

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Material Modification of Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act

On March 30, 2026, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed material modification to a Consent Decree (“Decree”) with the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in the lawsuit entitled *United States and State of South Carolina v. the City of Columbia, South Carolina*, Civil Action No. 3:13-cv-2429-TLW.

The Consent Decree—entered by the court in 2014—resolved alleged violations of the Clean Water Act stemming from the City of Columbia’s operation of its sanitary sewer system and wastewater treatment plant. The Decree required the City of Columbia to complete remedial projects to its sewer system and, following completion of those projects, to implement a capacity assurance program to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows from the system. The proposed material modification requires the City of Columbia to complete four additional projects to increase sewer capacity by January 1, 2029, and postpones the deadline for implementation of the capacity assurance program required under the Decree in the subbasins in which those projects will occur until after completion of the projects.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed modification. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States and State of South Carolina v. the City of Columbia, South Carolina*, D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–1–1–09954. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

During the public comment period, the proposed modification, along with the previously entered Consent Decree, may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. If you require assistance accessing the proposed modification, you may request

assistance by email or by mail to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

[Exemption Application No. D–12122]

Proposed Exemption for The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (Goldman) Located in New York, New York

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemption.

SUMMARY: If granted, this exemption would permit Goldman-related asset managers to rely on Prohibited Transaction Exemption 84–14 (PTE 84–14) notwithstanding the GS Malaysia FCPA Conviction (described below), if certain conditions are met.

DATES: If granted, this exemption will be in effect for the period beginning on June 9, 2026, and ending on June 8, 2031.

Comments due: Written comments and requests for a public hearing on the proposed exemption must be received by the Department of Labor (the Department) by May 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and requests for a hearing should be sent to the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), Office of Exemption Determinations, Attention: Application No. D–12122:

- Via email to e-OED@dol.gov; or
- Online through <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the “Submit a comment” instructions.

Any such comments or requests should be sent by the end of the scheduled comment period. The application for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–1515, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210 ((202) 693–8673). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below for additional information regarding comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Blessed Chuksorji-Keefe of the

Department at (202) 693–8540. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments: Persons are encouraged to submit all comments electronically and to not follow with paper copies. Comments should state the nature of the person’s interest in the proposed exemption and the manner in which the person would be materially affected by the exemption, if granted. Any person who may be materially affected by an exemption can request that the Department hold a hearing on the exemption. A request for a hearing must state: (1) the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the person making the request; (2) the nature of the person’s interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be materially affected by the exemption; and (3) a statement of the issues to be addressed and a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing. The Department will grant a request for a hearing made in accordance with the requirements above where a hearing is necessary to fully explore material factual issues identified by the person requesting the hearing. A notice of such hearing shall be published by the Department in the **Federal Register**. The Department may decline to hold a hearing if: (1) the request for the hearing does not meet the requirements above; (2) the only issues identified for exploration at the hearing are matters of law; or (3) the factual issues identified can be fully explored through the submission of evidence in written (including electronic) form.

Warning: The Department will include all comments received in the public record without change and will make them available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. The Department notes that it will include any personal information provided in the public record and online, unless the commenter claims that any of the information included is confidential, or the disclosure of such information is restricted by statute. If you submit a comment, EBSA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment, but DO NOT submit information that you consider to be confidential, otherwise protected (such as a Social Security number or an unlisted phone number) or confidential business information that you do not want publicly disclosed. If EBSA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EBSA might not be able to consider your comment.