

meetings to discuss pipeline depth, pressure, and emergency contact protocols.

- **Public Awareness Campaigns:** Leverage the 811 “Before You Dig” message in community outreach. Emphasize that the new jobs and infrastructure currently being built are only as secure as the safety practices used to install them. Consider implementing communication strategies that deliver clear, actionable guidance on recognizing and responding to pipeline releases; expanding outreach beyond traditional methods to better reach affected populations; establishing performance measures to evaluate program effectiveness; and incorporating continuous improvement practices informed by incident data, stakeholder feedback, and lessons learned. Strengthening public awareness programs in this manner can improve stakeholder understanding and help mitigate the consequences of excavation-related incidents. Operators should also consider raising public awareness of the increased risk presented in States with exemptions or one-call exclusions.

- **Verify Integrity After Near-Misses:** If a pipeline is struck or scraped, even if no leak is detected, perform a thorough inspection of the pipe and coating. Latent damage can lead to future stress corrosion cracking or delayed failure.

- **Patrols and Public Awareness:** Patrols should inform operators of excavation activities that may impinge on pipeline ROWs. Operators should act quickly to follow up on any observed impingements to ensure that the excavation activity does not pose a threat to the pipeline.

III. Regulatory Oversight

Owners and operators are reminded that under 49 CFR 192.613 and 195.401, they must have a procedure for continuing surveillance of their facilities. Managing the risks associated with third-party excavation is a critical component of these regulatory requirements.

PHMSA notes that this advisory bulletin does not have the force and effect of law and is not meant to bind owners, operators, or the public in any way.

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Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC’s Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC’s determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: This action was issued on April 16, 2026. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202-622-2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC’s website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Action

On April 16, 2026, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Individuals

1. BERMUDEZ TAPIA, Santiago Hernan, Managua, Nicaragua; DOB 17 Mar 1970; POB Managua, Nicaragua; nationality Nicaragua; Gender Male; National ID No. 0012402710038N (Nicaragua) (individual) [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018, “Blocking Property of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Nicaragua,” as amended by Executive Order 14088 of October 24, 2022, “Taking Additional Steps To Address the National Emergency With Respect to the Situation in Nicaragua” (“E.O. 13851, as amended”), for being an official of the Government of Nicaragua or having served as an official of the Government of Nicaragua at any time on or after January 10, 2007.

2. BIAN, Feiwu (Chinese Simplified: 卞飞武), Managua, Nicaragua; Guangzhou, Guangdong, China; DOB 01 Jan 1971; POB Fujian Province, China; nationality China; Gender Male; Passport EE3584492 (China) issued 14 Sep 2018 expires 13 Sep 2028; Residency Number 000126493 (Nicaragua); alt. Residency Number 000081565 (Nicaragua) (individual) [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(v) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, ZHONG FU DEVELOPMENT S.A., a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13851, as amended.

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

3. SOBALVARRO, NELSON FRANCISCO, Managua, Nicaragua; DOB 22 Nov 1976; POB Jinotega, Nicaragua; nationality Nicaragua; Gender Male; Passport C03238305 (Nicaragua) issued 19 Jan 2023 expires 19 Jan 2033;

National ID No. 2412211760007F (Nicaragua) (individual) [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(v) of E.O. 13851 for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, COMPANIA MINERA INTERNACIONAL, SOCIEDAD ANONIMA, a person whose property and interests in property are

blocked pursuant to E.O. 13851, as amended.

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

4. MATUS TAMARIZ, Lester, Managua, Nicaragua; DOB 20 Jun 1959; POB Managua, Nicaragua; nationality Nicaragua; Gender Male; National ID No. 001-200659-0051K (Nicaragua) (individual) [NICARAGUA] (Linked To: ZHONG FU DEVELOPMENT S.A.).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(v) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, ZHONG FU DEVELOPMENT S.A., a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13851, as amended.

5. MATUS BUITRAGO, Anibal Vladimir, Managua, Nicaragua; DOB 25 Jan 1984; POB Managua, Nicaragua; nationality Nicaragua; Gender Male; National ID No. 001-250184-0016P (Nicaragua) (individual) [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(v) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, ZHONG FU DEVELOPMENT S.A., a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13851, as amended.

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

6. ORTEGA MURILLO, Daniel Edmundo, Managua, Nicaragua; DOB 30 Jan 1980; POB Managua, Nicaragua; nationality Nicaragua; Gender Male; National ID No. 0013001800039W (Nicaragua) (individual) [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for being an official of the Government of Nicaragua or having served as an official of the Government of Nicaragua at any time on or after January 10, 2007.

7. ORTEGA MURILLO, Maurice Facundo, Managua, Nicaragua; DOB 01 Jul 1985; POB Managua, Nicaragua; nationality Nicaragua; Gender Male; National ID No. 0010107850028J (Nicaragua) (individual) [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for being an official of the Government of Nicaragua or having served as an official of the Government of Nicaragua at any time on or after January 10, 2007.

Entities

1. BROTHER METAL S.A., Managua, Nicaragua; Organization Type: Mining

of other non-ferrous metal ores; Company Number MC-XH6YJV [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

2. GRUPO MINERO XILOA S.A. (a.k.a. GRUMIXSA), Managua, Nicaragua; Organization Type: Mining of other non-ferrous metal ores; Company Number MC-XFBSJ5 [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

3. NICARAGUA XINXIN LINZE MINERIA GROUP S.A., Managua, Nicaragua; Organization Type: Mining of other non-ferrous metal ores; Company Number MC-9AF3ECG [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

4. SANTA RITA MINING COMPANY S.A., Managua, Nicaragua; Organization Type: Mining of other non-ferrous metal ores; Company Number MC-3CB247 (Nicaragua) [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

5. THOMAS METAL S.A., Managua, Nicaragua; Organization Type: Mining of other non-ferrous metal ores; Company Number MC-XGU17P [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

6. ZHONG FU DEVELOPMENT S.A., Managua, Nicaragua; Organization Type: Mining of other non-ferrous metal ores; Company Number MC-XFZRH1 [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

7. EXPORTADORA DE METALES SOCIEDAD ANONIMA (a.k.a. "EMSA"), Planes de Altamira Primera Etapa Edificio #110, Costado Este del Centro Financiero Pellas, Managua, Nicaragua; website www.emsanic.com; Organization Established Date 10 Oct 2019; Organization Type: Mining and Quarrying; alt. Organization Type: Wholesale of jewelry, watches, precious stones, and precious metals; RUC # J031000287228 (Nicaragua); Public Registration Number MG00-22-003646 (Nicaragua); License 21821 (Nicaragua); Business Number MC-3CB18Z

(Nicaragua); alt. Business Number UAF-RSO-C-XII-423-2019 (Nicaragua) [NICARAGUA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(vi) of E.O. 13851, as amended, for operating or having operated in the gold sector of the Nicaraguan economy.

(Authority: E.O. 13851; E.O. 14088.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council will hold a public meeting.

DATES: Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Millikan, Office of National Public Liaison, at 202-317-6564 or send an email to PublicLiaison@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Internal Revenue Services announced the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern to discuss topics that may be recommended for inclusion in a future report of the Council.

The meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Members of the public planning to attend should register by May 4 by contacting Anna Millikan at PublicLiaison@irs.gov or 202-317-6564. Attendees are encouraged to join at least five minutes before the meeting begins.

Agenda items to be discussed may include but are not limited to: enhancements to IRS operations; suggestions for administrative and policy changes to improve taxpayer experience and service, compliance and tax administration; information reporting issues; and matters concerning tax-exempt and government entities. The meeting agenda will be posted online prior to the meeting at the IRSAC web page, www.irs.gov/irsac.