of Meeting of Advisory Committee on International Law

A meeting of the Department of State's Advisory Committee on International Law will take place on Thursday, September 27, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the George Washington University Law School, Michael K. Young Faculty Conference Center, 716 20th St. NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC. Legal Adviser Jennifer Newstead will chair the meeting, which will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. It is anticipated that the meeting will include discussions on international law and contemporary issues in outer space, the role of economic security considerations in international and domestic trade law, international law and privacy in the context of data transfers, and the work of the International Law Commission.

Members of the public who wish to attend should contact the Office of the Legal Adviser by September 21 at *kellybm@state.gov* or 202–647–0359 and provide their name, professional affiliation, address, and phone number. A valid photo ID is required for admission to the meeting. Attendees who require reasonable accommodation should make their requests by September 18. Requests received after that date will be considered but might not be possible to accommodate.

Brian Kelly,

Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on International Law, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10533]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: ''The Charterhouse of Bruges: Jan Van Eyck, Petrus Christus, and Jan Vos'' Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition ''The Charterhouse of Bruges: Jan Van Eyck, Petrus Christus, and Jan Vos,'' imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Frick Collection, New York, New York, from on or about September 18, 2018, until on or about January 13, 2019, 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 CONTACT: Elliot Chiu, Attorney-Adviser, 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, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000.

Marie Therese Porter Royce,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Douglas County, Kansas

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this Notice of Intent (NOI) to advise the public that a supplement to the final environmental impact statement will be prepared to address impacts of proposed improvements to a section of K–10 Highway South Lawrence Trafficway, located within the south and west limits of the City of Lawrence, in Douglas County, Kansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Highway Administration—Kansas Division: Richard E. Backlund, Division Administrator, 6111 SW 29th Street, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66614–4271, telephone (785) 273–2600, or via email at: *richard.backlund@dot.gov*.

Kansas Department of Transportation: Catherine M. Patrick, State Transportation Engineer, Dwight D. Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 SW Harrison Street, Topeka, KS 66603–3745, telephone (785) 296–2799, or via email at: *catherine.patrick@ks.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on a proposal to improve K–10/South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT) located in Douglas County, Kansas. The overall project study limits begin just north of Interstate 70 at North 1800 Road/Farmer's Turnpike to just east of the existing K–10/23rd Street system interchange. The overall length is 19.0 miles and i5 broken down as follows: The West Section begins just north of Interstate 70 at North 1800 Road/Farmer's/Turnpike to US–59/Iowa Street (approximately 8.7 miles). The East Section begins at US–59/Iowa Street and continues to the existing K–10/23rd Street system interchange. The project study area also includes East 600 Road/Lecompton Road at Interstate 70 (approximately 0.6 mile), and U.S. 40 from K–10 to E 600 Road (approximately 4.1 miles).

A previous Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared in 1990 for the overall SLT study area. The Purpose and Need stated in that EIS was to relieve congestion on existing 23rd Street and Iowa Street by diverting through and local traffic from these two existing streets and Clinton Parkway, thereby achieving an improved level of traffic service on the local street network. The goals of the current proposed project on the West Section are to increase capacity, enhance safety, and address access while balancing sensitive project environmental features within the project footprint. Also, the project will provide an efficient and cost-effective transportation facility for users of K–10 Highway and the surrounding state highway system.

As an outcome of the approved 1990 EIS, two expressway lanes of the West Section were constructed and opened to traffic in each direction in 1996. The East Section was not constructed and a subsequent SEIS with a ''No Build'' decision was approved in 2000. A subsequent EIS, in conjunction with a USACE 404 Permit, was completed in 2002 and adopted and approved by FHWA in November 2007. The FHWA then issued a Record of Decision (ROD) in May 2008. Since the completion of the ROD, the East Section four-lane freeway was constructed and opened to traffic in 2016.

The current SEIS, as a supplement to the original 1990 EIS, will evaluate a 'No Action' alternative as well as a combination of toll-free and tolled build alternatives for the entire SLT study area. Roadway configuration options will be evaluated for the West Section, including upgrading the West Section as a four-lane freeway with controlled access and interchanges at West 6th Street/U.S. 40, Bob Billings Parkway, Clinton Parkway, an interchange between Wakarusa Drive and Kasold Drive, and at U.S. 59/Iowa Street. Also, there will be discussions about interchange alternatives at I–70/East 600 Road/Lecompton Road and K–10/I–70/North 1800 Road.

A formal scoping process will be initiated that involves appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as stakeholders and the public. This will continue throughout the study to engage the local and regional community, to obtain public input and to keep the public informed. Coordination meetings will be held as needed with affected/concerned local, State, Tribal, and Federal governmental entities. Public hearings will be held to present the findings of the SEIS. The SEIS will be made available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings.

The FHWA and KDOT plan to prepare a combined Final SEIS/Record of Decision for the project. The SEIS will analyze the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project. The following issues will be specifically analyzed as part of the SEIS: Impacts to the aquatic ecosystem; impacts to cultural resources; impacts to threatened and endangered species; impacts to floodplains; impacts to transportation; impacts to parks/recreation; environmental justice; secondary and cumulative impacts; and socioeconomics. This analysis will include a detailed examination of direct, indirect and cumulative impacts that could result from the construction of a selected alternative emanating from this SEIS. Other Federal approvals or permits that may be required include a Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), a floodplain development permit from the state office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as water resource and floodplain permits from the Kansas Division of Water Resources.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues defined, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning the proposed action and the SETS should be directed to FHWA or KDOT at the addresses provided above.

Issued on: August 22, 2018.

Richard E. Backlund,

Division Administrator FHWA—Kansas Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2018–0237]

Hours of Service of Drivers: American Concrete Pavement Association, Inc.; Application for Exemption

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that it has received an application from the American Concrete Pavement Association, Inc. (ACPA) requesting exemptions from two requirements of the hours-of-service (HOS) regulations for drivers of certain commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) operated by ACPA members: The 30-minute rest break provision; and the requirement that short-haul drivers utilizing the record of duty status (RODS) exception return to their work-reporting location within 12 hours of coming on duty. The first exemption would enable drivers engaged in the transportation of ready-mixed concrete in vehicles, other than those outfitted with rotating mixer drums, and related materials and equipment to use 30 minutes or more of on-duty ''waiting time'' to satisfy the requirement for the 30-minute rest break, provided they do not perform any other work during the break. The second exemption would allow these drivers to use the short-haul exception but return to their work-reporting location within 14 hours instead of the usual 12 hours. FMCSA requests public comment on ACPA's application for exemptions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA–0237–0237 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov.* See the *Public Participation and Request for Comments* section below for further information.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the *Privacy Act* heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to *www.regulations.gov* at any time or visit Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The on-line FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to *www.regulations.gov,* as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at *www.dot.gov/privacy.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning this notice, please contact Mr. Richard Clemente, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Telephone: (202) 366–2722; Email: *MCPSD@dot.gov.* If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2018–0237), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to *www.regulations.gov* and put the docket number, ''FMCSA–2018–0237'' in the ''Keyword'' box, and click ''Search.'' When the new screen appears, click on ''Comment Now!'' button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may grant or not grant this application based on your comments.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from certain Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted, and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reasons for denying or granting the application and, if granted, the name of the person or class of persons receiving the exemption, and the regulatory provision from which the exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period (up to 5 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Request for Exemption

ACPA seeks exemptions for all drivers of member companies transporting ready-mixed concrete and related materials and equipment from the HOS 30-minute rest break provision in 49 CFR 395.3(a)(3)(ii) and the restriction of the RODS exception for short-haul operations to drivers who return to their normal work-reporting location within 12 hours [49 CFR 395.1(e)(1)(ii)(A)].

The first exemption from the HOS rest break provision, if granted, would enable drivers engaged in the transportation of ready-mixed concrete in vehicles, other than those outfitted with rotating mixer drums, and related materials to use 30 minutes or more of

on-duty ''waiting time'' to satisfy the requirement for the 30-minute rest break, provided they do not perform any other work during the break. According to ACPA, a typical mainline paving project (*i.e.,* pavement for highways, airports, streets, and large industrial facilities) involves mixing of concrete at a central mix batch plant located 3–10 miles from the paving site, transport of the freshly mixed concrete to the paving machine, placement of the concrete pavement, texturing of the slab surface, curing of the concrete slab, and finally saw-cutting of the pavement. ACPA advises that all steps in this process are time-critical, as concrete mixtures are extremely perishable. Employees must coordinate and direct a complex series of logistical steps, one of the most important elements of which is the delivery of the concrete within a time frame specified by the transportation agency or owner. The concrete is essentially made to order, then delivered by end-dump trucks so there is a steady and constant delivery of material that keeps pace with the paving equipment. Any issue that that delays the well-orchestrated, just-in-time delivery of batches of concrete can result in batches being turned away by inspectors, the paving operation being shut down temporarily, and ultimately, cause time and cost overruns. According to ACPA, the criticality of concrete delivery from plant to paving site is arguably one of the most important factors in a paving process.

The second exemption, if granted, would allow these same drivers to use the short-haul RODS exception, but with a 14-hour duty period instead of 12 hours. ACPA advises that, while some short-haul drivers will be able to take advantage of the exception from the 30-minute break, other drivers are often required to be on duty more than 12 hours in a day and therefore are not eligible to use the short-haul exception.

Although drivers using the short-haul exception in 49 CFR 395.1(e)(1) are not required to take the minimum 30-minute rest break [49 CFR 395.3(a)(3)(ii)], the extension of the short-haul 12 hour limit to 14 hours, if granted, might be construed by some to require the 30-minute break; therefore, ACPA is requesting the second exemption from the rest break requirement.

ACPA mentioned that drivers of ready-mixed concrete delivery vehicles were previously granted an exemption from the minimum 30-minute rest break provision.[1] FMCSA granted the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association a limited exemption from the 30-minute break requirement of the driver HOS regulations [80 FR 17819 April 2, 2015]. Similarly, on January 26, 2018, FMCSA granted an exemption to the National Asphalt Pavement Association for drivers engaged in the transportation of asphalt and related materials and equipment from: (1) The 30-minute rest break requirement; and (2) the 12-hour daily on-duty limit on the short-haul exception, which was expanded to 14 hours [83 FR 3864]. ACPA states that ''the same reasoning supporting the exemptions from the 30-minute break time rule and allowing a 14-hour daily duty-period for drivers of ready-mixed concrete vehicles, and drivers engaged in the transportation of asphalt and related materials, applies to drivers engaged in the transportation of ready-mixed concrete in vehicles, other than those outfitted with rotating mixer drums, and related materials and equipment. These are all perishable products that are not useable if they are not dropped and spread within a brief delivery window. Because of this short delivery window, the routes from the production facility to the delivery site for both products are limited, usually between 3–10 miles, and the time spent actually driving a commercial motor vehicle is typically only a few hours per day. Thus, the drivers do not face the same fatigue factors as drivers of long-haul trucks, and therefore do not pose the same risk of a fatigue-related accident as long-haul drivers.''

ACPA states in its application that the exemptions would not have any adverse impacts on operational safety, as drivers would remain subject to the HOS regulations in 49 CFR 395.3, and would receive sufficient rest due to the nature of their operations that limit driving to an average of only 80–100 miles per day during the paving season. ACPA believes that granting these exemptions would achieve the same level of safety provided by the two HOS rules. The term of the requested exemptions is for 5 years, subject to renewal upon application. A copy of ACPA's application for exemptions is available for review in the docket for this notice.

Issued on: August 28, 2018.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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[1] The hours-of-service regulations define ''ready mixed concrete delivery vehicle'' to mean ''a vehicle designed to deliver ready-mixed concrete on a daily basis and equipped with a mechanism under which the vehicle's propulsion engine provides the power to operate a mixer drum to agitate and mix the product en route to the delivery site.'' 49 CFR 395.2.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2018–0009]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and their expected burdens. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 31, 2018.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 9, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tia Swain, Office of Administration, Management Planning Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop TAD–10, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–0354 or *tia.swain@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13, Section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On May 31, 2018, FTA published a 60-day notice (83 FR 25103) in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments on the ICR that the agency was seeking OMB approval. FTA received no comments from this publication. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507 (b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983,

Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: Job Access and Reverse Commute Program.

OMB Control Number: 2132–0563.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program, provided grants for filling gaps in employment transportation. The primary beneficiaries of this program were low-income families and families coming off welfare assistance who otherwise would have a difficult time getting to jobs and related services, such as child care and training. The program was begun in 1999 and was continued under Section 5316 of the federal transportation legislation, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU), passed by Congress in 2005. The JARC program authorized two kinds of grants: Job Access grants (aimed at developing new transportation services for low-income workers and/or filling in gaps in existing services) and Reverse Commute projects (intended to provide transportation to suburban jobs from urban, rural and other suburban locations—but not necessarily just for low-income people). The JARC program was repealed under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21). Although the program has expired, JARC activities are eligible for funding under FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Grants (Section 5307) and the Formula Grants for Rural Areas (Section 5311) programs. However, funds previously authorized for the program repealed by MAP–21 remain available for their originally authorized purposes until the period of availability expires, the funds are fully expended, the funds are rescinded by Congress, or the funds are otherwise reallocated.

Respondents: States and public bodies are eligible designated recipients. Eligible sub-recipients are private non-profit organizations, State or local governments, and operators of public transportation services including private operators of public transportation services.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 160 respondents.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 1,805 responses.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,971 hours.

Frequency: Annually.

Addresses: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer. Alternatively, comments may be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, at the following address: *oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov*.

Comments Are Invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

William Hyre,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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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: Notice of actions on special permit applications.

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, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: 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 August 31, 2018.

Donald P. Burger,

Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
		SPECIAL PERMITS DATA—Granted	
11054–M	WELKER, INC	173.301(f)(2), 173.302a(a)(1), 173.304a(d)(3)(i), 173.201(c), 173.203(c), 177.840(a)(1).	To modify the special permit to authorize a new high pressure sample cylinder.
13301–M	UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION.	172.200, 172.400, 172.300	To modify he special permit to authorize the transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials for a distance of approximately 2400 feet without proper hazard communication.
20419–M	INSITU, INC	173.185(a)	To modify the special permit to authorize additional hazmat.
20546–M	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (MILITARY SURFACE DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION COMMAND).	173.159(d), 173.159(k)	To modify the special permit to authorize the transportation in commerce of batteries in boxes as strong outer packagings.
20612–N	WILCO MACHINE & FAB, INC	178.345–7(a)(1)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of hydrochloric acid in transport trailers whose support ribs exceed the 60 inch maximum separation distance.
20618–N	NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.	172.400, 172.300, 173.1	To authorize the transportation in commerce of explosives contained in spacecraft by motor vehicle.
20620–N	SOUTHERN STATES, LLC	173.302(a)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification pressure receptacles containing sulfur hexafluoride.
20631–N	AMERICASE, LLC	172.400, 172.200, 172.300, 173.185(f).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of more than one damaged/defective lithium battery in a single fiberboard outer packaging.
20633–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.
20639–N	ICC THE COMPLIANCE CENTER INC.	172.700(a), 172.400, 172.200, 172.300, 173.185(f).	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of alternative packaging for the transport of damaged, defective, and recalled batteries.
20653–N	JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC	173.185(b)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium ion batteries in alternative packaging.
20668–N	NUVATION RESEARCH CORPORATION.	173.185(b)	To authorize the transportation of lithium ion batteries in alternative packaging.
20669–N	LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, LLC.	173.420	To authorize the transportation in commerce of 48Y Uranium Hexafluoride cylinders which do not conform to ANSI N14.1–2012 specification for the cylinder valve cap gasket.
20677–N	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (MILITARY SURFACE DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION COMMAND).	173.302(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain Division 2.2 hazardous materials in non-DOT specification cylinders.
20682–N	HILLWOOD AIRWAYS, LLC	172.101(j), 173.27(b)(2), 175.30(a)(1).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain explosives which are forbidden by cargo only aircraft.
		SPECIAL PERMITS DATA—Denied	
13173–M	LUXFER CANADA LIMITED	101, 302A	To modify the special permit to authorize additional cylinder design part numbers.
		SPECIAL PERMITS DATA—Withdrawn	
20652–N	AMETEK AMERON, LLC		To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification cylinders.
20675–N	COLEP PORTUGAL, S.A	178.33–7(a)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification receptacles similar to 2Q receptacles with a reduced wall thickness.

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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, 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 October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: 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)).

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Donald P. Burger,

Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.

SPECIAL PERMITS DATA

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
20694–N	NK TECH CO., LTD	180.205(a), 180.205(c), 180.205(f), 180.205(g), 180.209(a), 180.209(b), 180.209(g).	To authorizes the use of certain DOT Specification 3AA and 3AAX cylinders for the transportation in commerce of the certain compressed gases, when retested by a one hundred percent (100%) ultrasonic examination (UE) in lieu of the internal visual and the hydrostatic retest. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
20695–N	CAPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC.	173.166	To authorize the transportation in commerce of recalled air bag inflators in steel drums as Class 9 instead of 1.4S. (modes 1, 2, 3).
20696–N	THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY.	173.306(a)(5)(v), 173.306(a)(5)(vi).	To authorize the transportation in commerce by motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, passenger aircraft and cargo aircraft, of DOT Specification 2S and non-DOT specification plastic aerosols that have been tested by an in-line pressure check in place of the test methods otherwise required as prescribed in § 173.306(a)(5)(v) and (vi) of the HMR. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
20697–N	Zoox, Inc	172.101(j), 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of prototype lithium batteries exceeding 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4).
20701–N	Zhejiang Meenyu Can Industry Co., Ltd.	173.304(a), 173.304(d)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification receptacles containing certain compressed and liquefied gases. (modes 1, 2, 3).
20702–N	SAMSUNG AUSTIN SEMICONDUCTOR, L.L.C.	173.4, 173.4a	To authorize the transportation in commerce of machinery and equipment containing trace amounts of certain hazardous materials as small or excepted quantities. (modes 1, 3, 4, 5).
20703–N	PERMA–FIX ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.	173.420(a)(3), 173.420(a)(6)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of uranium hexafluoride in packaging not authorized in the HMR. (mode 1).
20704–N	BALL AEROSOL AND SPECIALTY CONTAINER INC.	178.33–9(a)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of a non-DOT specification inner container, which conforms to all regulations applicable to a DOT specification 2P inner container, except as specified herein, for the transportation in commerce of the materials authorized by this special permit. (modes 1, 2, 3).
20705–N	EXHAUST CENTER, INC	177.834(h), 178.700(c)(1)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification steel IBCs conforming to the requirements of UN31A except for capacity. (mode 1).
20706–N	SOUTHERN STATES, LLC	172.301(c), 173.304(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification cylinders containing compressed sulfur hexafluoride gas. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4).
20707–N	SHARPSVILLE CONTAINER CORPORATION.	178.35	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of non-DOT specification stainless steel cylinders conforming to all regulations applicable to DOT specification 4BW cylinders. (mode 1).
20708–N	JAGUAR LAND ROVER NORTH AMERICA, LLC.	172.101(j), 173.185(b)(5)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium batteries by air that exceed the 35 kg weight limit. (mode 4).
20709–N	DAIMLER AG	172.101(j), 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of prototype and low production lithium ion batteries exceeding 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4).

SPECIAL PERMITS DATA—Continued

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
20710–N	KERR CORPORATION	173.4a(c)(2), 173.4a(e)(2)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of excepted quantities in alternative packagings and greater quantities. (modes 1, 2, 4, 5).
20776–N	ELI LILLY AND COMPANY	173.12(b)(2)(i)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lab packs where the inner packagings must be placed in a chemically compatible liner with sufficient absorbent material to prevent the wetting of the outer packaging. (modes 1, 2, 3).
20777–N	ISRAEL AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES LTD.	172.101(j), 173.56, 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain non-DOT specification containers containing certain Division 2.2, and 2.3 compressed gases and other hazardous materials contained in spacecraft. (mode 4).

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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 modification of 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, 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 September 21, 2018.

ADDRESSES: 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 August 31, 2018.

Donald P. Burger,

Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.

SPECIAL PERMITS DATA

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
12629–M	TEA TECHNOLOGIES INC	173.302a(b)(2), 173.302a(b)(3), 173.302a(b)(4), 173.302a(b)(5), 180.205(c), 180.205(f), 180.205(g), 180.205(i).	To modify the special permit to include UN–ISO 11120 cylinders to list of cylinders authorized for retest (modes 1,2,3,4).
14188–M	STP PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING COMPANY.	173.304(d), 173.306(i)	To modify the special permit to authorize additional cylinder designs and pressures (modes 1,2,3,4).
14856–M	BKC INDUSTRIES INC	180.209(a), 180.209(b)	To modify the special permit to authorize additional hazmat, change the CGA neck thread inspection procedures and correct the link to DOT referenced procedure. (modes 1,2,3).
14857–M	WESTERN SALES & TESTING OF AMARILLO INC.	180.209(a), 180.209(b)	To modify the special permit to authorize additional hazmat, editorial changes to CGA neck thread inspection procedures and edit incorrect link to DOT referenced procedure. (modes 1,2,3).
16413–M	AMAZON.COM, INC	172.301(c), 173.185(c)(1)(iii), 173.185(c)(3)(i).	To modify the special permit to authorize an electronic copy of the special permit to be carried aboard the motor vehicle and to authorize the use of the lithium battery mark on the packaging. (mode 1).
16532–M	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY.	173.185(f)	To authorize an increase in the watt hours of cells and batteries, to 300 and 10,800 respectively. (modes 1,2).
20612–M	WILCO MACHINE & FAB, INC	178.345–7(a)(1)	To remove the requirement for an external visual inspection every six months. (mode 1).

SPECIAL PERMITS DATA—Continued

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
20662–M	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (MILITARY SURFACE DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION COMMAND).	173.219(b)	To modify the special permit to change it from emergency to permanent. (modes 1,2,3).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2018–0127]

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Boards Membership

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Performance Review Board (PRB) appointments.

SUMMARY: DOT published the names of the persons selected to serve on Departmental PRBs as required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa M. Williams, Director, Departmental Office of Human Resource Management (202) 366–4088.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The persons named below may be selected to serve on one or more Departmental PRBs.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 29, 2018.

Keith E. Washington,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

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CRONIN, BRIAN P.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request on Information Collection for Work Opportunity Credit

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 5884, Work Opportunity Credit.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 5, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Laurie Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Please send separate comments for each specific information collection listed below. You must reference the information collection's title, form number, reporting or record-keeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the collection tools should be directed to Alissa Berry, at (901) 707–4988, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at *Alissa.A.Berry@irs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, the IRS is seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Work Opportunity Credit.

OMB Number: 1545–0219.

Form Number: 5884.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 38(b)(2) allows a credit against income tax to employers hiring individuals from certain targeted groups such as welfare recipients, etc. The employer uses Form 5884 to compute this credit. The IRS uses the information on the form to verify that the correct amount of credit was claimed.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the collection at this time.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 6 hours, 57 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 69,400.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information 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.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All

comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 21, 2018.

Laurie Brimmer,

Senior Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Open Meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Department of the Treasury's Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance (''Committee'') will convene a meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, in the Cash Room, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, from 2:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting is open to the public, and the site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, from 2:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance meeting will be held in the Cash Room, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220.

The meeting will be open to the public. Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting must register online at *http://www.cvent.com/d/lgq650* and fill out the secure online registration form. A valid email address will be required to complete the online registration. (Note: The online registration will close at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, September 13, 2018.)

Requests for reasonable accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act should be directed to Mariam G. Harvey, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity, Department of the Treasury, at 202–622–0316 or *mariam.harvey@do.treas.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lindsey Baldwin, FIO, Room 1410, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220 at 202–622–3220 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. II, 10(a)(2), through implementing regulations at 41 CFR 102–3.150.

Public Comment: Members of the public wishing to comment on the business of the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance are invited to submit written statements by either of the following methods:

Electronic Statements

• Send electronic comments to *faci@treasury.gov.*

Paper Statements

• Send paper statements triplicate to the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance, Room 1410, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220.

In general, the Department of the Treasury will post all statements on its website (*http://www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/Pages/Federal-Insurance.aspx*) without change, including any business or personal information provided such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. The Department of the Treasury will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department of the Treasury's Library, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You can make an appointment to inspect statements by telephoning (202) 622–0990. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

Tentative Agenda/Topics for Discussion: This is a periodic meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance. In this meeting, the Committee will discuss a number of issues, including public sector risk and risk transfer, and the activities and priorities of the Federal Insurance Office. Due to scheduling challenges, this meeting is being announced with less than 15 days' notice (see 41 CFR 102–3.150(b)).

Steven E. Seitz,

Deputy Director, Federal Insurance Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

United States Mint

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee Public Meeting

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Mint announces the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) public meeting scheduled for September 27, 2018.

Date: September 27, 2018.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Second Floor Conference Room, United States Mint, 801 9th Street NW, Washington, DC 20220.

Subject: Review and discussion of candidate designs for the 2020 America the Beautiful Quarter honoring Weir Farm National Historic Site; candidate designs for the 2019 American Liberty High Relief 24k Gold Coin and Silver Medal; and candidate designs for the 2018 American Innovation $1 Coin.

Interested members of the public may either attend the meeting in person or dial in to listen to the meeting at (866) 564–9287/Access Code: 62956028.

Interested persons should call the CCAC HOTLINE at (202) 354–7502 for the latest update on meeting time and room location.

Any member of the public interested in submitting matters for the CCAC's consideration is invited to submit them by email to *info@ccac.gov*.

The CCAC advises the Secretary of the Treasury on any theme or design proposals relating to circulating coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and national and other medals; advises the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the events, persons, or places to be commemorated by the issuance of commemorative coins in each of the five calendar years succeeding the year in which a commemorative coin designation is made; and makes recommendations with respect to the mintage level for any commemorative coin recommended.

Members of the public interested in attending the meeting in person will be admitted into the meeting room on a first-come, first-serve basis as space is limited. Conference Room A&B can accommodate up to 50 members of the public at any one time. In addition, all persons entering a United States Mint facility must adhere to building security protocol. This means they must consent to the search of their persons and objects in their possession while on government grounds and when they enter and leave the facility, and are prohibited from bringing into the facility weapons of any type, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, or contraband.

The United States Mint Police Officer conducting the screening will evaluate whether an item may enter into or exit from a facility based upon Federal law, Treasury policy, United States Mint Policy, and local operating procedure; and all prohibited and unauthorized items will be subject to confiscation and disposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betty Birdsong, Acting United States Mint Liaison to the CCAC, 801 9th Street NW, Washington, DC 20220; or call 202–354–7200.

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 5135(b)(8)(C).

Dated: August 30, 2018.

David J. Ryder,

Director, United States Mint.

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The President

Proclamation 9778 of August 31, 2018

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, 2018

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

During National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, we reaffirm our commitment to addressing the stigma of addiction and take the opportunity to remind all Americans that recovery is possible. We stand with those who are seeking treatment and provide our steadfast support to all who are suffering from and fighting addiction.

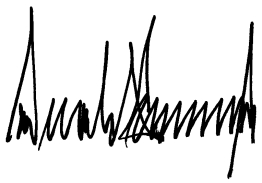
Addiction to alcohol and other drugs affects millions of Americans. We must aggressively work to end this crisis, which endangers the safety, security, and well-being of all Americans. Addiction threatens everything that is great about our country—it shatters relationships between family members, replaces self-sufficiency with dependency, depletes our workforce of talent, and riddles communities with violence and disorder. We cannot stand idle and allow those we love to suffer from alcohol or drug addiction; we must be leaders and help guide our friends and neighbors to live drug-free.

Every American has a role to play in stopping alcohol misuse and illicit drug use and in addressing their consequences. I am committed to taking action to keep drugs from pouring into our country and to help those who are affected by them. In March, I announced an Administration-wide Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand. The Initiative is designed to reduce the demand for drugs through education, awareness, and prevention of opioid overprescription; expand access to evidence-based treatment and recovery support services; and cut off the flow of illicit drugs across our borders and throughout American communities. Further, my Administration has worked with the Congress to secure more than $6 billion in new funding to help combat the drug abuse and opioid epidemic through prevention, treatment and recovery, interdiction, and law enforcement efforts.

This month, we express our gratitude to our Nation's first responders, healthcare providers, and all family, friends, and advocates striving against alcohol and drug addiction. We celebrate the millions of Americans who are in recovery and who contribute every day to our efforts to stop drug use and addiction. Their experiences and persistence reinforce the value and importance of remaining hopeful and resilient when faced with grave challenges. Finally, let us encourage all Americans who struggle with addiction to realize that recovery is possible.

NOW, THERFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.



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Presidential Documents

Proclamation 9779 of August 31, 2018

National Preparedness Month, 2018

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

National Preparedness Month is a time to focus our attention on the importance of preparing our families, homes, businesses, and communities for disasters that threaten our lives, property, and homeland. During this time, we also honor the brave men and women who selflessly respond to crises and disasters, rendering aid to those in need. These first responders, who work tirelessly to safeguard our Nation and protect our citizens, deserve our utmost gratitude and appreciation.

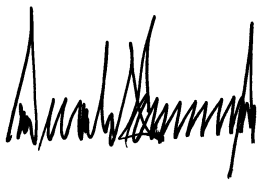
Over the past year, communities nationwide and across the Territories have witnessed and endured damage from multiple hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, volcanic eruptions, and other natural disasters. The historic hurricane season of 2017 included three catastrophic storms that made landfall within a month, and was followed by a destructive series of wildfires in California. Combined, these natural disasters affected 47 million people and tens of thousands were mobilized to provide aid, comfort, and assistance. We are also especially mindful of those currently affected by ongoing wildfires in California, Oregon, and Colorado. In spite of tremendous challenges, the resilience of the American people continues to prevail.

Tragedies are somber reminders that preparedness is a shared responsibility and that it is critical to maintain readiness. All Americans can prepare for potential disasters by developing and practicing a family emergency response plan, assembling a disaster supply kit, signing up for alerts on mobile devices, setting aside emergency savings, and maintaining adequate insurance policies for their homes and businesses. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Ready Campaign* outlines other important steps to best prepare for a major disaster.

This month, I encourage all Americans to take the opportunity to ensure they have an emergency response plan in place and ready to be properly executed. Emergencies and disasters test the resilience and strength of families, communities, and our Nation. It is impossible to avoid every challenge and threat, but we can and must prepare for them. By doing so, we can help protect our communities and save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as National Preparedness Month. I encourage all Americans, including Federal, State, and local officials, to take action to be prepared for disaster or emergency by making and practicing their emergency response plans. Each step we take to become better prepared makes a real difference in how our families and communities will respond and persevere when faced with the unexpected.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.



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Presidential Documents

Proclamation 9780 of August 31, 2018

Labor Day, 2018

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On Labor Day, we celebrate the American worker: the bulwark of our national prosperity and the cornerstone of our national greatness. Since taking office, my Administration has sought to restore the obligation of loyalty and allegiance that this Nation's Government owes to its workers. In all economic decisions, we believe in our sovereign obligation to defend and protect our country's workforce, and to seek its economic interests above that of any other country. America's workers pay our taxes, support our values, serve in our military, raise our children, protect our Constitution, and build our communities. They deserve, in return, the unwavering fidelity of their Government.

Guided by this obligation, my Administration has taken historic action to advance prosperity for the American worker: cutting their taxes, eliminating regulations that threaten their jobs, unleashing American energy that powers their lives, restoring American manufacturing, and ending the transfer of wealth out of our country through disastrous trade deals that gutted our industries and our national strength. The result of our pro-America economic policies have been extraordinary: currently, in America, there are a record 162 million people working; initial claims for jobless benefits are at their lowest in half a century; and the unemployment rate of 3.9 percent is historically low.

We have also taken historic action to defend the American worker by upholding and enforcing the immigration laws enacted for their protection—and by seeking to reform our immigration system so that it protects the jobs, wages, and livelihoods of our Nation's workers. Further, as we honor the work of all those in our labor force, we are especially mindful of the dignity gained from a hard day's work. Thousands of Americans have found a renewed sense of purpose in our resurgent economy. The dedication, resolve, and pride of the American worker are the reason our Nation has achieved prosperity that was once thought unattainable.

My Administration is focused on investing in America's workers and ensuring all Americans are on a path to good paying jobs. In July, I signed an Executive Order establishing the President's National Council for the American Worker and the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board, harnessing the expertise of leaders in business and education to develop a holistic, national workforce strategy to promote access to affordable, relevant education and job training opportunities. I have called on companies nationwide to sign our Pledge to America's Workers and commit to investing in their current and future workforce by expanding education and reskilling programs. Already, many companies have answered that call, pledging to train and retrain more than 4.2 million American students and workers for new career opportunities across the country. Earlier this summer, I signed into law a reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act to provide students and workers with the skills necessary to succeed in a 21st century economy. I have also called for reforming the Federal Work-Study program, so that more Federal dollars go toward helping students—especially lower-income students—have more meaningful workplace

experiences. And I have proposed to allow students to use Pell Grant funding to pay for cutting-edge, short-term programs that lead to quick and efficient transitions into the workforce.

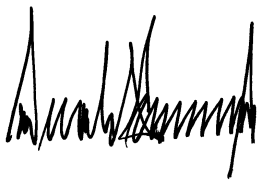
We also recognize and honor the proud and historic role of our Nation's labor unions in advocating for the interests of the American worker and wage-earner—and we have kept our promise to always keep the White House door open to members and leaders of our country's labor organizations.

Further, as promised, I am renegotiating trade agreements to obtain fairer terms for American workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses. For the past year, I have been negotiating with Canada and Mexico to fix the North American Free Trade Agreement. Earlier this week, I announced that my Administration has secured a preliminary deal between the United States and Mexico that modernizes and rebalances trade between our two countries in a way that greatly benefits American manufacturing, agriculture, services, and other sectors. I have also notified the Congress of my intent to sign a trade agreement with Mexico—and Canada, if it is willing. The deal I intend to sign will help create more reciprocal trade that grows our economy. It will also support high-paying jobs for American workers and protect the intellectual property of our Nation's businesses and workers. In addition to these improvements in our United States–Mexico trade relationship, we have also agreed with the European Commission to work toward achieving zero tariffs, increasing United States exports, and addressing unfair trade practices. And we secured key amendments to the trade agreement with South Korea that will strengthen the manufacturing sector of the economy, generating increased job opportunities for American workers. We are also protecting our economy from unfair trade practices that threaten our innovation and technology.

The dedication, resolve, and pride of the American worker built the greatest country in the history of the world—the envy of nations and the pride of countless millions—and now, we are bringing to life the next great chapter in the history of this magnificent Republic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 3, 2018, as Labor Day. I call upon all public officials and people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the contributions and resilience of working Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.



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Presidential Documents

Executive Order 13847 of August 31, 2018

Strengthening Retirement Security in America

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Policy.* It shall be the policy of the Federal Government to expand access to workplace retirement plans for American workers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 23 percent of all private-sector, full-time workers lack access to a workplace retirement plan. That percentage increases to 34 percent when part-time workers are taken into account. Small businesses are less likely to offer retirement benefits. In 2017, approximately 89 percent of workers at private-sector establishments with 500 or more workers were offered a retirement plan compared to only 53 percent for workers at private-sector establishments with fewer than 100 workers. Enhancing workplace retirement plan coverage is critical to ensuring that American workers will be financially prepared to retire.

Regulatory burdens and complexity can be costly and discourage employers, especially small businesses, from offering workplace retirement plans to their employees. Businesses are sensitive to the overall expense of setting up such plans. A recent survey by the Pew Charitable Trusts found that 71 percent of small- and medium-sized businesses that do not offer retirement plans were deterred from doing so by high costs; 37 percent cited high costs as their main reason for not offering such a plan. Federal agencies should revise or eliminate rules and regulations that impose unnecessary costs and burdens on businesses, especially small businesses, and that hinder formation of workplace retirement plans.

Expanding access to multiple employer plans (MEPs), under which employees of different private-sector employers may participate in a single retirement plan, is an efficient way to reduce administrative costs of retirement plan establishment and maintenance and would encourage more plan formation and broader availability of workplace retirement plans, especially among small employers.

Similarly, reducing the number and complexity of employee benefit plan notices and disclosures currently required would ease regulatory burdens. The costs and potential liabilities for employers and plan fiduciaries of complying with existing disclosure requirements may discourage plan formation or maintenance. Improving the effectiveness of required notices and disclosures and reducing their cost to employers promote retirement security by expanding access to workplace retirement plans.

Outdated distribution mandates may also reduce plan effectiveness by forcing retirees to make excessively large withdrawals from their accounts—potentially leaving them with insufficient savings in their later years.

In light of the foregoing it shall, therefore, be the policy of the Federal Government to address these problems and promote retirement security for America's workers.

Sec. 2. *Improving Retirement Security.* (a) *Expanding access to Multiple Employer Plans and Other Retirement Plan Options.*

(i) The Secretary of Labor shall examine policies that would:

(1) clarify and expand the circumstances under which United States employers, especially small and mid-sized businesses, may sponsor or

adopt a MEP as a workplace retirement option for their employees, subject to appropriate safeguards; and

(2) increase retirement security for part-time workers, sole proprietors, working owners, and other entrepreneurial workers with non-traditional employer-employee relationships by expanding their access to workplace retirement plans, including MEPs.

(ii) Within 180 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Labor shall consider, consistent with applicable law and the policy set forth in section 1 of this order, whether to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking, other guidance, or both, that would clarify when a group or association of employers or other appropriate business or organization could be an ''employer'' within the meaning of section 3(5) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1002(5).

(b) *Qualification Requirements for Multiple Employer Plans.* Within 180 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of the Treasury shall consider proposing amendments to regulations or other guidance, consistent with applicable law and the policy set forth in section 1 of this order, regarding the circumstances under which a MEP may satisfy the tax qualification requirements set forth in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including the consequences if one or more employers that sponsored or adopted the plan fails to take one or more actions necessary to meet those requirements. The Secretary of the Treasury shall consult with the Secretary of Labor in advance of issuing any such proposed guidance, and the Secretary of Labor shall take steps to facilitate the implementation of any guidance, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

(c) *Improving the Effectiveness of and Reducing the Cost of Furnishing Required Notices and Disclosures.* Within 1 year of the date of this order, the Secretary of Labor shall, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, complete a review of actions that could be taken through regulation or guidance, or both, to make retirement plan disclosures required under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 more understandable and useful for participants and beneficiaries, while also reducing the costs and burdens they impose on employers and other plan fiduciaries responsible for their production and distribution. This review shall include an exploration of the potential for broader use of electronic delivery as a way to improve the effectiveness of disclosures and to reduce their associated costs and burdens. If the Secretary of Labor finds that action should be taken, the Secretary shall, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, consider proposing appropriate regulations or guidance, consistent with applicable law and the policy set forth in section 1 of this order.

(d) *Updating Life Expectancy and Distribution Period Tables for Purposes of Required Minimum Distribution Rules.* Within 180 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, consistent with applicable law and the policy set forth in section 1 of this order, examine the life expectancy and distribution period tables in the regulations on required minimum distributions from retirement plans (67 *Fed. Reg.* 18988) and determine whether they should be updated to reflect current mortality data and whether such updates should be made annually or on another periodic basis.

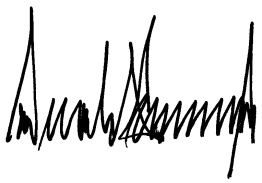
Sec. 3. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.



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