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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0094]

**Deepwater Port License Application:
Bluewater Texas Terminal LLC—
Supplemental Draft Environmental
Impact Statement**

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of availability; notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD), in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), announces the availability of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Bluewater Texas Terminal Single Point Mooring (Bluewater or Applicant) Deepwater Port License Application for the export of crude oil from the United States to nations abroad. In addition, MARAD and the USCG announce an informational open house and a public meeting for the SDEIS. Publication of this notice announces the availability of the SDEIS, initiates a 45-day comment period, requests public participation, provides information on how to participate in the environmental impact review process, and announces the informational open house and public meeting.

DATES: The open house and public meeting will be held on Tuesday,

February 3, 2026. The open house will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) and the public meeting will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. CST. These events will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, 900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, TX 78401. Materials submitted in response to this request for comments on the SDEIS must be submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal or the Federal Docket Management Facility as detailed in the **ADDRESSES** section below no later than 45 days after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its notice of availability of the SDEIS in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2019-0094 by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2019-0094 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** The Docket Management Facility is located at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. Documents may be delivered between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Instructions: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, and/or a telephone number in a cover page so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number to ensure your comment is filed in the appropriate docket. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. 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.

The instructions listed in this section are the only methods in which comments will be accepted for submission to the docket. It is the commenter's responsibility to comply with the instructions above to ensure that their comments are properly submitted for consideration and review. Comments that are not submitted using the methods specified and outlined within this notice will not be considered.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brent Yezefski, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone: 202-366-1427, email: DeepwaterPorts@USCG.mil; or Dr. Efrain Lopez, Maritime Administration, telephone: 202-366-9761, email: Deepwater.Ports@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Public Meeting and Open House**

We encourage you to attend the informational open house and public meeting to learn about and comment on the Bluewater project. You will have the opportunity to submit comments on the issues related to the Bluewater project that should be addressed in the Final EIS (FEIS).

Speakers at the public meeting will be recognized in the following order: elected officials, public agencies, individuals, or groups in the sign-up order, and then anyone else who wishes to speak.

To allow everyone a chance to speak at the public meeting, we may limit speaker time, extend the meeting hours, or both. You must identify yourself, and any organization you represent, by name. Your remarks will be recorded and/or transcribed for inclusion in the public docket.

You may submit written material through the docket submission process either in place of, or in addition to, speaking. Written material should include your name and address and will be included in the public docket. Public docket materials will be made available to the public on the Federal Docket Management Facility website (*see ADDRESSES*).

If you plan to participate in the open house or public meeting and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation, non-English language interpretation services or other reasonable accommodation, please notify MARAD or USCG (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT*) at least seven business days in advance of the public meeting. Include your contact information as well as information about your specific needs.

Request for Comments

We request public comments or other relevant information related to the SDEIS for the Bluewater project. The comments will inform the preparation of the FEIS. We encourage attendance at the public meeting; however, the public

meeting is not the only opportunity you have to comment on the Bluewater project. You may also submit comments directly to the Federal Docket Management Facility during the public comment period (see **DATES**). We will consider all substantive comments and materials that are received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the last day of the comment period. Comments submitted outside the comment period may not be considered.

The Bluewater application, all comments, and associated documentation are available for viewing at the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website: <http://www.regulations.gov> identified by the DOT Docket Number listed above.

Summary of Application

A Notice of Application that summarized the Bluewater application was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 (84 FR 30301). A Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 (84 FR 32005). A Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Notice of Public Meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, November 1, 2021 (86 FR 60332). This Notice of Availability incorporates these **Federal Register** notices by reference.

The Bluewater application proposes the construction and operation of a deepwater port terminal in the Gulf of America off the coast of Corpus Christi, Texas, and near Aransas and San Patricio Counties to export domestically produced crude oil. After the publication of the DEIS, the Applicant revised its deepwater port license application in response to ongoing consultation with regulatory agencies and subsequently refined the design of the proposed deepwater port by adding a vapor control system into the design and operation of the proposed Bluewater project.

Once the SDEIS comment period closes, USCG, MARAD, and other appropriate cooperating agencies will consider all substantive comments received and prepare a FEIS. We will announce the availability of the FEIS. The Deepwater Port Act of 1974 requires a final public hearing be held in the Adjacent Coastal State(s). The purpose of the final public hearing is to receive comments on matters related to whether the deepwater port license application should be approved by the Maritime Administrator.

(Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1501, *et seq.*, 49 CFR 1.93)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2026–0133]

Request for Comment on Vestigial Vehicle Safety Regulations

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

ACTION: Request for comments (RFC).

SUMMARY: In alignment with the Department’s ongoing commitment to regulatory reform and the promotion of automotive innovation, NHTSA is seeking public comment to identify requirements and test procedures within the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and regulations that no longer serve a functional safety purpose but continue to impose costs, stifle design creativity, or act as barriers to the deployment of new technologies. This request for comment specifically targets technical requirements that hinder the transition to technology-neutral, performance-based standards.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the docket number at the heading of this document, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shashi Kuppa, Office of Crashworthiness Standards (shashi.kuppa@dot.gov). You can reach her by phone at 202–366–1810. Address: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

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I. Background

On April 3, 2025, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a request for information (RFI) notice¹ seeking comments and information to assist DOT in identifying existing regulations, guidance, paperwork requirements, and other regulatory obligations that can be modified or repealed, as part of its implementation of Executive orders issued by the President, including Executive Order 14219, “Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementation of the President’s ‘Department of Government Efficiency’ Deregulatory Agenda,” issued on February 19, 2025,² and Executive Order 14192, “Unleashing Prosperity through Deregulation,” issued on January 31, 2025.³ This effort was undertaken “to ensure that DOT administrative actions do not undermine the national interest and that DOT achieves meaningful burden reduction while continuing to meet statutory obligations and ensure the safety of the U.S. transportation system.”⁴

II. Summary of 2025 Deregulatory Actions

Pursuant to Executive Order 14192, “to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people,” on May 30, 2025, NHTSA initiated 16 deregulatory actions, consisting of 15 Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs) and one withdrawal of a pending action.⁵ These actions primarily target obsolete regulatory text and procedural requirements that no longer serve a safety purpose.

While the Agency continues to finalize the actions identified in the May 30, 2025 NPRMs and evaluate the feedback from the April 3, 2025 RFI, we recognize that a more targeted inquiry is needed. This notice focuses on the technical substance of safety standards and regulations that no longer serve a functional safety purpose but continue to impose costs, stifle design creativity, or act as barriers to the deployment of new technologies. These standards and regulations, similar to vestigial organs—such as the appendix or wisdom teeth—which may have served a vital purpose in a previous evolutionary stage, no longer serve a functional role and, in some cases, can cause harm.

¹ 90 FR 14593.

² 90 FR 10583.

³ 90 FR 9065.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ 90 FR 22964–23025.