

or the trailing zeros policy. In addition, when evaluating a petitioner's requests for a tolerance or exemption, EPA will consider how use of the pesticide on a crop for which a tolerance is requested may result in residues in or on commodities related to that requested commodity (e.g., whether use on sugar beets for which a tolerance was requested on sugar beet root also requires a tolerance on sugar beet tops or whether use on a cereal grain for which a grain tolerance was requested also requires a tolerance on related animal feed commodities derived from that cereal grain). Public commenters should consider the possibility of such revisions in preparing comments on these petitions.

D. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit CBI to EPA through <https://www.regulations.gov> or email. If you wish to include CBI in your comment, please follow the applicable instructions at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets#rules> and clearly mark the information that you claim to be CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes CBI, a copy of the comment without CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <https://www.epa.gov/menting-epa-dockets>.

II. Petitions Received

This unit provides the following information about the petitions:

- The Pesticide Petition (PP) Identification (IN) number;
- EPA docket ID number for the petition;
- Information about the petition (i.e., name of the petitioner, name of the pesticide chemical residue and the commodities for which a tolerance or exemption is sought);
- The analytical method available to detect and measure the pesticide chemical residue or the petitioner's statement about why such a method is not needed; and
- The division to contact for that petition.

Additional information on the petitions may be obtained through the petition summaries that were prepared by the petitioners pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 346a(d)(2)(A)(i)(I) and 40 CFR 180.7(b)(1), which are included in the docket for the petition as identified in this unit.

- *PP IN-11918.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0356). SpayVac-for-Wildlife, Inc, 1202 Ann Street, Madison, WI, USA 53713, requests to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of cholesterol (CAS Reg. No. 57-88-5), when used as an inert ingredient in pesticide formulations applied to animals (i.e., equine, cervid, bovine, porcine, pinniped, elephant, raccoon, feral dog, and feral cat) under 40 CFR 180.930. The company submitted a revised Notice of Filing to expand the use pattern to include additional taxa from the original notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 2024. The revised notice also corrects the CAS Reg. No. for cholesterol; therefore, EPA is re-issuing this notice. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because it is not required for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance. *Contact:* RD.

- *PP IN-12206.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-3192). GFBiochemicals SAS c/o Lewis & Harrison, LLC, 2461 South Clark Street, Suite 710, Arlington, VA 22202, requests to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of butyl levulinate (CAS Reg. No. 2052-15-5), when used as an inert ingredient at a concentration not to exceed 40% in pesticide formulations used pre- and post- harvest under 40 CFR 180.910. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because it is not required for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance. *Contact:* RD.

- *PP 4F9162.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-1345). Bayer CropScience LLC, 800 N Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63167, requests to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance in 40 CFR part 174 for residues of the plant-incorporated protectants (PIPs) *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Da₇ and *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1B.3 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production in or on food and feed commodities of cotton, and *Paenibacillus spp* Vip3Cb1 protein and the genetic material necessary for its production in or on food and feed commodities of cotton and maize. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because this petition is for a permanent exemption from the requirement of a tolerance without numerical limitation, thus an analytical detection method should not be required. *Contact:* BPPD.

- *PP 5F9189.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-3953). GreenLight Biosciences, Inc., 200 Boston Ave., Suite 1000, Medford, MA 02155, requests to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of the biochemical pesticide

Unecyna in or on all food and feed commodities. The petitioner believes no analytical method is needed because an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance is being sought. *Contact:* BPPD.

- *PP 5F9200.* (EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-3295). Drexel Chemical Company, P.O. Box 13327, Memphis, TN 38113, requests to establish a tolerance in 40 CFR part 180 for residues of the herbicide trifluralin on pennycress at 0.05 parts per million (ppm). The LC/MS/MS method is used to measure and evaluate the chemical trifluralin. *Contact:* RD.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a.

Dated: January 23, 2026.

Edward Messina,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

45 CFR Part 84

[Docket Number OCR-2026-0034]

RIN 0945-AA27

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; re-opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or Department) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2025. As a result of administrative technical issues, HHS is re-opening the public comment period for the public to submit comments. The purpose of the NPRM is to limit ambiguity by clarifying that the statutory exclusion of “gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments” from the scope of what constitutes discrimination includes “gender dysphoria not resulting from a physical impairment.”

DATES: The comment period for the NPRM published at 90 FR 59478 on December 19, 2025, is re-opened. Comments should be received on or before February 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, identified by agency name and Docket No. OCR–2026–0034, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. If you are submitting comments electronically, the department strongly encourages you to submit any comments or attachments in Microsoft Word format. If you must submit a comment in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), the Department strongly encourages you to convert the PDF to “print-to-PDF” format, or to use some other commonly used searchable text format. Please do not submit the PDF in scanned format. Using a print-to-PDF allows the Department to electronically search and copy certain portions of your submissions to assist in the rulemaking process.

Written Submissions

Submit written submissions in the following ways:

- **Mail:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, Attention: Disability NPRM, RIN 0945–AA27, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 509F, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201.

- **Instructions:** All comments received by the methods and due date specified above, or officially post marked by the due date above, will be posted without change to content to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, and such posting may occur after the closing of the comment period.

However, the Department may redact certain non-substantive content from comments before posting, including threats, hate speech, profanity, graphic images, or individually identifiable information about an individual third-party other than the commenter. In addition, comments or material designated as confidential or not to be disclosed to the public will not be accepted. Comments may be redacted or rejected as described above without notice to the commenter, and the Department will not consider in rulemaking any redacted or rejected content that would not be made available to the public as part of the administrative record. Because of the large number of public comments normally received on **Federal Register** documents, the Office for Civil Rights is

not able to provide individual acknowledgements of receipt.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be timely received in the event of delivery or security delays.

Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted or postmarked after the comment period will not be accepted.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions provided for conducting a search, using the docket number(s) found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Thompson, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services at (202) 545–4884 or (800) 537–7697 (TDD), or via email at 504@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because of administrative technical issues, HHS is re-opening the public comment period for the December 19, 2025 (on 90 FR 59478), NPRM regarding limiting ambiguity by clarifying that the statutory exclusion of “gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments” from the scope of what constitutes discrimination includes “gender dysphoria not resulting from a physical impairment.”

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.,
Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 217

[Docket No. 260123–0032]

RIN 0648–BN38

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Sea Ice Road and Trail Construction, Use, and Maintenance Activities Along the Beaufort Sea Coast in Alaska

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from Hilcorp Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp) for

promulgation of incidental take regulations (ITR) and issuance of an associated Letter of Authorization (LOA) that would authorize continued take of marine mammals over 5 years (2026–2031) incidental to the construction, maintenance and use of sea ice roads, trails and adjacent ice pads after the expiration of the existing ITR and LOA. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is proposing regulations setting forth permissible methods of taking, other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on such marine mammal stocks (*i.e.*, mitigation measures), and requirements pertaining to monitoring and reporting takes and requests comments on the proposed rule. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the promulgation of the requested ITR and issuance of the LOA; agency responses to public comments will be summarized in the final rule, if promulgated.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than March 4, 2026.

ADDRESSES: A plain language summary of this proposed rule is available at: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NOAA-NMFS-2026-0265>.

Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA–NMFS–2026–0265 in the Search box (*note:* copying and pasting the FDMS Docket Number directly from this document may not yield search results). Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing at: <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Pauline, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

Purpose of Regulatory Action

This proposed rule, if promulgated, would establish a framework under the authority of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) to authorize, for a 5-year period