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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2026–0728; Project Identifier MCAI–2025–01823–T; Amendment 39–23310; AD 2026–08–02]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2025–22–02, which applied to certain MHI RJ Aviation ULC (type certificate previously held by Bombardier, Inc.) Model CL–600–2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701 & 702), CL–600–2C11 (Regional Jet Series 550), CL–600–2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705), CL–600–2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900), and CL–600–2E25 (Regional Jet Series 1000) airplanes. AD 2025–22–02 required repetitive torque checks of the horizontal stabilizer (H-stab) anti-yaw steady fitting block bolts. Since the FAA issued AD 2025–22–02, it was determined that additional actions must be done to address the unsafe condition. This AD continues to require the actions in AD 2025–22–02 and requires replacing the H-stab anti-yaw steady fitting block hardware. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective May 26, 2026.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of November 20, 2025 (90 FR 49251, November 5, 2025).

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket

No. FAA–2026–0728; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For Transport Canada material identified in this AD, contact Transport Canada, Transport Canada National Aircraft Certification, 159 Cleopatra Drive, Nepean, Ontario K1A 0N5, Canada; telephone 888–663–3639; email TC.AirworthinessDirectives-Consignesdenavigabilite.TC@tc.gc.ca. You may find this material on the Transport Canada website at tc.canada.ca/en/aviation.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. It is also available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA–2026–0728.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fatin Saunik, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516–228–7300; email: 9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2025–22–02, Amendment 39–23180 (90 FR 49251, November 5, 2025) (AD 2025–22–02). AD 2025–22–02 applied to certain MHI RJ Aviation ULC (type certificate previously held by Bombardier, Inc.) Model CL–600–2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701 & 702), CL–600–2C11 (Regional Jet Series 550), CL–600–2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705), CL–600–2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900), and CL–600–2E25 (Regional Jet Series 1000) airplanes. AD 2025–22–02 required repetitive torque checks of the H-stab anti-yaw steady fitting block bolts. The FAA issued AD 2025–22–02 to address loose or missing bolts on the anti-yaw steady fitting block, which, when combined with a bird strike or gust

loading, may result in loss of the H-stab and consequent loss of control of the airplane.

The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2026 (91 FR 3394). The NPRM was prompted by AD CF–2025–38, dated August 19, 2025 (Transport Canada AD CF–2025–38) (also referred to as the MCAI), issued by Transport Canada, which is the aviation authority for Canada. The MCAI states that loose or missing bolts on the anti-yaw steady fitting block, when combined with a bird strike or gust loading, may result in loss of the H-stab.

The preamble to AD 2025–22–02 specifies that the FAA considers that AD to be an “interim action” and that the FAA might consider further rulemaking to mandate the replacement of the H-stab anti-yaw steady fitting block hardware. The FAA has determined that this replacement must be required.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to continue to require the actions in AD 2025–22–02 and require replacing the H-stab anti-yaw steady fitting block hardware, as specified in Transport Canada AD CF–2025–38. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA–2026–0728.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received a comment from the Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) who supported the NPRM without change.

Conclusion

These products have been approved by the civil aviation authority of another country and are approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA’s bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, that authority has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is

adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

This AD requires Transport Canada AD CF-2025-38, dated August 19, 2025,

which the Director of the Federal Register approved for incorporation by reference as of November 20, 2025 (90 FR 49251, November 5, 2025).

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course

of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 597 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Retained actions from AD 2025-22-02	Up to 6 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$510	\$0	Up to \$510	Up to \$304,470.
New actions	7 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$595	27	\$622	\$371,334.

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any necessary on-condition action that would be required based on

the results of any required actions. The FAA has no way of determining the

number of aircraft that might need this on-condition action:

ESTIMATED COSTS OF ON-CONDITION ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85	Up to \$28	Up to \$113.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

(1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,

(2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and

(3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by:

- a. Removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2025-22-02, Amendment 39-23180 (90 FR 49251, November 5, 2025); and
- b. Adding the following new AD:

2026-08-02 MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.): Amendment 39-23310; Docket No. FAA-2026-0728; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-01823-T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective May 26, 2026.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2025-22-02, Amendment 39-23180 (90 FR 49251, November 5, 2025) (AD 2025-22-02).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Model CL-600-2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701 & 702), CL-600-2C11 (Regional Jet Series 550), CL-600-2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705), CL-600-2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900), and CL-600-2E25 (Regional Jet Series 1000) airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in Transport Canada AD CF-2025-38, effective August 19, 2025 (Transport Canada AD CF-2025-38).

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 55, Stabilizers.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of loose and missing bolts on the horizontal stabilizer anti-yaw steady fitting block. The FAA is issuing this AD to address loose or missing bolts on the anti-yaw steady fitting block, which, when combined with a bird strike or gust loading, may result in loss of the horizontal stabilizer and consequent loss of control of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, Transport Canada AD CF–2025–38.

(h) Exception to Transport Canada AD CF–2025–38

(1) Where Transport Canada AD CF–2025–38 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using November 20, 2025 (the effective date of AD 2025–22–02).

(2) Where Transport Canada AD CF–2025–38 refers to hours air time, this AD requires using flight hours.

(3) Where Transport Canada AD CF–2025–38 refers to the effective date of Transport Canada AD CF–2024–24 (July 4, 2024), this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(4) Where paragraph B. of Transport Canada AD CF–2025–38 specifies to repeat the torque check “every 2200 hours air time from the previous inspection”, for this AD, replace that text with “at intervals not to exceed 2,200 flight hours”.

(i) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or Transport Canada; or MHI RJ Aviation ULC's Transport Canada Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

(j) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Fatin Saumik, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516–228–7300; email: 9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(3) The following material was approved for IBR on November 20, 2025 (90 FR 49251, November 5, 2025).

(i) Transport Canada AD CF–2025–38, effective August 19, 2025.

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) For Transport Canada material identified in this AD, contact Transport Canada, Transport Canada National Aircraft Certification, 159 Cleopatra Drive, Nepean, Ontario K1A 0N5, Canada; telephone 888–663–3639; email TC.AirworthinessDirectives-Consignesdenavigabilite.TC@tc.gc.ca. You may find this material on the Transport Canada website at tc.canada.ca/en/aviation.

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Issued on April 16, 2026.

Steven W. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. FAA–2025–5142; Airspace Docket No. 25–ANM–133]

RIN 2120–AA66

Modification of Class E Airspace; Florence Municipal Airport, Florence, OR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the earth at Florence Municipal Airport, Florence, OR. This action supports the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, July 9, 2026. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryantjay T. Toves, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231–3465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Authority for This Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it modifies Class E airspace to support IFR operations at Florence Municipal Airport, Florence, OR.

History

The FAA published an NPRM for Docket No. FAA 2025–5142 in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 9209; February 25, 2026), proposing to modify the Class E airspace area at Florence Municipal Airport, Florence, OR. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Incorporation by Reference

Class E5 airspace areas are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11K, dated August 4, 2025, and effective September 15, 2025. These amendments will be published in

the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. FAA Order JO 7400.11K, which lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points, is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by modifying the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the earth at Florence Municipal Airport, Florence, OR, to better contain instrument procedures. These actions support the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

The northern boundary is expanded to better contain the CEVY ONE DEPARTURE (Area Navigation [RNAV]) and WOLFY ONE DEPARTURE (RNAV) procedures until participating aircraft reaches 1,200 feet above the surface and the RNAV (Global Positioning System [GPS]) 153 and Copter RNAV (GPS) 14 approach procedures when aircraft are operating at less than 1,500 feet above the surface of the earth.

Additionally, the southwestern boundary is extended to 4.3 miles southwest to more appropriately contain the missed approach portions of the Copter RNAV (GPS) 14 and RNAV (GPS) 153 approach procedures while aircraft are operating at less than 1,500 above the surface of the earth.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Order 2100.6B, “Rulemaking and Guidance Procedure” (March 10, 2025); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1G, “FAA National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures,” Appendix B–2.5. This

airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

- 1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p.389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

- 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 4, 2025, and effective September 15, 2025, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ANM OR E5 Florence, OR [Amended]

Florence Municipal Airport, OR
(Lat. 43°58'58" N, long. 124°06'41" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 3-mile radius of the airport, within 2.1 miles east and 2.2 miles west of the airport's 343° bearing extending to 8.5 miles north, and within 1.5 miles northwest and 2.4 miles southeast of the airport's 246° bearing extending to 4.3 miles southwest.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FAA–2025–0273; Airspace Docket No. 23–ASO–43]

RIN 2120–AA66

Establishment of Restricted Areas R–5305A, R–5305B, and R–5305C; Camp Lejeune, NC; and Restricted Areas R–5307A, R–5307B, and R–5307C; Cherry Point, NC

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes restricted areas R–5305A, R–5305B, and R–5305C, Camp Lejeune, NC; and restricted areas R–5307A, R–5307B, and R–5307C, Cherry Point, NC. The purpose of this action is to create additional restricted area airspace to connect restricted area R–5003, R–5004, and R–5306 complexes to contain hazardous activities such as weapon deployment and use of lasers and artillery within larger contiguous restricted area airspace that is required to realistically simulate essential training mission tasks.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, July 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), a copy of the supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with

prescribing regulations to assign the use of the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it establishes restricted areas R-5305A, R-5305B, and R-5305C, Camp Lejeune, NC; and restricted areas R-5307A, R-5307B, and R-5307C, Cherry Point, NC, to enhance aviation safety and accommodate essential U.S. Marine Corps training activities.

History

The FAA published an NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2025-0273 in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 13112; March 20, 2025), proposing to establish restricted areas R-5305A, R-5305B, and R-5305C, Camp Lejeune, NC; and restricted areas R-5307A, R-5307B, and R-5307C, Cherry Point, NC. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA on or before May 5, 2025.

The FAA then published an extension of the comment period for Docket No. FAA-2025-0273 in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 15944; April 16, 2025). This extension was a result of a planned outage of the eRulemaking General Services Administration Cloud Migration website, which resulted in an outage of the **Federal Register** comment submission website from April 25, 2025, through April 28, 2025. The planned outage was near the end of the comment submission timeframe; therefore, it was deemed appropriate for the comment period to be extended to compensate for the outage and to allow proportionate time for comments to be submitted. This resulted in an extension of the comment period until May 9, 2025.

The FAA published a second extension of the comment period for Docket No. FAA-2025-0273 in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 19266; May 7, 2025). On April 29, 2025, the FAA received a request from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) to include graphical depictions of each proposed restricted area and to extend the comment period for an additional two weeks to allow for analysis of those graphical depictions. On April 30, 2025, graphical depictions of restricted areas R-5305A, R-5305B, and R-5305C, Camp Lejeune, NC; and restricted areas R-5307A, R-5307B, and R-5307C, Cherry Point, NC, were posted to the docket. The FAA also extended the comment period until May 23, 2025.

The FAA published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) for Docket No. FAA-2025-0273 in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 25916; June 18, 2025). In this SNPRM, the FAA

explained that in the NPRM it incorrectly stated a geographic coordinate, due to a rounding error, that partially defined the northern boundary of restricted areas R-5305A, R-5305B, and R-5305C. However, the supporting graphic depicting the boundary of these restricted areas, overlaid on a sectional chart, correctly depicted the intended boundary. Consequently, the FAA announced an extension of the comment period until July 18, 2025.

Ultimately, the FAA received 49 comments.

Discussion of Comments

The FAA received comments from 24 individuals concerned that establishment of additional restricted area airspace would have local economic and environmental impacts at the nearby airports. Local economic impacts are addressed in the Regulatory Notices and Analyses section, and environmental impacts are addressed in the Environmental Review section on this Final Rule.

The majority of the comments focused on how the activation of restricted area airspace below 15,000 feet mean sea level (MSL) would affect the ability of aircraft operating under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) to operate and transition to and from Michael J Smith Field (KMRH) airport in Beaufort, NC. The commenters voiced concern that these restricted areas, when active, would further constrain the limited airspace available for general aviation aircraft to arrive or depart KMRH airport to or from the northwest. Specifically, concerns were raised for restricted areas R-5305A and R-5307A. When these areas are active, along with other nearby restricted area airspace, aircraft would have to take specific actions to avoid these areas. To avoid restricted area R-5305A, aircraft would also need to circumnavigate restricted area airspace to the west. To avoid restricted area R-5307A, aircraft would be required to fly below the 2,500 feet MSL floor and navigate through 2 corridors, each about 4 nautical miles wide, located southwest and northeast of Cherry Point MCAS (Cunningham Field) airport Class D airspace.

The commenters made several suggestions for alleviating these concerns, including: (a) relocating the restricted area activities offshore to warning area airspace; (b) requiring Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) to be filed at least four hours prior to activation to assist pilots with their flight planning; (c) providing real-time updates on the status of each restricted area; and (d) raising the floor of restricted areas R-

5305A, R-5307A, and R-5307B, or creating a VFR corridor from the northwest of the KMRH airport to facilitate access, with a ceiling above 2,500 feet MSL.

The FAA does not agree with the comments suggesting to relocate these hazardous activities to warning area airspace offshore. The purpose of proposing to establish each of the restricted areas is to connect them with existing special use airspace (SUA) restricted area complexes R-5303, R5304, and R-5306 to establish one large contiguous tract of SUA that is better suited to contain the hazardous activities associated with U.S. Marine Corps training requirements. Offshore warning area airspace off the coast of North Carolina does not meet many airspace volume requirements for some types of aviation training. U.S. Marine Corps training requires land with varied terrain for field artillery and amphibious assault training, which offshore warning areas do not provide. This training will be conducted alongside the aviation exercises that use hazardous laser-guided weapon systems and artillery. To ensure aviation safety, restricted area airspace must be established to contain these hazardous activities.

FAA agrees in part with the comments suggesting that NOTAMs be filed at least four hours prior to activation of each restricted area to assist pilots with their flight planning. The FAA disagrees with a 4-hour advance NOTAM requirement for restricted area R-5307C as it is designated as active from 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday, and it is expected that pilots would plan to routinely circumnavigate the area. It is also entirely within Class A airspace, where pilots are in communication with air traffic control (ATC), and will be informed in real-time if the area becomes active. Therefore, a 4-hour advance NOTAM is not warranted, and no changes have been made to this final rule concerning restricted area R-5307C.

The FAA agrees with requiring advance notice by NOTAM for the other restricted areas in this proposal. Accordingly, because 4-hour advance notice was requested, the times of designation for restricted areas R-5305B, R-5305C, and R-5307B have been changed in this final rule to add a provision that activation by NOTAM must occur at least 4 hours in advance. As an additional mitigation to address public concerns, the time of designation for restricted area R-5307A is changed in this final rule to include the provision that activation by NOTAM must occur at least 12 hours in advance,

which more than satisfies the requested 4 hours. The time of designation for restricted area R-5305A was initially proposed with the provision that activation by NOTAM be published at least 24 hours in advance, and that requirement has been retained without change in this final rule.

The FAA agrees in part with comments suggesting the FAA provide real-time updates on the status of each restricted area. Although creating a new system with the capability for real-time notification of airspace activation is beyond the scope of this action, the FAA provides a SUA status website with graphical depictions and information on current and near future SUA activation status across the National Airspace System (NAS) at <https://sua.faa.gov>.

Additionally, real time status for each restricted area is available by contacting its controlling agency on very high frequency (VHF) and ultra high frequency (UHF) frequencies which will be listed in the chart tabulation section of aeronautical charts. Cherry Point Combined Center Radar Approach Control Facility (CERAP) is the controlling agency for restricted areas R-5305A, R-5305B, R-5307A, and R-5307B, and it may be contacted for the status of any of these restricted areas on frequencies 119.75 and 360.775. Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) is the controlling agency for restricted areas R-5305C and R-5307C, and it may be contacted on frequencies 123.85 and 279.65 for the status of restricted area R-5305C, and frequencies 124.025 and 269.15 for the status of restricted area R-5307C.

The FAA declines to adopt the recommendations of comments suggesting raising the floor of restricted areas R-5305A, R-5307A, and R-5307B, or creating a VFR corridor from KMRH airport to the northwest to facilitate access to the airport. The floor of restricted area R-5305A must remain at the surface to contain the hazardous activity of artillery shells being fired from the surface. The floor of restricted areas R-5307A and R-5307B must remain at 2,500 feet MSL to contain the hazardous activity involving the use of lasers used in the targeting system for Small Diameter Bomb II. These hazardous lasers and bombs would be deployed from a variety of altitudes within the active portions of the restricted area complex, angled downward through restricted area R-5307A and R-5307B, and into the adjacent restricted area R-5306A. Raising the floor of restricted area R-5307A above 2,500 feet MSL, even in a portion of the airspace (e.g., to create a

VFR corridor), would degrade training by limiting the angles that could be used to fire ordnance and thus not provide realistic targeting and weapon delivery training scenarios.

The FAA acknowledges that there will be some impact to IFR and VFR users operating to and from KMRH airport when restricted area R-5305 and R-5307 complexes are active. This impact will be minimized through limited restricted area airspace activation, joint-use procedures, and the availability of ATC services and traffic advisories for VFR aircraft.

Restricted areas are established for joint-use, meaning that large SUA areas are subdivided to facilitate the real-time release of airspace back to the NAS when an area is not needed for activation. Joint-use procedures ensure that sub-areas of the restricted area are only activated when needed to accomplish the hazardous activity, and deactivation occurs in real-time when training activities are completed. Specific joint-use procedures are documented in a letter of agreement or letter of procedure between the controlling agency and the using agency. Cherry Point CERAP has joint-use procedures in place that may permit non-participating aircraft to transit active restricted areas, when it would not impact the hazardous training activities being conducted, and while remaining in two-way communication with ATC.

Additionally, Cherry Point CERAP has joint-use procedures in place that would keep hazardous activities away from non-participating IFR aircraft and permit those aircraft to fly through active restricted areas on instrument arrival and departure procedures for the KMRH airport. Lastly, Cherry Point CERAP may deactivate portions of these restricted areas when non-participant aircraft need to use those areas to avoid severe weather, turbulence, and handling of emergency aircraft.

Differences From the NPRM

Subsequent to publication of the NPRM, the FAA identified an error in the proposed designated altitudes listed for restricted area R-5307A, which was listed as “from 2,500 feet above ground level (AGL) to but not including 10,000 feet MSL.” The correct designated altitude for restricted area R-5307A is “from 2,500 feet MSL to but not including 10,000 feet MSL.” This final rule corrects this error. Restricted area R-5307A is located above the Cherry Point MCAS (Cunningham Field) airport, which has an elevation of 29 feet MSL. Therefore, the altitude difference between 2,500 feet AGL and

2,500 feet MSL is approximately 29 feet throughout R-5307A, and the correction effectively results in lowering the airspace floor by that amount, which would not substantively alter the routes or altitudes pilots would need to fly to avoid the restricted area airspace when it is active. Accordingly, because the correction results in only a nominal change to the floor altitude of the affected restricted area, the change is ministerial in nature. Therefore, the FAA finds good cause that recirculating the proposal for notice and comment is unnecessary.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 73 by establishing restricted areas R-5305A, R-5305B, and R-5305C, Camp Lejeune, NC; and restricted areas R-5307A, R-5307B, and R-5307C, Cherry Point, NC. This restricted area airspace, combined with preexisting restricted areas R-5003, R-5004, and R-5306 complexes, support United States Marine Corps (USMC) training and readiness requirements and provide the contiguous restricted area airspace required to contain hazardous activities such as weapon deployment, and use of non-eye safe lasers and artillery necessary to conduct complex and realistic training scenarios that accomplish mission essential tasks.

Restricted areas R-5305A, R-5305B, and R-5305C share the same lateral boundaries. Restricted area R-5305A extends from the surface up to but not including 7,000 feet MSL, excluding the airspace from the surface to 200 feet AGL within 200 feet either side of U.S. Highway 17. Published times of use are Monday through Friday, 0600 to 2359 local time; other times of use must be published in a NOTAM at least 24 hours in advance. Restricted area R-5305A is expected to be activated 8 hours per day, 150 days per year. Approximately 25 percent of the activation time will occur during the hours of darkness, and approximately 5 percent of all activation will include fixed-wing operations.

Restricted area R-5305B extends from 7,000 feet MSL up to but not including 10,000 feet MSL. A NOTAM must be published at least 4 hours in advance to announce the intermittent times of use of restricted area R-5305B. Restricted area R-5305B is expected to be activated 4 hours per day, 30 days per year. Approximately 25 percent of the activation time will be during the hours of darkness, and approximately 50 percent of the activation time will include fixed-wing operations.

Restricted area R-5305C extends from 10,000 feet MSL up to but not including FL 180. A NOTAM must be published

at least 4 hours in advance to announce the intermittent times of use of the restricted area R-5305C. Restricted area R-5305C is expected to be activated 4 hours per day, 30 days per year. Approximately 25 percent of the activation time will be during the hours of darkness, and approximately 50 percent of the activation time will include fixed-wing operations.

Restricted areas R-5307A, R-5307B, and R-5307C overlay each other, and is intended to replace alert area A-530, which FAA plans to cancel concurrent with the establishment of the restricted areas through a separate nonrulemaking process. Restricted areas R-5307B and R-5307C share the same lateral boundaries.

Restricted area R-5307A extends from 2,500 feet MSL up to but not including 10,000 feet MSL. A NOTAM must be published at least 12 hours in advance to announce the intermittent times of use of restricted area R-5307A. Restricted area R-5307A is expected to be activated 2 hours per day, 25 days per year. Approximately 25 percent of all activation time will be during the hours of darkness.

Restricted area R-5307B extends from 10,000 feet MSL up to but not including Flight Level (FL) 180. A NOTAM must be published at least 4 hours in advance to announce the intermittent times of use of restricted area R-5307A. Restricted area R-5307B is expected to be activated 4 hours per day, 25 days per year. Approximately 25 percent of all activation time will be during the hours of darkness.

Restricted area R-5307C extends from FL 180 to FL 290. Published times of use are Monday through Friday, 0800–2359 local, other times by NOTAM. Restricted area R-5307C is expected to be activated 4 hours per day, 100 days per year. Approximately 25 percent of all activation time will be during the hours of darkness.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Order 2100.6B, “Rulemaking and Guidance Procedure” (March 10, 2025); and (3) is anticipated to have a minimal economic impact, as it only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, resulting in at most de minimis costs from minor rerouting of flights. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic

procedures and air navigation, with de minimis impact on operators, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA’s establishment of restricted areas R-5305A, R-5305B, and R-5305C at Camp Lejeune, NC; and restricted areas R-5307A, R-5307B, and R-5307C at Cherry Point, NC, as described above, was evaluated and documented for potential environmental impacts by the USMC in an Environmental Assessment (EA), dated May 2025. The U.S. Marine Corps EA and FAA’s adoption of that EA were produced in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the FAA’s procedural provisions of NEPA in FAA Orders 1050.1G (“FAA National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures”), and JO 7400.2R, (“Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters”), which set forth the FAA’s procedures for evaluating changes to the NAS which includes establishing and modifying SUA. The FAA, in fulfilling its mandated role as a NEPA Cooperating Agency for the U.S. Marine Corps proposed actions within the above-described restricted areas, adopted the U.S. Marine Corps Final EA in a separate FAA NEPA adoption document and Record of Decision (ROD).

The U.S. Marine Corps Final EA for the Enhancement of Air and Ground Training and Readiness incorporated the FAA’s process for establishment of the above-described restricted areas to support the U.S. Marine Corps proposed actions in those restricted areas. The U.S. Marine Corps EA analyzed the potential for environmental impacts associated with the establishment and use of these restricted areas to support U.S. Marine Corps training requirements, which include fixed-wing aircraft use of existing targets, employment of long-range lasers, integration of threat emitters, low-altitude air defense training, surface-to-surface artillery training, small arms ranges training, and training with combat-capable Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The Final EA resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact and, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Prohibited areas, Restricted areas.

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p.389

§ 73.53 North Carolina [Amended]

■ 2. Section 73.53 is amended as follows:

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R-5305A Camp Lejeune, NC [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 34°39’16” N, long. 077°28’31” W; to lat. 34°42’00” N, long. 077°24’59” W; to lat. 34°40’21” N, long. 077°22’11” W; to lat. 34°38’13” N, long. 077°25’59” W; to lat. 34°36’06” N, long. 077°26’07” W; to lat. 34°35’04” N, long. 077°23’43” W; to lat. 34°33’57” N, long. 077°25’24” W; to lat. 34°34’27” N, long. 077°26’16” W; to lat. 34°33’47” N, long. 077°27’02” W; to lat. 34°35’14” N, long. 077°27’45” W; to lat. 34°35’22” N, long. 077°28’46” W; to lat. 34°35’22” N, long. 077°28’48” W; to lat. 34°35’22” N, long. 077°28’51” W; to lat. 34°35’23” N, long. 077°29’24” W; to lat. 34°36’42” N, long. 077°29’03” W; to lat. 34°36’51” N, long. 077°29’01” W; to lat. 34°36’53” N, long. 077°29’01” W; to lat. 34°38’22” N, long. 077°28’42” W; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. Surface to but not including 7,000 feet MSL, excluding the airspace from the surface to 200 feet AGL within 200 feet either side of U.S. Highway 17.

Time of designation. 0600–2359 local time, Monday-Friday; other times by NOTAM published at least 24 hours in advance.

Controlling agency. USMC, MCAS Cherry Point CERAP.

Using agency. USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC.

R-5305B Camp Lejeune, NC [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 34°39’16” N, long. 077°28’31” W; to lat. 34°42’00” N, long. 077°24’59” W; to lat. 34°40’21” N, long. 077°22’11” W; to lat. 34°38’13” N, long. 077°25’59” W; to lat. 34°36’06” N, long. 077°26’07” W; to lat. 34°35’04” N, long. 077°23’43” W; to lat. 34°33’57” N, long. 077°25’24” W; to lat. 34°34’27” N, long. 077°26’16” W; to lat. 34°33’47” N, long. 077°27’02” W; to lat. 34°35’14” N, long. 077°27’45” W; to lat. 34°35’22” N, long. 077°28’46” W; to lat. 34°35’22” N, long. 077°28’48” W; to lat. 34°35’22” N, long. 077°28’51” W; to lat. 34°35’23” N, long. 077°29’24” W; to lat. 34°36’42” N, long. 077°29’03” W; to lat. 34°36’51” N, long. 077°29’01” W; to lat. 34°36’53” N, long. 077°29’01” W; to lat. 34°38’22” N, long. 077°28’42” W; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. 7,000 feet MSL to but not including 10,000 feet MSL.

Time of designation. Intermittent by NOTAM, published at least 4 hours in advance.

Controlling agency. USMC, MCAS Cherry Point CERAP.

Using agency. USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC.

R-5305C Camp Lejeune, NC [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 34°39'16" N, long. 077°28'31" W; to lat. 34°42'00" N, long. 077°24'59" W; to lat. 34°40'21" N, long. 077°22'11" W; to lat. 34°38'13" N, long. 077°25'59" W; to lat. 34°36'06" N, long. 077°26'07" W; to lat. 34°35'04" N, long. 077°23'43" W; to lat. 34°33'57" N, long. 077°25'24" W; to lat. 34°34'27" N, long. 077°26'16" W; to lat. 34°33'47" N, long. 077°27'02" W; to lat. 34°35'14" N, long. 077°27'45" W; to lat. 34°35'22" N, long. 077°28'46" W; to lat. 34°35'22" N, long. 077°28'48" W; to lat. 34°35'22" N, long. 077°28'51" W; to lat. 34°35'23" N, long. 077°29'24" W; to lat. 34°36'42" N, long. 077°29'03" W; to lat. 34°36'51" N, long. 077°29'01" W; to lat. 34°36'53" N, long. 077°29'01" W; to lat. 34°38'22" N, long. 077°28'42" W; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. 10,000 feet MSL to but not including FL 180.

Time of designation. Intermittent by NOTAM, published at least 4 hours in advance.

Controlling agency. FAA, Washington ARTCC.

Using agency. USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC.

R-5307A Cherry Point, NC [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 35°08'01" N, long. 076°51'19" W; to lat. 34°46'01" N, long. 076°29'59" W; to lat. 34°45'11" N, long. 076°40'29" W; to lat. 34°42'01" N, long. 076°54'44" W; to lat. 34°50'50" N, long. 077°05'16" W; to lat. 34°59'18" N, long. 077°00'08" W; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. 2,500 feet MSL to but not including 10,000 feet MSL.

Time of designation. Intermittent by NOTAM, published at least 12 hours in advance.

Controlling agency. USMC, MCAS Cherry Point CERAP.

Using agency. USMC, Commanding Officer, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

R-5307B Cherry Point, NC [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 35°08'01" N, long. 076°51'19" W; to lat. 34°46'01" N, long. 076°29'59" W; to lat. 34°40'17" N, long. 076°24'46" W; thence southwest 3 NM from and parallel to the shoreline to lat. 34°37'36" N, long. 076°56'19" W; to lat. 34°41'51" N, long. 076°56'19" W; to lat. 34°42'01" N, long. 076°54'44" W; to lat. 34°50'50" N, long. 077°05'16" W; to lat. 34°59'18" N, long. 077°00'08" W; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. 10,000 feet MSL to but not including FL 180.

Time of designation. Intermittent by NOTAM, published at least 4 hours in advance.

Controlling agency. USMC, MCAS Cherry Point CERAP.

Using agency. USMC, Commanding Officer, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

R-5307C Cherry Point, NC [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 35°08'01" N, long. 076°51'19" W; to lat. 34°46'01" N, long. 076°29'59" W; to lat. 34°40'17" N, long. 076°24'46" W; thence southwest 3 NM from and parallel to the shoreline to lat. 34°37'36" N, long. 076°56'19" W; to lat. 34°41'51" N, long. 076°56'19" W; to lat. 34°42'01" N, long. 076°54'44" W; to lat. 34°50'50" N, long. 077°05'16" W; to lat. 34°59'18" N, long. 077°00'08" W; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. FL 180 to FL 290.

Time of designation. 0800-2359 local time, Monday-Friday; other times by NOTAM.

Controlling agency. FAA, Washington ARTCC.

Using agency. USMC, Commanding Officer, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

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Alex W. Nelson,

Manager, Rules and Regulations Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 11

[Docket No. RM11-6-000]

Annual Update to Fee Schedule for the Use of Government Lands by Hydropower Licensees

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Commission, by its designee, the Executive Director, issues this annual update to the fee schedule in the appendix to the part, which lists per-acre rental fees by county (or other geographic area) for use of government lands by hydropower licensees.

DATES:

Effective date: This rule is effective April 21, 2026.

Applicability date: The updates to appendix A to part 11, with the fee schedule of per-acre rental fees by county (or other geographic area), are from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026 (Fiscal Year 2026).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Annual Update to Fee Schedule

Section 11.2 of the Commission's regulations provides a method for computing reasonable annual charges for recompensing the United States for the use, occupancy, and enjoyment of its lands by hydropower licensees.¹ Annual charges for the use of government lands are payable in advance, and are based on an annual schedule of per-acre rental fees published in appendix A to part 11 of the Commission's regulations.² This notice updates the fee schedule in appendix A to part 11 for fiscal year 2026 (October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026).

Effective Date

This final rule is effective April 21, 2026. The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 804, regarding Congressional review of final rules, do not apply to this final rule because the rule concerns agency procedure and practice and will not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. This final rule merely updates the fee schedule published in the Code of Federal Regulations to reflect scheduled adjustments, as provided for in § 11.2 of the Commission's regulations.

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 11

Public lands.

By the Executive Director.

Issued: April 17, 2026.

Anton Porter,

Executive Director, Office of the Executive Director.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission amends appendix A to part 11, chapter I, title 18, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows.

PART 11—ANNUAL CHARGES UNDER PART I OF THE FEDERAL POWER ACT

■ 1. The authority citation for part 11 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 792-828c; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352.

■ 2. Appendix A to Part 11 is revised to read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 11—Fee Schedule for FY 2026

Table with 3 columns: State, County, Fee/acre/yr. Row: Alabama, Autauga, \$32.57

1 Annual Charges for the Use of Government Lands, Order No. 774, 78 FR 5256 (January 25, 2013), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,341 (2013).

2 18 CFR part 11 (2018).

State	County	Fee/acre/yr	State	County	Fee/acre/yr	State	County	Fee/acre/yr
	Baldwin	76.64		Cleveland	37.27		Riverside	62.59
	Barbour	32.34		Columbia	28.99		Sacramento	49.76
	Bibb	32.26		Conway	31.44		San Benito	16.92
	Blount	61.86		Craighead	44.45		San Bernardino	149.40
	Bullock	27.89		Crawford	42.30		San Diego	113.78
	Butler	38.50		Crittenden	42.30		San Francisco ..	152.82
	Calhoun	72.34		Cross	42.17		San Joaquin	65.16
	Chambers	42.58		Dallas	20.82		San Luis obispo ..	38.24
	Cherokee	45.05		Desha	41.07		San Mateo	38.85
	Chilton	42.80		Drew	37.06		Santa Barbara ..	66.82
	Choctaw	30.35		Faulkner	46.72		Santa Clara	41.98
	Clarke	33.21		Franklin	32.41		Santa Cruz	121.19
	Clay	49.18		Fulton	22.36		Shasta	34.49
	Cleburne	51.40		Garland	79.30		Sierra	7.66
	Coffee	47.68		Grant	39.07		Siskiyou	13.17
	Colbert	43.59		Greene	48.11		Solano	40.71
	Conecuh	30.36		Hempstead	28.99		Sonoma	96.18
	Coosa	36.45		Hot spring	36.24		Stanislaus	63.77
	Covington	42.01		Howard	41.69		Sutter	44.79
	Crenshaw	37.10		Independence ..	30.63		Tehama	17.29
	Cullman	66.18		Izard	27.74		Trinity	8.40
	Dale	48.34		Jackson	40.02		Tulare	49.29
	Dallas	29.69		Jefferson	34.89		Tuolumne	13.69
	Dekalb	62.18		Johnson	39.26		Ventura	89.24
	Elmore	47.43		Lafayette	29.36		Yolo	34.02
	Escambia	34.13		Lawrence	46.02		Yuba	35.26
	Etowah	69.76		Lee	34.27	Colorado	Adams	23.40
	Fayette	31.40		Lincoln	35.13		Alamosa	35.75
	Franklin	43.57		Little river	27.14		Arapahoe	22.24
	Geneva	41.24		Logan	31.24		Archuleta	39.99
	Greene	31.79		Lonoke	38.60		Baca	13.50
	Hale	31.42		Madison	42.27		Bent	8.72
	Henry	41.11		Marion	26.89		Boulder	146.88
	Houston	45.53		Miller	34.95		Broomfield	66.73
	Jackson	43.38		Mississippi	45.77		Chaffee	49.56
	Jefferson	85.78		Monroe	37.49		Cheyenne	10.28
	Lamar	23.60		Montgomery	34.76		Clear Creek	31.26
	Lauderdale	64.03		Nevada	25.04		Conejos	23.94
	Lawrence	60.11		Newton	31.54		Costilla	7.99
	Lee	62.00		Ouachita	22.27		Crowley	8.04
	Limestone	57.86		Perry	32.08		Custer	29.38
	Lowndes	28.94		Phillips	33.40		Delta	59.07
	Macon	33.21		Pike	30.11		Denver	981.97
	Madison	80.44		Poinsett	44.34		Dolores	26.23
	Marengo	27.77		Polk	38.96		Douglas	98.59
	Marion	39.37		Pope	38.56		Eagle	53.21
	Marshall	70.99		Prairie	35.55		El Paso	21.56
	Mobile	58.91		Pulaski	45.96		Elbert	23.54
	Monroe	29.64		Randolph	40.47		Fremont	22.11
	Montgomery	38.88		Saline	45.04		Garfield	29.31
	Morgan	75.74		Scott	31.05		Gilpin	72.03
	Perry	29.08		Searcy	26.96		Grand	22.09
	Pickens	32.53		Sebastian	42.92		Gunnison	23.45
	Pike	41.78		Sevier	34.76		Hinsdale	26.25
	Randolph	49.49		Sharp	31.59		Huerfano	10.91
	Russell	34.84		St. Francis	34.98		Jackson	17.78
	Shelby	63.23		Stone	28.87		Jefferson	133.19
	St. Clair	63.96		Union	29.09		Kiowa	9.93
	Sumter	29.50		Van Buren	34.32		Kit Carson	11.28
	Talladega	48.36		Washington	74.50		La Plata	21.48
	Tallapoosa	37.84		White	33.79		Lake	21.67
	Tuscaloosa	46.24		Woodruff	39.11		Larimer	50.35
	Walker	43.40		Yell	36.86		Las Animas	8.06
	Washington	33.53	California	Alameda	42.52		Lincoln	7.22
	Wilcox	26.72		Alpine	15.62		Logan	17.18
	Winston	37.13		Amador	20.15		Mesa	64.83
Alaska	Aleutian Islands	1.95		Butte	44.12		Mineral	34.77
	Statewide	42.03		Calaveras	15.49		Moffat	12.51
Arizona	Apache	2.24		Colusa	35.09		Montezuma	13.93
	Cochise	18.38		Contra Costa	29.03		Montrose	47.40
	Coconino	2.34		Del Norte	32.21		Morgan	21.80
	Gila	2.43		El Dorado	37.14		Otero	13.21
	Graham	5.02		Fresno	51.69		Ouray	23.66
	Greenlee	37.62		Glenn	32.39		Park	18.69
	La Paz	17.76		Humboldt	14.45		Phillips	22.29
	Maricopa	49.13		Imperial	37.53		Pitkin	128.81
	Mohave	7.13		Inyo	3.03		Prowers	11.17
	Navajo	2.22		Kern	33.26		Pueblo	13.31
	Pima	3.44		Kings	32.79		Rio Blanco	15.33
	Pinal	14.65		Lake	24.72		Rio Grande	45.51
	Santa Cruz	17.56		Lassen	14.18		Routt	32.90
	Yavapai	15.86		Los Angeles	68.90		Saguache	23.68
	Yuma	59.09		Madera	41.78		San Juan	19.26
Arkansas	Arkansas	43.58		Marin	24.10		San Miguel	17.48
	Ashley	41.67		Mariposa	13.59		Sedgwick	13.03
	Baxter	30.90		Mendocino	20.55		Summit	71.62
	Benton	97.83		Merced	52.16		Teller	18.51
	Boone	39.27		Modoc	13.47		Washington	9.40
	Bradley	36.59		Mono	9.90		Weld	30.46
	Calhoun	25.88		Monterey	40.39		Yuma	12.67
	Carroll	39.87		Napa	193.44	Connecticut	Fairfield	131.49
	Chicot	40.76		Nevada	27.30		Hartford	176.25
	Clark	30.32		Orange	47.35		Litchfield	168.72
	Clay	47.81		Placer	38.46		Middlesex	178.16
	Cleburne	36.26		Plumas	13.33		New Haven	295.66

State	County	Fee/acre/yr	State	County	Fee/acre/yr	State	County	Fee/acre/yr
Delaware	New London	140.00	Florida	Catoosa	26.77	Idaho	Quitman	49.13
	Tolland	151.38		Charlton	91.95		Rabun	84.73
	Windham	122.61		Chatham	43.36		Randolph	43.74
	Kent	107.91		Chattahoochee	66.45		Richmond	32.13
	New Castle	139.41		Chattooga	76.54		Rockdale	45.27
Florida	Sussex	119.89	Cherokee	34.48	Schley		71.66	
	Alachua	74.51	Clarke	33.25	Screven		85.37	
	Baker	74.27	Clay	30.52	Seminole		34.13	
	Bay	54.40	Clayton	40.58	Spalding		36.47	
	Bradford	54.85	Clinch	31.44	Stephens		27.89	
	Brevard	70.01	Cobb	41.29	Stewart		54.74	
	Broward	321.64	Coffee	130.03	Sumter		41.46	
	Calhoun	40.87	Colquitt	79.17	Talbot		37.84	
	Charlotte	75.34	Columbia	32.12	Taliaferro		27.79	
	Citrus	125.28	Cook	40.98	Tattnall		37.31	
	Clay	62.93	Coweta	25.99	Taylor		46.60	
	Collier	55.16	Crawford	43.51	Telfair		48.87	
	Columbia	69.33	Crisp	49.13	Terrell		38.16	
	Miami-Dade	455.33	Dade	84.73	Thomas		87.00	
	Desoto	59.29	Dawson	43.74	Tift		26.72	
	Dixie	42.61	Decatur	32.13	Toombs		57.02	
	Duval	122.42	Dekalb	45.27	Towns		37.42	
	Escambia	70.86	Dodge	71.66	Treutlen		26.77	
	Flagler	55.10	Dooly	85.37	Troup		91.95	
	Franklin	56.35	Dougherty	34.13	Turner		43.36	
	Gadsden	40.02	Douglas	36.47	Twiggs		66.45	
	Gilchrist	60.51	Early	27.89	Union		76.54	
	Glades	41.96	Echols	54.74	Upson		34.48	
	Gulf	66.43	Effingham	41.46	Walker		33.25	
	Hamilton	41.28	Elbert	37.84	Walton		30.52	
	Hardee	60.06	Emanuel	27.79	Ware		40.58	
	Hendry	42.18	Evans	37.31	Warren		31.44	
	Hernando	107.40	Fannin	46.60	Washington		41.29	
	Highlands	51.35	Fayette	48.87	Wayne		130.03	
	Hillsborough	138.67	Floyd	38.16	Webster		79.17	
	Holmes	41.37	Forsyth	87.00	Wheeler		32.12	
	Indian river	60.32	Franklin	26.72	White		40.98	
	Jackson	37.64	Fulton	57.02	Whitfield		25.99	
	Jefferson	45.83	Gilmer	37.42	Wilcox		43.51	
	Lafayette	43.04	Glascok	26.77	Wilkes		49.13	
	Lake	108.71	Glynn	91.95	Wilkinson		84.73	
	Lee	118.73	Gordon	43.36	Worth		43.74	
	Leon	65.79	Grady	66.45	Hawaii		85.60	
	Levy	56.96	Greene	76.54	Honolulu	287.90		
	Liberty	42.18	Gwinnett	34.48	Kauai	109.92		
	Madison	40.90	Habersham	33.25	Maui	127.50		
	Manatee	86.44	Hall	30.52	Idaho	73.22		
	Marion	117.68	Hancock	40.58	Adams	15.40		
Martin	66.30	Haralson	31.44	Bannock	15.40			
Monroe	66.43	Harris	41.29	Bear Lake	15.49			
Nassau	44.65	Hart	130.03	Benewah	15.38			
Okaloosa	80.73	Heard	79.17	Bingham	21.20			
Okeechobee	51.85	Henry	32.12	Blaine	19.90			
Orange	91.74	Houston	40.98	Boise	11.49			
Osceola	41.55	Irwin	25.99	Bonner	34.38			
Palm beach	70.19	Jackson	43.51	Bonneville	27.33			
Pasco	110.65	Jasper	49.13	Boundary	31.85			
Pinellas	235.60	Jeff davis	84.73	Butte	19.20			
Polk	64.81	Jefferson	43.74	Camas	11.50			
Putnam	44.51	Jenkins	32.13	Canyon	76.04			
Santa rosa	58.88	Johnson	45.27	Caribou	14.48			
Sarasota	117.62	Jones	71.66	Cassia	25.11			
Seminole	114.46	Lamar	85.37	Clark	17.36			
St. Johns	123.69	Lanier	34.13	Clearwater	19.98			
St. Lucie	58.16	Laurens	36.47	Custer	20.08			
Sumter	85.24	Lee	27.89	Elmore	18.09			
Suwannee	58.99	Liberty	54.74	Franklin	18.34			
Taylor	40.64	Lincoln	41.46	Fremont	26.93			
Union	42.22	Long	37.84	Gem	22.46			
Volusia	121.71	Lowndes	27.79	Gooding	39.74			
Wakulla	83.02	Lumpkin	37.31	Idaho	13.25			
Walton	49.96	Macon	46.60	Jefferson	28.47			
Georgia	Washington	43.46	Madison	48.87	Jerome	50.44		
	Appling	49.13	Marion	38.16	Kootenai	61.84		
	Atkinson	84.73	Mcduffie	87.00	Latah	19.38		
	Bacon	43.74	Mcintosh	26.72	Lemhi	22.09		
	Baker	32.13	Meriwether	57.02	Lewis	15.78		
	Baldwin	45.27	Miller	37.42	Lincoln	32.01		
	Banks	71.66	Mitchell	26.77	Madison	30.47		
	Barrow	85.37	Monroe	91.95	Minidoka	34.71		
	Bartow	34.13	Montgomery	43.36	Nez Perce	17.66		
	Ben hill	36.47	Morgan	66.45	Oneida	14.69		
	Berrien	27.89	Murray	76.54	Owyhee	11.33		
	Bibb	54.74	Muscogee	34.48	Payette	29.05		
	Bleckley	41.46	Newton	33.25	Power	21.99		
	Brantley	37.84	Oconee	30.52	Shoshone	47.81		
	Brooks	27.79	Oglethorpe	40.58	Teton	30.85		
	Bryan	37.31	Paulding	31.44	Twin Falls	34.30		
	Bulloch	46.60	Peach	41.29	Valley	21.83		
	Burke	48.87	Pickens	130.03	Washington	12.86		
	Butts	38.16	Pierce	79.17	Illinois	109.12		
	Calhoun	87.00	Pike	32.12	Adams	65.08		
	Camden	26.72	Polk	40.98	Bond	98.12		
	Candler	57.02	Pulaski	25.99	Boone	116.64		
	Carroll	37.42	Putnam	43.51	Brown	83.08		

State	County	Fee/acre/yr	State	County	Fee/acre/yr	State	County	Fee/acre/yr
	Bureau	128.94		Winnebago	102.18		Adams	82.06
	Calhoun	69.50		Woodford	138.91		Allamakee	93.45
	Carroll	122.68	Indiana	Adams	135.94		Appanoose	62.44
	Cass	97.49		Allen	98.47		Audubon	120.93
	Champaign	90.87		Bartholomew	78.00		Benton	139.00
	Christian	138.56		Benton	126.35		Black hawk	126.46
	Clark	98.23		Blackford	111.19		Boone	136.17
	Clay	78.83		Boone	119.55		Bremer	125.51
	Clinton	114.24		Brown	89.48		Buchanan	124.42
	Coles	129.87		Carroll	117.78		Buena vista	143.60
	Cook	228.25		Cass	102.70		Butler	108.31
	Crawford	84.83		Clark	78.17		Calhoun	135.41
	Cumberland	112.44		Clay	84.29		Carroll	136.12
	De witt	142.37		Clinton	119.80		Cass	104.17
	Dekalb	97.40		Crawford	54.87		Cedar	134.58
	Douglas	149.34		Davies	114.50		Cerro Gordo	114.45
	Dupage	729.26		Dearborn	85.00		Cherokee	141.74
	Edgar	128.48		Decatur	118.82		Chickasaw	119.89
	Edwards	74.50		Dekalb	109.12		Clarke	67.52
	Effingham	97.63		Delaware	67.62		Clay	130.78
	Fayette	88.15		Dubois	93.14		Clayton	96.90
	Ford	125.87		Elkhart	148.53		Clinton	121.64
	Franklin	71.78		Fayette	116.17		Crawford	120.08
	Fulton	86.43		Floyd	115.29		Dallas	135.42
	Gallatin	72.65		Fountain	104.47		Davis	65.30
	Greene	96.94		Franklin	106.74		Decatur	72.64
	Grundy	130.36		Fulton	95.38		Delaware	128.79
	Hamilton	73.17		Gibson	97.59		Des Moines	98.87
	Hancock	119.60		Grant	106.68		Dickinson	134.16
	Hardin	58.57		Greene	75.05		Dubuque	135.49
	Henderson	112.12		Hamilton	119.30		Emmet	119.24
	Henry	126.92		Hancock	120.69		Fayette	115.78
	Iroquois	109.20		Harrison	74.18		Floyd	124.91
	Jackson	64.40		Hendricks	114.25		Franklin	135.80
	Jasper	94.54		Henry	108.62		Fremont	101.26
	Jefferson	62.45		Howard	74.15		Greene	136.23
	Jersey	105.77		Huntington	107.21		Grundy	153.59
	Jo davies	100.38		Jackson	87.81		Guthrie	107.63
	Johnson	54.71		Jasper	106.99		Hamilton	141.38
	Kane	155.20		Jay	132.23		Hancock	119.84
	Kankakee	85.13		Jefferson	86.01		Hardin	131.69
	Kendall	148.49		Jennings	83.55		Harrison	106.61
	Knox	109.26		Johnson	132.93		Henry	98.80
	Lake	201.18		Knox	101.82		Howard	107.21
	Lasalle	128.15		Kosciusko	108.60		Humboldt	136.09
	Lawrence	88.34		Lagrange	182.43		Ida	135.55
	Lee	134.50		Lake	99.91		Iowa	97.24
	Livingston	127.79		Laporte	63.81		Jackson	104.97
	Logan	143.48		Lawrence	69.08		Jasper	110.87
	Macon	80.14		Madison	92.42		Jefferson	88.08
	Macoupin	112.05		Marion	140.11		Johnson	130.61
	Madison	87.74		Marshall	90.74		Jones	117.83
	Marion	77.21		Martin	75.38		Keokuk	93.55
	Marshall	132.08		Miami	100.05		Kossuth	136.49
	Mason	110.28		Monroe	82.21		Lee	93.93
	Massac	57.93		Montgomery	111.30		Linn	136.31
	Mcdonough	125.76		Morgan	96.45		Louisa	99.03
	Mchenry	104.98		Newton	110.62		Lucas	72.42
	Mclean	89.43		Noble	114.39		Lyon	162.92
	Menard	117.04		Ohio	77.32		Madison	97.57
	Mercer	116.94		Orange	82.59		Mahaska	100.85
	Monroe	102.63		Owen	68.10		Marion	96.90
	Montgomery	113.29		Parke	91.66		Marshall	118.79
	Morgan	124.77		Perry	65.74		Mills	113.33
	Moultrie	146.62		Pike	74.72		Mitchell	131.62
	Ogle	124.12		Porter	120.89		Monona	101.92
	Peoria	91.23		Posey	90.87		Monroe	71.12
	Perry	76.14		Pulaski	115.76		Montgomery	89.25
	Piatt	154.54		Putnam	104.31		Muscatine	117.99
	Pike	101.76		Randolph	117.47		O'brien	175.40
	Pope	53.40		Ripley	83.17		Osceola	146.81
	Pulaski	69.46		Rush	136.98		Page	85.69
	Putnam	123.87		Scott	86.45		Palo alto	124.56
	Randolph	97.08		Shelby	128.27		Plymouth	146.43
	Richland	86.71		Spencer	82.35		Pocahontas	140.41
	Rock island	115.36		St. Joseph	104.86		Polk	122.63
	Saline	62.08		Starke	90.59		Pottawattamie	110.46
	Sangamon	91.80		Steuben	102.95		Poweshiek	110.91
	Schuyler	82.41		Sullivan	78.28		Ringgold	71.85
	Scott	103.61		Switzerland	96.00		Sac	145.96
	Shelby	112.39		Tippecanoe	108.55		Scott	127.68
	St. Clair	117.70		Tipton	140.22		Shelby	119.65
	Stark	126.08		Union	125.10		Sioux	169.05
	Stephenson	116.69		Vanderburgh	95.32		Story	138.29
	Tazewell	131.34		Vermillion	107.43		Tama	121.17
	Union	64.68		Vigo	74.29		Taylor	86.61
	Vermilion	85.69		Wabash	111.09		Union	75.65
	Wabash	73.04		Warren	92.61		Van buren	69.07
	Warren	130.84		Warrick	84.65		Wapello	84.36
	Washington	101.99		Washington	72.60		Warren	99.09
	Wayne	70.89		Wayne	92.65		Washington	121.04
	White	70.67		Wells	127.61		Wayne	72.75
	Whiteside	113.48		White	133.86		Webster	136.79
	Will	129.70		Whitley	112.81		Winnebago	123.01
	Williamson	59.44	Iowa	Adair	91.57		Winneshiak	104.32

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Kansas	Woodbury	105.84	Kentucky	Stafford	25.98	Louisiana	Menifee	36.25
	Worth	117.10		Stanton	18.01		Mercer	67.13
	Wright	130.67		Stevens	22.32		Metcalfe	50.29
	Allen	30.72		Sumner	27.68		Monroe	50.76
	Anderson	34.08		Thomas	31.45		Montgomery	53.62
	Atchison	55.23		Trego	19.93		Morgan	30.98
	Barber	24.18		Wabaunsee	33.55		Muhlenberg	57.62
	Barton	22.68		Wallace	20.63		Nelson	74.74
	Bourbon	35.42		Washington	34.09		Nicholas	59.32
	Brown	63.97		Wichita	20.83		Ohio	49.39
	Butler	34.83		Wilson	31.85		Oldham	104.14
	Chase	29.70		Woodson	24.97		Owen	45.85
	Chautauqua	25.00		Wyandotte	123.00		Owsley	33.50
	Cherokee	33.33		Adair	50.70		Pendleton	51.11
	Cheyenne	20.30		Allen	65.07		Perry	32.49
	Clark	16.03		Anderson	68.39		Pike	24.99
	Clay	39.42		Ballard	56.44		Powell	41.12
	Cloud	39.14		Barren	61.92		Pulaski	59.76
	Coffey	33.39		Bath	39.22		Robertson	45.91
	Comanche	19.30		Bell	33.37		Rockcastle	37.59
	Cowley	28.41		Boone	112.43		Rowan	76.32
	Crawford	38.58		Bourbon	88.72		Russell	54.73
	Decatur	22.48		Boyd	40.10		Scott	80.51
	Dickinson	33.80		Boyle	68.35		Shelby	100.76
	Doniphan	59.20		Bracken	40.70		Simpson	85.98
	Douglas	58.54		Breathitt	26.88		Spencer	81.91
	Edwards	24.38		Breckinridge	48.50		Taylor	57.32
	Elk	25.70		Bullitt	99.35		Todd	83.27
	Ellis	21.33		Butler	54.03		Trigg	64.00
	Ellsworth	26.23		Caldwell	60.28		Trimble	57.98
	Finney	29.05		Calloway	65.13		Union	82.21
	Ford	21.39		Campbell	78.49		Warren	74.35
	Franklin	42.89		Carlisle	68.95		Washington	59.59
	Geary	35.65		Carroll	60.11		Wayne	45.03
Gove	21.53	Carter	38.62	Webster	54.84			
Graham	17.34	Casey	42.46	Whitley	37.44			
Grant	21.31	Christian	73.20	Wolfe	36.10			
Gray	24.72	Clark	69.07	Woodford	111.44			
Greeley	22.36	Clay	37.26	Acadia	34.77			
Greenwood	27.15	Clinton	54.17	Allen	35.42			
Hamilton	18.40	Crittenden	42.46	Ascension	68.32			
Harper	21.81	Cumberland	35.20	Assumption	37.11			
Harvey	48.06	Daviess	59.02	Avoyelles	36.44			
Haskell	31.48	Edmonson	55.71	Beauregard	45.93			
Hodgeman	18.53	Elliott	29.04	Bienville	41.41			
Jackson	40.80	Estill	41.83	Bossier	42.77			
Jefferson	48.65	Fayette	204.59	Caddo	51.66			
Jewell	31.04	Fleming	47.64	Calcasieu	44.42			
Johnson	81.67	Floyd	37.66	Caldwell	35.93			
Kearny	21.67	Franklin	62.16	Cameron	31.25			
Kingman	27.06	Fulton	67.83	Catahoula	33.19			
Kiowa	19.94	Gallatin	47.72	Claiborne	38.57			
Labette	30.05	Garrard	54.67	Concordia	37.04			
Lane	20.89	Grant	63.05	De soto	40.84			
Leavenworth	63.24	Graves	69.61	East baton rouge.	91.64			
Lincoln	25.19	Grayson	46.67	East carroll	52.87			
Linn	37.88	Green	53.47	East feliciana	48.44			
Logan	23.06	Greenup	45.56	Evangeline	36.37			
Lyon	31.32	Hancock	53.16	Franklin	36.74			
Marion	34.92	Hardin	74.19	Grant	36.19			
Marshall	48.32	Harlan	35.50	Iberia	41.37			
Mcpherson	45.49	Harrison	52.54	Iberville	29.25			
Meade	27.74	Hart	51.80	Jackson	49.07			
Miami	52.18	Henderson	76.73	Jefferson	24.84			
Mitchell	33.55	Henry	60.60	Jefferson davis	34.02			
Montgomery	33.44	Hickman	71.47	La salle	46.25			
Morris	26.92	Hopkins	54.36	Lafayette	94.65			
Morton	15.37	Jackson	39.06	Lafourche	33.20			
Nemaha	56.51	Jefferson	167.39	Lincoln	44.08			
Neosho	28.43	Jessamine	90.37	Livingston	79.22			
Ness	17.73	Johnson	39.63	Madison	42.97			
Norton	22.23	Kenton	94.93	Morehouse	39.87			
Osage	35.28	Knott	32.72	Natchitoches	36.79			
Osborne	21.30	Knox	46.51	Orleans	509.83			
Ottawa	32.10	Larue	64.58	Ouachita	45.86			
Pawnee	24.05	Laurel	59.02	Plaquemines	24.32			
Phillips	23.82	Lawrence	35.29	Pointe coupee	42.55			
Pottawatomie	39.70	Lee	43.52	Rapides	43.58			
Pratt	29.77	Leslie	18.28	Red river	30.39			
Rawlins	22.54	Letcher	44.90	Richland	38.83			
Reno	32.89	Lewis	31.73	Sabine	42.15			
Republic	40.59	Lincoln	48.56	St. Bernard	23.82			
Rice	29.47	Livingston	57.89	St. Charles	50.94			
Riley	41.99	Logan	80.72	St. Helena	48.32			
Rooks	18.95	Lyon	62.86	St. James	46.77			
Rush	21.14	Madison	55.29	St. John the Baptist.	64.77			
Russell	23.12	Magoffin	34.19	St. Landry	40.41			
Saline	33.61	Marion	57.76	St. Martin	41.44			
Scott	25.06	Marshall	66.46	St. Mary	39.93			
Sedgwick	48.85	Martin	29.90	St. Tammany	124.19			
Seward	27.59	Mason	51.08	Tangipahoa	80.42			
Shawnee	49.85	Mccracken	71.50	Tensas	32.45			
Sheridan	22.01	Mccreary	39.85	Terrebonne	50.36			
Sherman	24.47	Mclean	73.03					
Smith	28.18	Meade	68.47					

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Maine	Union	44.83	Minnesota	Ingham	64.16	Mississippi	Marshall	39.94	
	Vermilion	32.83		Ionia	80.92		Martin	113.07	
	Vernon	58.30		Iosco	47.33		Mcleod	91.00	
	Washington	45.43		Iron	51.55		Meeker	75.04	
	Webster	49.31		Isabella	60.80		Mille lacs	49.60	
	West baton rouge	53.57		Jackson	60.78		Morrison	49.03	
	West Carroll	34.59		Kalamazoo	81.74		Mower	103.89	
	West Feliciana	36.50		Kalkaska	46.62		Murray	108.20	
	Winn	32.39		Kent	96.57		Nicollet	108.65	
	Androscoggin	66.45		Keweenaw	50.12		Nobles	108.50	
	Aroostook	28.55		Lake	49.75		Norman	58.46	
	Cumberland	118.46		Lapeer	79.93		Olmsted	88.98	
	Franklin	42.58		Leelanau	126.24		Otter tail	48.42	
	Hancock	48.22		Lenawee	70.77		Pennington	40.87	
	Kennebec	51.77		Livingston	90.57		Pine	41.21	
	Knox	69.82		Luce	38.15		Pipestone	93.92	
	Lincoln	76.18		Mackinac	39.04		Polk	54.48	
	Oxford	37.63		Macomb	95.01		Pope	66.79	
	Penobscot	45.59		Manistee	52.86		Ramsey	592.25	
	Piscataquis	30.81		Marquette	42.14		Red lake	37.21	
	Sagadahoc	58.00		Mason	56.79		Redwood	106.01	
	Somerset	26.77		Mecosta	53.36		Renville	102.60	
	Waldo	49.77		Menominee	37.57		Rice	105.03	
	Washington	25.39		Midland	67.96		Rock	111.35	
	York	90.83		Missaukee	59.74		Roseau	32.17	
	Maryland	Allegany		78.95	Monroe		77.01	Scott	120.38
		Anne Arundel		152.19	Montcalm		60.60	Sherburne	90.54
		Baltimore		168.28	Montmorency		49.90	Sibley	104.21
		Baltimore city		114.71	Muskegon		67.98	St. louis	49.52
		Calvert		142.97	Newaygo		66.33	Stearns	70.67
		Caroline		122.50	Oakland		187.13	Steele	115.78
		Carroll		129.05	Oceana		65.63	Stevens	81.28
Cecil		129.33	Ogemaw	41.82	Swift		80.43		
Charles		98.47	Ontonagon	43.72	Todd		46.07		
Dorchester		94.29	Osceola	43.14	Traverse		69.00		
Frederick		136.23	Oscoda	47.22	Wabasha		83.67		
Garrett		68.63	Otsego	43.51	Wadena		40.73		
Harford		147.72	Ottawa	107.29	Waseca		111.27		
Howard		156.33	Presque isle	44.70	Washington		142.73		
Kent		96.38	Roscommon	49.98	Watsonwan		102.02		
Montgomery		133.00	Saginaw	69.74	Wilkin		68.31		
Prince George's		119.93	Sanilac	78.30	Winona		86.24		
Queen Anne's		101.09	Schoolcraft	34.84	Wright		100.05		
Somerset		98.47	Shiawassee	74.10	Yellow medicine		89.05		
St. Mary's		107.16	St. Clair	71.35	Adams			
Talbot		114.56	St. joseph	90.42	Alcorn		57.96		
Washington		107.34	Tuscola	79.34	Amite		86.82		
Wicomico		94.63	Van buren	77.82	Attala		50.21		
Massachusetts	Barnstable	602.85	Washtenaw	93.47	Benton	52.39			
	Berkshire	88.06	Wayne	250.55	Bolivar	82.28			
	Bristol	217.14	Wexford	48.08	Calhoun	48.31			
	Dukes	90.28	Aitkin	35.98	Carroll	58.15			
	Essex	205.78	Anoka	120.22	Chickasaw	54.48			
	Franklin	88.38	Becker	43.03	Choctaw	50.08			
	Hampden	139.27	Beltrami	38.61	Claiborne	73.66			
	Hampshire	108.13	Benton	64.90	Clarke	60.85			
	Middlesex	226.51	Big stone	60.84	Clay	51.05			
	Nantucket	146.34	Blue earth	97.78	Coahoma	89.95			
	Norfolk	206.01	Brown	104.78	Copiah	69.71			
	Plymouth	147.11	Carlton	38.33	Covington	98.06			
	Suffolk	535.54	Carver	102.63	Desoto	81.84			
	Worcester	158.06	Cass	38.44	Forrest	115.44			
	Michigan	Alcona	37.66	Chippewa	97.62	Franklin	86.33		
		Alger	28.81	Chisago	88.48	George	101.48		
		Allegan	82.03	Clay	59.73	Greene	68.76		
Alpena		47.10	Clearwater	36.33	Grenada	59.84			
Antrim		72.04	Cook	94.50	Hancock	105.02			
Arenac		55.23	Cottonwood	103.69	Harrison	227.77			
Baraga		74.83	Crow wing	40.19	Hinds	89.54			
Barry		73.97	Dakota	104.59	Holmes	65.96			
Bay		65.20	Dodge	108.62	Humphreys	88.94			
Benzie		77.10	Douglas	57.40	Issaquena	74.45			
Berrien		79.48	Faribault	103.00	Itawamba	46.57			
Branch		65.23	Fillmore	74.63	Jackson	136.33			
Calhoun		62.25	Freeborn	97.05	Jasper	76.30			
Cass		73.44	Goodhue	104.68	Jefferson	68.54			
Charlevoix		60.27	Grant	61.43	Jefferson davis	69.90			
Cheboygan		40.96	Hennepin	217.34	Jones	102.98			
Chippewa		34.85	Houston	65.67	Kemper	55.00			
Clare		54.23	Hubbard	46.29	Lafayette	74.53			
Clinton		81.31	Isanti	74.82	Lamar	96.51			
Crawford		55.01	Itasca	42.40	Lauderdale	55.90			
Delta		28.72	Jackson	106.53	Lawrence	87.34			
Dickinson		36.97	Kanabec	40.93	Leake	82.33			
Eaton		63.33	Kandiyohi	93.71	Lee	49.83			
Emmet	72.06	Kittson	42.38	Leflore	78.93				
Genesee	67.96	Koochiching	32.72	Lincoln	83.53				
Gladwin	57.04	Lac qui parle	80.22	Lowndes	68.82				
Gogebic	44.21	Lake	100.41	Madison	71.48				
Grand Traverse	112.88	Lake of the woods	33.00	Marion	78.36				
Gratiot	79.93	Le sueur	94.48	Marshall	65.36				
Hillsdale	67.41	Lincoln	80.25	Monroe	59.79				
Houghton	42.56	Lyon	90.10	Montgomery	54.37				
Huron	93.92	Mahnomen	52.56	Neshoba	72.46				
				Newton	64.49				

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Missouri	Noxubee	68.90	Montana	Mercer	48.41	Nebraska	Sheridan	15.46
	Oktibbeha	76.05		Miller	40.60		Silver bow	25.60
	Panola	66.99		Mississippi	83.69		Stillwater	17.39
	Pearl river	96.42		Moniteau	58.06		Sweet grass	14.91
	Perry	87.31		Monroe	64.34		Teton	18.16
	Pike	101.35		Montgomery	71.98		Toole	12.81
	Pontotoc	53.53		Morgan	62.34		Treasure	9.91
	Prentiss	55.65		New Madrid	83.16		Valley	11.47
	Quitman	77.82		Newton	58.71		Wheatland	11.91
	Rankin	89.76		Nodaway	68.21		Wibaux	9.29
	Scott	69.25		Oregon	31.76		Yellowstone	12.10
	Sharkey	90.03		Osage	43.05		Adams	.....
	Simpson	75.02		Ozark	34.27		Antelope	121.07
	Smith	78.15		Pemiscot	82.96		Arthur	21.14
	Stone	89.98		Perry	54.43		Banner	23.01
	Sunflower	86.60		Pettis	60.86		Blaine	26.20
	Tallahatchie	76.70		Phelps	48.54		Boone	117.40
	Tate	76.84		Pike	56.58		Box butte	35.20
	Tippah	56.36		Platte	70.86		Boyd	53.51
	Tishomingo	51.41		Polk	47.85		Brown	30.93
	Tunica	80.38		Pulaski	37.46		Buffalo	115.92
	Union	54.37		Putnam	47.00		Burt	162.55
	Walthall	84.43		Ralls	72.15		Butler	150.23
	Warren	66.01		Randolph	56.78		Cass	147.96
	Washington	100.86		Ray	65.45		Cedar	136.74
	Wayne	84.21		Reynolds	32.94		Chase	55.02
	Webster	49.86		Ripley	35.42		Cherry	24.62
	Wilkinson	65.31		Saline	78.46		Cheyenne	26.92
	Winston	61.93		Schuyler	51.51		Clay	127.98
	Yalobusha	50.70		Scotland	67.45		Colfax	163.45
	Yazoo	75.86		Scott	79.45		Cuming	160.62
	Adair	50.83		Shannon	29.73		Custer	65.31
	Andrew	62.89		Shelby	76.01		Dakota	149.25
	Atchison	77.18		St Louis	76.45		Dawes	23.46
	Audrain	79.24		St. Charles	49.16		Dawson	90.04
	Barry	54.38		St. Clair	62.68		Deuel	34.44
	Barton	51.19		St. Francois	135.56		Dixon	123.39
	Bates	49.70		Ste. Genevieve	57.22		Dodge	169.20
	Benton	49.87		Stoddard	54.49		Douglas	201.71
	Bollinger	44.77		Stone	84.53		Dundy	40.37
	Boone	69.56		Sullivan	49.65		Fillmore	143.76
	Buchanan	66.77		Taney	39.85		Franklin	91.36
	Butler	63.08		Texas	41.99		Frontier	49.58
	Caldwell	55.42		Vernon	39.94		Furnas	65.10
	Callaway	57.71		Warren	49.62		Gage	116.82
	Camden	35.37		Washington	71.69		Garden	22.85
	Cape Girardeau	58.86		Wayne	36.30		Garfield	39.13
	Carroll	66.57		Webster	30.95		Gosper	74.20
Carter	29.06	Worth	56.55	Grant	22.09			
Cass	55.31	Wright	48.22	Greeley	78.24			
Cedar	46.67	Beaverhead	18.73	Hall	134.13			
Chariton	61.47	Big horn	6.45	Hamilton	167.33			
Christian	68.66	Blaine	8.44	Harlan	75.94			
Clark	60.27	Broadwater	18.84	Hayes	37.34			
Clay	82.23	Carbon	19.13	Hitchcock	41.53			
Clinton	70.62	Carter	7.49	Holt	62.80			
Cole	62.99	Cascade	12.28	Hooker	19.40			
Cooper	66.69	Chouteau	13.49	Howard	92.12			
Crawford	35.76	Custer	10.12	Jefferson	109.54			
Dade	43.67	Daniels	10.71	Johnson	95.81			
Dallas	51.84	Dawson	9.76	Kearney	138.06			
Daviess	56.04	Deer lodge	23.22	Keith	42.91			
DeKalb	55.28	Fallon	10.37	Keya paha	37.37			
Dent	36.22	Fergus	12.72	Kimball	28.37			
Douglas	36.42	Flathead	91.78	Knox	88.27			
Dunklin	86.06	Gallatin	40.48	Lancaster	147.72			
Franklin	70.06	Garfield	6.69	Lincoln	44.17			
Gasconade	47.47	Glacier	14.70	Logan	31.67			
Gentry	55.17	Golden Valley	9.73	Loup	30.69			
Greene	86.88	Granite	27.93	Madison	153.55			
Grundy	53.40	Hill	10.61	Mcpherson	21.61			
Harrison	47.12	Jefferson	19.44	Merrick	133.89			
Henry	49.96	Judith basin	13.43	Morrill	30.21			
Hickory	44.24	Lake	21.09	Nance	111.54			
Holt	70.86	Lewis and Clark	17.54	Nemaha	120.01			
Howard	47.79	Liberty	12.31	Nuckolls	94.68			
Howell	35.90	Lincoln	46.66	Otoe	130.81			
Iron	33.46	Madison	27.44	Pawnee	85.60			
Jackson	82.59	Mccone	10.50	Perkins	56.47			
Jasper	51.82	Meagher	13.10	Phelps	134.95			
Jefferson	73.38	Mineral	56.00	Pierce	128.56			
Johnson	59.39	Missoula	22.65	Platte	166.98			
Knox	58.38	Musselshell	10.72	Polk	155.98			
Laclede	43.64	Park	19.90	Red willow	51.38			
Lafayette	90.90	Petroleum	10.53	Richardson	112.60			
Lawrence	55.39	Phillips	11.18	Rock	30.03			
Lewis	60.30	Pondera	17.42	Saline	124.45			
Lincoln	62.26	Powder river	9.53	Sarpy	196.30			
Linn	52.86	Powell	17.73	Saunders	148.85			
Livingston	58.18	Prairie	7.59	Scotts bluff	53.78			
Macon	49.95	Ravalli	90.50	Seward	150.68			
Madison	32.59	Richland	11.03	Sheridan	25.60			
Maries	38.87	Roosevelt	11.02	Sherman	70.61			
Marion	76.94	Rosebud	7.13	Sioux	23.78			
McDonald	48.50	Sanders	11.74	Stanton	131.70			

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Nevada	Thayer	103.44	New Hampshire	Cayuga	52.85	North Dakota	Granville	53.22
	Thomas	20.58		Chautauqua	42.92		Greene	57.02
	Thurston	127.37		Chemung	42.99		Guilford	96.04
	Valley	75.94		Chenango	29.54		Halifax	52.89
	Washington	172.02		Clinton	42.04		Harnett	75.93
	Wayne	145.45		Columbia	79.33		Haywood	98.08
	Webster	72.28		Cortland	37.65		Henderson	134.88
	Wheeler	40.32		Delaware	36.83		Hertford	44.16
	York	181.50		Dutchess	129.83		Hoke	66.89
	Carson City	3.03		Erie	59.13		Hyde	46.49
	Churchill	7.98		Essex	37.46		Iredell	86.83
	Clark	10.43		Franklin	40.03		Jackson	101.46
	Douglas	7.09		Fulton	35.39		Johnston	83.04
	Elko	1.75		Genesee	49.74		Jones	43.91
	Esmeralda	8.33		Greene	68.86		Lee	86.13
	Eureka	1.56		Hamilton	60.29		Lenoir	52.75
	Humboldt	3.14		Herkimer	38.50		Lincoln	102.91
	Lander	3.01		Jefferson	30.30		Macon	105.59
	Lincoln	8.72		Kings	7,143.10		Madison	88.91
	Lyon	8.39		Lewis	28.25		Martin	36.71
	Mineral	1.01		Livingston	55.64		Mcdowell	91.71
	Nye	8.34		Madison	46.62		Mecklenburg	330.29
	Pershing	3.14		Monroe	56.10		Mitchell	81.52
	Storey	3.03		Montgomery	44.90		Montgomery	64.21
	Washoe	2.92		Nassau	758.06		Moore	67.56
White Pine	4.84	New York	49.79	Nash	54.08			
New Hampshire	Belknap	65.85	Niagara	46.07	New Hanover	278.30		
	Carroll	69.94	Oneida	40.76	Northampton	43.49		
	Cheshire	87.64	Onondaga	42.08	Onslow	75.44		
	Coos	48.38	Ontario	62.32	Orange	106.57		
	Grafton	51.25	Orange	127.35	Pamlico	39.28		
	Hillsborough	125.89	Orleans	58.66	Pasquotank	53.42		
	Merrimack	89.28	Oswego	34.56	Pender	64.28		
	Rockingham	213.06	Otsego	37.26	Perquimans	47.75		
	Strafford	123.10	Putnam	139.38	Person	60.43		
	Sullivan	62.02	Queens	1,380.45	Pitt	50.30		
New Jersey	Atlantic	165.65	Rensselaer	53.99	Polk	92.37		
	Bergen	2,080.14	Richmond	49.79	Randolph	75.88		
	Burlington	142.35	Rockland	158.41	Richmond	60.26		
	Camden	203.00	Saratoga	81.18	Robeson	47.51		
	Cape may	212.91	Schenectady	72.68	Rockingham	62.03		
	Cumberland	122.24	Schoharie	43.10	Rowan	82.64		
	Essex	5,211.40	Schuyler	48.21	Rutherford	86.39		
	Gloucester	155.80	Seneca	55.95	Sampson	62.97		
	Hudson	2,830.46	St. Lawrence	28.96	Scotland	57.40		
	Hunterdon	197.76	Steuben	37.33	Stanly	68.02		
New Mexico	Mercer	296.44	Suffolk	226.90	Stokes	59.03		
	Middlesex	296.62	Sullivan	63.40	Surry	79.58		
	Monmouth	280.41	Tioga	34.77	Swain	123.59		
	Morris	331.94	Tompkins	48.47	Transylvania	114.93		
	Ocean	264.17	Ulster	105.60	Tyrrell	46.76		
	Passaic	483.31	Warren	80.86	Union	74.93		
	Salem	115.22	Washington	39.23	Vance	51.20		
	Somerset	239.48	Wayne	59.01	Wake	179.40		
	Sussex	144.16	Westchester	139.64	Warren	57.55		
	Union	1,170.03	Wyoming	59.71	Washington	50.62		
New York	Warren	154.14	Yates	77.70	Watauga	108.12		
	Bernalillo	26.41	North Carolina	Alamance	100.17	Wayne	51.90	
	Catron	5.87	Alexander	83.94	Wilkes	69.04		
	Chaves	8.41	Alleghany	72.63	Wilson	52.72		
	Cibola	3.85	Anson	62.62	Yadkin	76.05		
	Colfax	9.26	Ashe	83.60	Yancey	76.32		
	Curry	7.22	Avery	106.26	Adams	19.62		
	De Baca	3.65	Beaufort	52.77	Barnes	36.15		
	Dona ana	21.94	Bertie	49.64	Benson	19.13		
	Eddy	8.60	Bladen	49.89	Billings	14.75		
New York	Grant	5.45	Brunswick	60.09	Bottineau	26.36		
	Guadalupe	3.59	Buncombe	143.87	Bowman	16.21		
	Harding	4.24	Burke	81.08	Burke	18.26		
	Hidalgo	3.92	Cabarrus	110.38	Burleigh	25.16		
	Lea	9.27	Caldwell	71.58	Cass	51.93		
	Lincoln	8.67	Camden	48.85	Cavalier	31.68		
	Los alamos	7.93	Carteret	27.20	Dickey	40.91		
	Luna	7.54	Caswell	48.83	Divide	17.41		
	Mckinley	5.73	Catawba	94.89	Dunn	19.16		
	Mora	12.87	Chatham	93.33	Eddy	26.38		
Otero	7.14	Cherokee	83.56	Emmons	24.86			
Quay	7.41	Chowan	48.42	Foster	33.44			
Rio arriba	16.00	Clay	77.84	Golden Valley	15.70			
Roosevelt	9.84	Cleveland	74.19	Grand forks	45.08			
San juan	7.06	Columbus	47.62	Grant	17.47			
San miguel	7.92	Craven	37.33	Griggs	26.76			
Sandoval	6.67	Cumberland	69.57	Hettinger	20.36			
Santa fe	11.79	Currituck	64.53	Kidder	23.80			
Sierra	3.85	Dare	169.69	Lamoure	39.58			
Socorro	7.27	Davidson	87.08	Logan	23.22			
Taos	19.85	Davie	71.52	Mchenry	19.36			
Torrance	7.42	Duplin	69.63	Mcintosh	22.52			
Union	8.08	Durham	111.37	Mckenzie	17.09			
Valencia	9.99	Edgecombe	41.99	Mclean	32.30			
Albany	71.53	Forsyth	117.72	Mercer	16.14			
Allegany	40.25	Franklin	71.05	Morton	23.57			
Bronx	49.79	Gaston	97.70	Mountrail	18.26			
Broome	39.67	Gates	52.09	Nelson	25.87			
Cattaraugus	35.85	Graham	108.70	Oliver	22.51			

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Ohio	Pembina	49.47	Oklahoma	Stark	130.52	Pennsylvania	Coos	33.55
	Pierce	22.30		Summit	264.80		Crook	15.10
	Ramsey	23.82		Trumbull	71.00		Curry	42.64
	Ransom	35.52		Tuscarawas	89.15		Deschutes	107.62
	Renville	29.49		Union	102.61		Douglas	37.11
	Richland	55.83		Van Wert	121.57		Gilliam	11.17
	Rolette	20.99		Vinton	53.33		Grant	11.06
	Sargent	43.64		Warren	132.17		Harney	10.59
	Sheridan	22.07		Washington	58.80		Hood River	159.90
	Sioux	17.28		Wayne	151.21		Jackson	103.76
	Slope	18.86		Williams	95.23		Jefferson	15.17
	Stark	20.86		Wood	102.55		Josephine	170.40
	Steele	37.43		Wyandot	97.20		Klamath	21.91
	Stutsman	34.53		Adair	42.15		Lake	17.61
	Towner	24.37		Alfalfa	24.16		Lane	106.82
	Trails	47.07		Atoka	25.24		Lincoln	63.32
	Walsh	40.70		Beaver	13.53		Linn	86.93
	Ward	28.71		Beckham	21.75		Malheur	15.46
	Wells	30.14		Blaine	24.91		Marion	142.29
	Williams	17.47		Bryan	36.02		Morrow	18.40
	Adams	66.13		Caddo	27.99		Multnomah	229.50
	Allen	105.00		Canadian	41.91		Polk	85.67
	Ashland	99.27		Carter	31.62		Sherman	11.78
	Ashtabula	68.42		Cherokee	45.23		Tillamook	84.08
	Athens	51.89		Choctaw	32.05		Umatilla	20.36
	Auglaize	129.03		Cimarron	14.59		Union	23.64
	Belmont	55.97		Cleveland	83.14		Wallowa	13.82
	Brown	73.64		Coal	26.04		Wasco	15.11
	Butler	113.51		Comanche	33.40		Washington	187.50
	Carroll	75.43		Cotton	23.08		Wheeler	11.55
	Champaign	115.46		Craig	31.73		Yamhill	106.49
	Clark	115.81		Creek	36.55		Adams	113.85
	Clermont	95.65		Custer	22.99		Allegheny	124.71
	Clinton	103.82		Delaware	41.94		Armstrong	56.10
	Columbiana	92.88		Dewey	18.93		Beaver	88.45
	Coshocton	85.03		Ellis	14.76		Bedford	62.42
	Crawford	101.41		Garfield	25.50		Berks	167.57
	Cuyahoga	409.80		Garvin	33.39		Blair	83.62
	Darke	137.37		Grady	38.23		Bradford	55.23
	Defiance	98.49		Grant	20.47		Bucks	190.35
	Delaware	123.00		Greer	17.70		Butler	88.88
	Erie	113.67		Harmon	16.56		Cambria	61.19
	Fairfield	95.06		Harper	14.12		Cameron	32.32
	Fayette	110.24		Haskell	30.73		Carbon	104.43
	Franklin	144.29		Hughes	27.37		Centre	103.56
	Fulton	100.03		Jackson	21.65		Chester	162.02
	Gallia	45.63		Jefferson	24.08		Clarion	51.82
Geauga	116.72	Johnston	31.03	Clearfield	55.04			
Greene	116.94	Kay	23.59	Clinton	103.14			
Guernsey	65.43	Kingfisher	32.69	Columbia	92.36			
Hamilton	176.04	Kiowa	22.38	Crawford	49.61			
Hancock	104.43	Latimer	27.77	Cumberland	130.94			
Hardin	115.78	Le Flore	35.63	Dauphin	135.75			
Harrison	68.24	Lincoln	38.48	Delaware	365.24			
Henry	98.93	Logan	39.41	Elk	66.39			
Highland	76.55	Love	35.77	Erie	66.05			
Hocking	81.66	Major	21.59	Fayette	88.01			
Holmes	123.46	Marshall	31.79	Forest	81.97			
Huron	93.56	Mayes	43.41	Franklin	110.33			
Jackson	53.78	McClain	46.83	Fulton	66.66			
Jefferson	72.76	McCurtain	28.88	Greene	65.51			
Knox	100.15	McIntosh	32.00	Huntingdon	80.66			
Lake	121.41	Murray	33.51	Indiana	53.73			
Lawrence	42.26	Muskogee	36.63	Jefferson	55.12			
Licking	112.62	Noble	29.80	Juniata	113.17			
Logan	106.97	Nowata	30.94	Lackawanna	91.08			
Lorain	110.62	Okfuskee	31.31	Lancaster	269.53			
Lucas	111.56	Oklahoma	108.26	Lawrence	68.93			
Madison	116.57	Okmulgee	38.22	Lebanon	208.19			
Mahoning	104.37	Osage	23.16	Lehigh	123.66			
Marion	104.01	Ottawa	39.68	Luzerne	72.10			
Medina	118.33	Pawnee	26.51	Lycoming	81.95			
Meigs	48.04	Payne	40.15	Mckean	53.17			
Mercer	157.51	Pittsburg	26.67	Mercer	57.66			
Miami	132.79	Pontotoc	31.17	Mifflin	97.68			
Monroe	52.67	Pottawatomie	39.14	Monroe	125.67			
Montgomery	99.67	Pushmataha	27.60	Montgomery	264.89			
Morgan	54.92	Roger Mills	16.90	Montour	110.42			
Morrow	102.73	Rogers	48.77	Northampton	146.95			
Muskingum	69.61	Seminole	32.39	Northumberland	103.32			
Noble	54.54	Sequoyah	38.05	Perry	108.68			
Ottawa	99.23	Stephens	29.62	Philadelphia	960.40			
Paulding	108.35	Texas	14.92	Pike	39.00			
Perry	77.70	Tillman	20.16	Potter	45.51			
Pickaway	112.82	Tulsa	87.63	Schuylkill	100.61			
Pike	49.08	Wagoner	46.30	Snyder	113.09			
Portage	93.64	Washington	34.34	Somerset	54.57			
Preble	108.82	Washita	20.48	Sullivan	57.55			
Putnam	105.77	Woods	19.07	Susquehanna	65.71			
Richland	111.06	Woodward	18.22	Tioga	56.72			
Ross	80.86	Baker	16.23	Union	155.28			
Sandusky	98.67	Benton	108.03	Venango	52.75			
Scioto	61.15	Clackamas	246.63	Warren	45.26			
Seneca	95.75	Clatsop	81.05	Washington	89.55			
Shelby	132.93	Columbia	88.98	Wayne	79.17			
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Rhode Island	Westmoreland ..	86.47	Tennessee	Lyman	24.77	Texas	Putnam	72.40
	Wyoming	63.86		Marshall	47.68		Rhea	66.41
	York	114.93		Mccook	80.50		Roane	75.65
	Bristol	563.25		Mcperson	30.07		Robertson	93.00
	Kent	168.56		Meade	17.47		Rutherford	128.41
	Newport	406.40		Mellette	15.26		Scott	46.21
South Carolina	Providence	211.59		Miner	55.73		Sequatchie	56.47
	Washington	279.59		Minnehaha	105.06		Sevier	96.84
	Abbeville	48.65		Moody	109.41		Shelby	65.94
	Aiken	66.88		Oglala Lakota	10.97		Smith	67.12
	Allendale	35.35		Pennington	19.04		Stewart	50.50
	Anderson	83.64		Perkins	14.84		Sullivan	104.19
	Bamberg	42.35		Potter	36.02		Sumner	86.90
	Barnwell	44.72		Roberts	51.47		Tipton	54.72
	Beaufort	53.22		Sanborn	47.93		Trousdale	73.01
	Berkeley	39.11		Spink	53.44		Unicoi	137.73
	Calhoun	40.50		Stanley	14.29		Union	57.69
	Charleston	132.95		Sully	31.49		Van Buren	56.50
Cherokee	46.67	Todd		14.70	Warren		82.43	
Chester	44.17	Tripp		26.73	Washington		121.87	
Chesterfield	39.57	Turner		89.69	Wayne		39.37	
Clarendon	36.40	Union		90.02	Weakley		58.63	
Colleton	45.19	Walworth		31.63	White		78.44	
Darlington	33.33	Yankton		69.85	Williamson		89.54	
Dillon	32.89	Ziebach	14.41	Wilson	81.84			
Dorchester	47.22	Anderson	98.25	Anderson	44.54			
Edgefield	56.02	Bedford	77.52	Andrews	18.61			
Fairfield	39.56	Benton	40.04	Angelina	52.47			
Florence	40.35	Bledsoe	51.22	Aransas	21.36			
Georgetown	35.31	Blount	100.60	Archer	23.54			
Greenville	144.37	Bradley	104.28	Armstrong	15.25			
Greenwood	41.91	Campbell	64.28	Atascosa	32.29			
Hampton	38.50	Cannon	76.36	Austin	72.20			
Horry	58.60	Carroll	43.33	Bailey	22.31			
Jasper	54.62	Carter	81.93	Bandera	50.65			
Kershaw	46.37	Cheatham	83.59	Bastrop	72.62			
Lancaster	62.31	Chester	34.84	Baylor	23.42			
Laurens	54.66	Claiborne	55.06	Bee	31.19			
Lee	31.67	Clay	47.51	Bell	53.52			
Lexington	77.98	Cocke	77.44	Bexar	87.97			
Marion	34.21	Coffee	67.43	Blanco	39.00			
Marlboro	32.83	Crockett	59.24	Borden	13.31			
Mccormick	38.37	Cumberland	62.92	Bosque	39.72			
Newberry	46.42	Davidson	155.52	Bowie	42.16			
Oconee	89.29	Decatur	36.91	Brazoria	63.47			
Orangeburg	39.26	Dekalb	60.21	Brazos	70.26			
Pickens	108.76	Dickson	74.15	Brewster	16.06			
Richland	61.12	Dyer	57.86	Briscoe	13.37			
Saluda	52.96	Fayette	53.53	Brooks	22.69			
Spartanburg	112.76	Fentress	52.76	Brown	37.58			
Sumter	42.72	Franklin	74.56	Burleson	55.20			
Union	45.49	Gibson	54.68	Burnet	43.60			
Williamsburg	35.09	Giles	65.90	Caldwell	56.16			
York	102.93	Grainger	72.77	Calhoun	39.02			
South Dakota	Aurora	46.97	Greene	80.46	Callahan	29.75		
	Beadle	48.09	Grundy	62.48	Cameron	49.79		
	Bennett	16.96	Hamblen	85.30	Camp	55.40		
	Bon homme	63.03	Hamilton	107.13	Carson	18.21		
	Brookings	78.20	Hancock	39.96	Cass	41.66		
	Brown	54.07	Hardeman	35.13	Castro	24.85		
	Brule	42.01	Hardin	37.85	Chambers	38.67		
	Buffalo	24.44	Hawkins	62.83	Cherokee	46.75		
	Butte	17.10	Haywood	45.41	Childress	19.69		
	Campbell	29.16	Henderson	37.04	Clay	26.35		
	Charles Mix	48.45	Henry	54.92	Cochran	16.54		
	Clark	59.68	Hickman	51.33	Coke	18.00		
	Clay	93.72	Houston	48.94	Coleman	25.36		
	Codington	54.27	Humphreys	42.06	Collin	152.44		
	Corson	16.84	Jackson	51.16	Collingsworth	14.15		
	Custer	23.07	Jefferson	83.28	Colorado	51.29		
	Davison	58.44	Johnson	75.56	Comal	64.25		
	Day	44.67	Knox	154.13	Comanche	43.79		
	Deuel	68.86	Lake	56.81	Concho	25.58		
	Dewey	13.96	Lauderdale	48.08	Cooke	51.23		
	Douglas	57.32	Lawrence	57.36	Coryell	42.25		
	Edmunds	38.08	Lewis	45.54	Cottle	12.35		
	Fall river	13.63	Lincoln	65.43	Crane	16.84		
	Faulk	41.79	Loudon	99.36	Crockett	12.25		
	Grant	52.96	Macon	73.88	Crosby	15.84		
	Gregory	25.81	Madison	38.82	Culbertson	13.91		
	Haakon	16.52	Marion	65.76	Dallam	22.27		
	Hamlin	64.21	Marshall	70.91	Dallas	98.64		
	Hand	36.19	Mauri	74.12	Dawson	15.85		
	Hanson	64.89	Mcminn	70.28	Deaf Smith	21.44		
	Harding	12.67	Mcnairy	37.00	Delta	48.34		
	Hughes	32.90	Meigs	66.74	Denton	143.35		
	Hutchinson	70.68	Monroe	72.02	DeWitt	44.60		
	Hyde	26.66	Montgomery	65.49	Dickens	20.90		
	Jackson	14.44	Moore	52.59	Dimmit	20.74		
	Jerauld	33.70	Morgan	53.54	Donley	15.76		
	Jones	20.09	Obion	52.52	Duval	17.88		
	Kingsbury	63.00	Overton	50.57	Eastland	35.31		
	Lake	81.48	Perry	39.21	Ector	21.28		
	Lawrence	34.52	Pickett	55.03	Edwards	17.12		
	Lincoln	106.31	Polk	78.93	El Paso	33.98		

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	Ellis	62.69		Milam	52.38		Duchesne	8.75
	Erath	47.82		Mills	43.53		Emery	33.52
	Falls	43.04		Mitchell	16.65		Garfield	23.33
	Fannin	46.11		Montague	45.25		Grand	5.89
	Fayette	63.95		Montgomery	152.48		Iron	18.70
	Fisher	16.10		Moore	21.42		Juab	14.04
	Floyd	13.84		Morris	46.70		Kane	23.74
	Foard	19.76		Motley	13.04		Millard	17.68
	Fort Bend	51.30		Nacogdoches	51.13		Morgan	14.81
	Franklin	56.19		Navarro	43.98		Piute	21.32
	Freestone	50.15		Newton	51.27		Rich	7.70
	Frio	31.53		Nolan	18.45		Salt lake	74.22
	Gaines	16.76		Nueces	34.56		San juan	3.97
	Galveston	177.86		Ochiltree	22.08		Sanpete	26.59
	Garza	14.51		Oldham	12.28		Sevier	28.39
	Gillespie	46.58		Orange	46.59		Summit	23.00
	Glasscock	16.57		Palo Pinto	33.47		Tooele	18.29
	Goliad	43.65		Panola	36.52		Uintah	4.78
	Gonzales	52.31		Parker	80.49		Utah	80.12
	Gray	18.42		Parmer	19.26		Wasatch	47.53
	Grayson	90.69		Pecos	13.74		Washington	46.06
	Gregg	81.58		Polk	47.63		Wayne	54.69
	Grimes	40.22		Potter	14.20	Vermont	Weber	99.05
	Guadalupe	69.31		Presidio	12.48		Addison	47.24
	Hale	18.35		Rains	66.12		Bennington	51.49
	Hall	14.86		Randall	21.44		Caledonia	41.85
	Hamilton	37.51		Reagan	14.57		Chittenden	76.79
	Hansford	23.77		Real	23.26		Essex	29.06
	Hardeman	17.79		Red River	39.64		Franklin	48.15
	Hardin	64.71		Reeves	15.27		Grand isle	91.77
	Harris	105.00		Refugio	29.49		Lamoille	43.23
	Harrison	50.87		Roberts	11.08		Orange	54.62
	Hartley	21.28		Robertson	40.83		Orleans	46.38
	Haskell	22.49		Rockwall	85.98		Rutland	41.82
	Hays	130.40		Runnels	23.07		Washington	62.34
	Hemphill	13.78		Rusk	44.55		Windham	63.39
	Henderson	54.82		Sabine	53.24		Windsor	59.93
	Hidalgo	47.69		San Augustine	50.59	Virginia	Accomack	62.94
	Hill	40.76		San Jacinto	56.47		Albemarle	112.88
	Hockley	18.59		San Patricio	39.52		Alleghany	41.08
	Hood	68.95		San Saba	35.38		Amelia	53.69
	Hopkins	55.21		Schleicher	18.30		Amherst	72.30
	Houston	40.69		Scurry	14.92		Appomattox	89.22
	Howard	16.64		Shackelford	21.99		Arlington	8,593.27
	Hudspeth	12.45		Shelby	41.81		Augusta	201.83
	Hunt	60.70		Sherman	20.82		Bath	106.03
	Hutchinson	14.86		Smith	83.55		Bedford	126.85
	Irion	15.69		Somervell	56.22		Bland	99.37
	Jack	38.73		Starr	26.70		Botetourt	121.06
	Jackson	47.92		Stephens	33.03		Brunswick	72.49
	Jasper	57.43		Sterling	13.84		Buchanan	69.73
	Jeff Davis	12.85		Stonewall	16.92		Buckingham	107.59
	Jefferson	28.50		Sutton	14.79		Campbell	88.99
	Jim Hogg	23.84		Swisher	16.65		Caroline	106.58
	Jim Wells	28.54		Tarrant	78.75		Carroll	92.82
	Johnson	67.26		Taylor	37.11		Charles City	97.27
	Jones	22.84		Terrell	14.73		Charlotte	75.58
	Karnes	34.43		Terry	18.27		Chesapeake	168.64
	Kaufman	64.43		Throckmorton	26.05		City	
	Kendall	49.66		Titus	39.59		Chesterfield	265.76
	Kenedy	21.32		Tom Green	26.50		Clarke	203.18
	Kent	20.50		Travis	83.15		Craig	86.22
	Kerr	41.97		Trinity	38.11		Culpeper	165.72
	Kimble	30.60		Tyler	53.93		Cumberland	109.75
	King	13.18		Uyler	58.83		Dickenson	81.32
	Kinney	18.35		Upton	15.43		Dinwiddie	88.47
	Kleberg	16.29		Uvalde	25.17		Essex	92.10
	Knox	23.13		Val Verde	11.67		Fairfax	484.63
	La Salle	23.92		Van Zandt	55.26		Fauquier	212.21
	Lamar	41.50		Victoria	44.30		Floyd	109.64
	Lamb	17.56		Walker	58.87		Fluvanna	124.43
	Lampasas	36.18		Waller	67.40		Franklin	103.87
	Lavaca	55.80		Ward	20.39		Frederick	208.29
	Lee	59.05		Washington	54.21		Giles	88.61
	Leon	44.06		Webb	20.42		Gloucester	136.02
	Liberty	49.61		Wharton	47.41		Goochland	156.58
	Limestone	31.00		Wheeler	16.01		Grayson	119.82
	Lipscomb	15.74		Wichita	24.31		Greene	188.33
	Live Oak	32.37		Wilbarger	25.14		Greensville	78.20
	Llano	36.14		Willacy	32.54		Halifax	76.45
	Loving	19.50		Williamson	56.16		Hanover	145.19
	Lubbock	31.18		Wilson	52.16		Henrico	174.92
	Lynn	15.24		Winkler	17.73		Henry	85.38
	Madison	46.99		Wise	73.02		Highland	92.22
	Marion	26.19		Wood	62.94		Isle of wight	107.10
	Martin	23.93		Yoakum	18.74		James City	291.62
	Mason	30.97		Young	29.12		King and queen	97.38
	Matagorda	39.10		Zapata	18.30		King George	147.38
	Maverick	19.89		Zavala	25.16		King William	116.67
	McCulloch	24.84	Utah	Beaver	20.04		Lancaster	122.18
	McLennan	65.25		Box Elder	13.23		Lee	76.30
	McMullen	22.63		Cache	40.42		Loudoun	283.06
	Medina	44.39		Carbon	13.88		Louisa	142.83
	Menard	22.95		Daggett	19.14		Lunenburg	76.82
	Midland	18.87		Davis	76.81		Madison	171.55

State	County	Fee/acre/yr	State	County	Fee/acre/yr	State	County	Fee/acre/yr
Washington	Mathews	123.36	Wisconsin	Hancock	53.92	Wyoming	Rusk	42.19
	Mecklenburg	79.70		Hardy	52.90		Sauk	77.93
	Middlesex	114.39		Harrison	43.91		Sawyer	41.40
	Montgomery	139.63		Jackson	32.90		Shawano	74.27
	Nelson	146.29		Jefferson	89.38		Sheboygan	103.45
	New Kent	154.36		Kanawha	48.76		St. Croix	80.09
	Northampton	132.22		Lewis	33.31		Taylor	46.06
	Northumberland	86.68		Lincoln	25.15		Trempealeau	60.74
	Nottoway	91.53		Logan	38.65		Vernon	65.01
	Orange	181.58		Marion	48.44		Vilas	75.95
	Page	187.87		Marshall	46.06		Walworth	108.74
	Patrick	80.02		Mason	37.33		Washburn	47.70
	Pittsylvania	81.75		Mcdowell	50.58		Washington	117.58
	Powhatan	152.80		Mercer	34.31		Waukesha	106.63
	Prince Edward	82.13		Mineral	40.59		Waupaca	69.66
	Prince George	109.78		Mingo	17.09		Waushara	61.14
	Prince William	308.38		Monongalia	74.64		Winnebago	107.28
	Pulaski	101.45		Monroe	43.97		Wood	54.84
	Rappahannock	198.71		Morgan	71.77		Albany	7.79
	Richmond	114.05		Nicholas	38.51		Big Horn	17.31
	Roanoke	165.61		Ohio	55.99		Campbell	7.18
	Rockbridge	141.82		Pendleton	39.71		Carbon	7.27
	Rockingham	255.03		Pleasants	40.30		Converse	5.31
	Russell	83.34		Pocahontas	38.79		Crook	13.30
	Scott	76.04		Preston	40.41		Fremont	14.09
	Shenandoah	169.67		Putnam	41.25		Goshen	14.01
	Smyth	84.49		Raleigh	53.06		Hot Springs	6.16
	Southampton	89.02		Randolph	34.97		Johnson	8.72
	Spotsylvania	162.55		Ritchie	28.96		Laramie	14.99
	Stafford	377.87		Roane	25.84		Lincoln	29.67
	Suffolk	119.01		Summers	33.94		Natrona	6.18
	Surry	97.44		Taylor	52.67		Niobrara	5.92
	Sussex	80.02		Tucker	49.79		Park	21.28
	Tazewell	78.90		Tyler	35.37		Platte	7.69
	Virginia Beach	278.21		Upshur	40.37		Sheridan	11.85
	Warren	217.66		Wayne	33.20		Sublette	15.25
	Washington	145.28		Webster	24.61		Sweetwater	2.90
	Westmoreland	107.62		Wetzel	28.76		Teton	88.29
	Wise	89.31		Wirt	32.93		Uinta	9.96
	Wythe	113.07		Wood	53.87		Washakie	12.15
	York	348.78		Wyoming	50.12		Weston	7.13
	Adams	17.31		Adams	64.00			
	Asotin	14.78		Ashland	40.16			
	Benton	33.71		Barron	53.83			
	Chelan	153.40		Bayfield	34.92			
	Clallam	157.12		Brown	112.82			
Clark	152.27	Buffalo	63.73					
Columbia	18.51	Burnett	44.49					
Cowlitz	87.88	Calumet	102.20					
Douglas	22.60	Chippewa	53.69					
Ferry	7.54	Clark	62.49					
Franklin	42.08	Columbia	93.65					
Garfield	14.73	Crawford	55.79					
Grant	42.35	Dane	117.04					
Grays harbor	30.26	Dodge	90.32					
Island	130.72	Door	72.58					
Jefferson	107.93	Douglas	35.10					
King	314.34	Dunn	60.88					
Kitsap	411.33	Eau Claire	75.64					
Kittitas	34.81	Florence	46.35					
Klickitat	20.16	Fond du lac	97.70					
Lewis	76.49	Forest	58.94					
Lincoln	13.01	Grant	78.29					
Mason	64.27	Green	85.54					
Okanogan	15.66	Green lake	95.21					
Pacific	42.52	Iowa	79.36					
Pend Oreille	28.30	Iron	50.73					
Pierce	230.11	Jackson	54.16					
San Juan	100.03	Jefferson	98.91					
Skagit	115.94	Juneau	61.34					
Skamania	126.36	Kenosha	109.65					
Snohomish	181.65	Kewaunee	92.68					
Spokane	40.20	La crosse	81.04					
Stevens	16.35	Lafayette	95.03					
Thurston	143.85	Langlade	49.50					
Wahkiakum	53.83	Lincoln	47.05					
Walla Walla	30.74	Manitowoc	96.23					
Whatcom	166.24	Marathon	69.23					
Whitman	20.52	Marinette	64.26					
Yakima	22.59	Marquette	62.82					
Barbour	33.56	Menominee	75.95					
Berkeley	88.60	Milwaukee	316.73					
Boone	26.73	Monroe	65.05					
Braxton	22.76	Oconto	66.64					
Brooke	50.53	Oneida	68.93					
Cabell	67.41	Outagamie	93.84					
Calhoun	22.60	Ozaukee	99.91					
Clay	32.64	Pepin	69.68					
Doddridge	31.13	Pierce	72.78					
Fayette	51.77	Polk	57.32					
Gilmer	26.42	Portage	60.68					
Grant	37.77	Price	38.02					
Greenbrier	41.66	Racine	119.88					
Hampshire	46.62	Richland	59.22					
		Rock	105.01					

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2026-0226]

RIN 1625-AA87

Security Zone; National Football League Draft, Ohio River, Allegheny River, Monongahela River, Pittsburgh PA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary security zone for navigable waters near the confluence of the Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela Rivers. The security zone is needed to protect the public from potential threats related to the National Football League Draft, in Pittsburgh, PA. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh.

DATES: This rule is effective April 23, 2026, through April 25, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To view available documents, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for USCG–2026–0226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rule, contact MST3 Jakob Wassler-Beck, MSU Pittsburgh Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 206–815–6624, or email STL-SMB-MSUPittsburgh-Waterways@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background and Authority

The Coast Guard received notification that the National Football League Draft will be happening at Acrisure Stadium in Pittsburgh, PA between April 23, 2026 and April 25, 2026. The Captain of the Port (COTP) Pittsburgh has determined that potential threats present a safety risk to attendees and spectators within the proximity of the event. Therefore, the COTP is issuing this rule under the authority in 46 U.S.C. 70051 and 70124, which is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the security zone.

Because of the safety risks associated with this event, the Coast Guard is issuing this rule without prior notice and comment. As is authorized by 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The Coast Guard was notified of this event on March 16, 2026, but we must establish this security zone by April 23, 2026, to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment. Therefore, we do not have enough time to solicit and respond to comments.

For the same reasons, the Coast Guard finds that under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

III. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a security zone from 12:01 a.m. April 23, 2026, until 11:59 p.m. on April 25, 2026. The security zone will cover all waters of the Ohio River from Mile Marker 0 to Mile Marker 0.5; all waters of the Allegheny

River from Mile Marker 0 to Mile Marker 0.6; and all waters of the Monongahela River from Mile Marker 0 to Mile Marker 0.3. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the security zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or their designated representative.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders.

A. Impact on Small Entities

The regulatory flexibility analysis provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, do not apply to rules that are not subject to notice and comment. Because the Coast Guard has, for good cause, waived the notice and comment requirement that would otherwise apply to this rulemaking, the Regulatory Flexibility Act's flexibility analysis provisions do not apply here.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), if this rule will affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Small businesses may send comments to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards by calling 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

B. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

C. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in that Order.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the

Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

As required by The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538), the Coast Guard certifies that this rule will not result in an annual expenditure of \$100,000,000 or more (adjusted for inflation) by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector.

E. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment.

This rule is a security zone. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

- 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; DHS Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.4.

- 2. Add § 165.T08–0226 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0226 Security Zone; National Football League Draft, Ohio River, Allegheny River, Monongahela River, Pittsburgh, PA.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a security zone: All waters of the Ohio River from Mile Marker 0 to Mile Marker 0.5; all waters of the Allegheny River from Mile Marker 0 to Mile

Marker 0.6; and all waters of the Monongahela River Mile Marker 0 to Mile Marker 0.3.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, *designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Pittsburgh (COTP) in the enforcement of the security zone.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general security zone regulations in subpart D of this part, you may not enter the security zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative on VHF-FM channel 16 or by telephone at (206) 815-6624. Those in the security zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 12:01 a.m. April 23, 2026 to 11:59 p.m. on April 25, 2026.

Justin R. Jolley,

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, MSU Pittsburgh.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 665

[Docket No. 260415-0102]

RIN 0648-BN20

Pacific Island Fisheries; Annual Catch Limit and Accountability Measures; Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 Bottomfish for Fishing Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this final rule, NMFS implements an annual catch limit (ACL) of 493,000 pounds (lb) (223,621 kilograms (kg)) of Deep 7 bottomfish in the main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) for fishing years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. The fishing year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31 of the following

year. This rule maintains current accountability measures (AM) requiring the fishery to close for the remainder of the fishing year if the ACL is reached, and a reduction in the following year's ACL if it is exceeded. This final rule supports the long-term sustainability of the Deep 7 bottomfish fishery.

DATES: The final rule is effective May 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Hawai'i Archipelago (FEP) are available from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, tel. 808-522-8220, fax 808-522-8226, or <https://www.wpcouncil.org>.

Copies of the environmental analyses and other supporting documents for this action are available from <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NOAA-NMFS-2024-0090>, or from Sarah J. Malloy, Regional Administrator, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO), 1845 Wasp Blvd. Bldg. 176, Honolulu, HI 96818.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David O'Brien, NMFS PIRO Sustainable Fisheries, 808-725-5038.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS and the Council manage the Deep 7 bottomfish fishery in Federal waters around Hawai'i under the FEP, as authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Implementing regulations at 50 CFR 665.4 require NMFS to specify an ACL for MHI Deep 7 bottomfish each fishing year based on a recommendation from the Council. The fishing year for MHI Deep 7 bottomfish begins on September 1 and ends on August 31 of the following year. The Deep 7 bottomfish are lehi (*Aphareus rutilans*), ehu (*Etelis carbunculus*), onaga (*E. coruscans*), hapuupuu (*Hyporhodus quernus*), opakapaka (*Pristipomoides filamentosus*), kalekale (*P. sieboldii*), and gindai (*P. zonatus*).

NMFS implements this final rule pursuant to section 303(c) and section 304(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Consistent with a recommendation for the MHI Deep 7 bottomfish fishery made by the Council at its 200th meeting in September 2024, NMFS implements an ACL of 493,000 lb (223,621 kg) for fishing years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 and retains the current AMs (50 CFR 665.211). The proposed rule, published on September 4, 2025 (90 FR 42734), also included an ACL of 493,000 lbs (223,621 kg) for fishing year 2024-2025; however, because that fishing year has ended, that ACL is not included in the final rule. The best information

available on fishery performance indicates 154,167 lb (69,929 kg) of Deep 7 bottomfish were caught in the 2024-2025 fishing year, which is approximately 31 percent of the proposed ACL. The Council recommended the ACL based on a 2024 benchmark stock assessment, and in consideration of the risk of overfishing, past fishery performance, and the acceptable biological catch recommendation from its Scientific and Statistical Committee, with opportunity for input from the public. Because the Deep 7 bottomfish catch for 2024-2025 was considerably less than the proposed ACL, the risk of overfishing has not increased. Therefore, the information on which the Council based its initial recommendation remains valid, so there are no other changes to the analysis or to the proposed ACLs for fishing years 2025-2026 or 2026-2027.

By setting ACLs and maintaining current AMs, this rule ensures continued sustainable management of the MHI Deep 7 bottomfish fishery through 2027. The rule revises the ACL based on updated stock assessment information, and is consistent with the FEP and regulations at 50 CFR 665.4 requiring specification of annual catch limits. NMFS is taking this action in response to Council recommendations made at their 200th meeting in September 2024. The Council made their recommendations after considering the latest stock assessment information as well as the social, ecological, economic, and management needs and uncertainties in the fishery. You may find additional background information on this action in the preamble to the proposed rule.

As with the proposed rule, although not part of the action, the regulatory text in this final rule includes the ACTs and ACLs for the uku fishery because those specifications are part of the same table that includes the ACLs for the Deep 7 bottomfish. Therefore, the uku ACTs and ACLs are included in this final rule but remain unchanged from those set by a previous final rule published on March 28, 2022 (87 FR 17195) (with a clerical correction to that final rule published on December 23, 2022 (87 FR 78876)). Updates to ACLs and ACTs for future fishing years for the uku fishery will be addressed in a separate action.

Comments and Responses

On September 4, 2025, NMFS published a proposed rule, Supplemental Environmental Assessment, and Regulatory Impact Review for public comment (90 FR 42734). The comment period ended on October 6, 2025. NMFS received ten

comments on the proposed rule from members of the general public. NMFS did not receive any comments from fishery management agencies, non-governmental organizations, or from individuals who identified themselves as fishery participants. We summarize the comments that relate directly to this action, group similar comments together, and respond below.

Comment 1: Eight commenters supported the proposed rule, including the proposed ACL and AMs, and expressed support for the science-based fishery management process used to recommend the ACL through the Council. Commenters noted that the ACL system and associated AMs provide a balanced and equitable approach to support conservation and economic sustainability across fishery participants.

Response: For the reasons set out in the proposed rule (90 FR 42734), we agree with the commentors.

Comment 2: Two commenters did not support the proposed rule and suggested that a 39 percent risk of overfishing was too high or creates a greater risk of overfishing. These two commenters suggested that the ACL should be reduced to ensure a lower risk of overfishing.

Response: NMFS, in alignment with recommendations made by the Council, manages this and all federal fisheries sustainably and in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the FEP, and implementing regulations. We disagree that a lower risk of overfishing is necessary. National Standard 1 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act directs NMFS and the fishery councils to manage stocks for “optimum yield,” which is the amount of fish that provides the greatest overall benefit to the nation. Optimum yield takes into account food production and the protection of marine ecosystems and is based on maximum sustainable yield (MSY), as reduced by any relevant economic, social, or ecological factors. Through a public stakeholder-driven process described in the FEP, the Council and advisory bodies evaluated scientific uncertainty and relevant economic, social, or ecological factors and management

needs and uncertainties, and determined that a 39 percent risk of overfishing provided an appropriate level of protection for the stock while not unduly limiting catch available to the fishery and associated communities. This is more conservative than the 50 percent OFL and is also lower than the 40 percent risk of overfishing associated with the previous ACL for this fishery. The Deep 7 stock complex is currently very healthy with a biomass more than double the overfished threshold, and there is only a 1 percent probability that the stock complex is currently overfished given the most recent stock assessment. Even if the fishery caught the entire 493,000 lb (223,621 kg) ACL through the remainder of the 2025–2026 fishing year or in the 2026–2027 fishing year, the probability that the stock would become overfished is only 4 percent. For these reasons, we did not consider adjusting the ACL based on the recommendations of these two commentors.

Changes From the Proposed Rule

This final rule contains one change from the proposed rule. The proposed rule included ACLs for fishing years 2024–2025, 2025–2026, and 2026–2027. However, because the 2024–2025 year has ended, the ACL proposed for that year is not included in this final rule.

Classification

Pursuant to section 304(b)(3) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the NMFS Assistant Administrator has determined that this final rule is consistent with the FEP, other provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and other applicable law.

This final rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

This rule is exempt from the requirements of E.O. 14192 because it is a routine fishing action.

A Tribal summary impact statement under section (5)(b)(2)(B) and section (5)(c)(2)(B) of E.O. 13175 was not required for this final rule because this action does not impose substantial direct compliance costs on Indian Tribal Governments. A Tribal summary impact statement is not required and has not been prepared.

TABLE 2 TO PARAGRAPH (a)

Fishery	2022 ACL (lb)	2023 ACL (lb)	2024 ACL (lb)	2025 ACL (lb)
Uku	295,419	295,419	295,419	295,419

The Chief Counsel for Regulation of the Department of Commerce certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration during the proposed rule stage that this action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The factual basis for the certification was published in the proposed rule and is not repeated here. No comments were received regarding this certification. As a result, a regulatory flexibility analysis was not required and none was prepared.

This final rule contains no information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 665

Accountability measures, Annual catch limits, Bottomfish, Fishing, Hawaii, Pacific Islands, Western Pacific.

Dated: April 16, 2026.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, NMFS amends 50 CFR part 665 as follows:

PART 665—FISHERIES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC

■ 1. The authority citation for part 665 continues to read as follows:

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

■ 2. In § 665.211, revise paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 665.211 Annual Catch Limits (ACL) and Annual Catch Targets (ACT).

(a) In accordance with § 665.4, the ACLs and ACTs for MHI bottomfish fishery for each fishing year are as follows:

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (a)

Fishery	2025–26 ACL (lb)	2026–27 ACL (lb)
Deep 7 bottomfish	493,000	493,000

TABLE 3 TO PARAGRAPH (a)

Fishery	2022 ACT (lb)	2023 ACT (lb)	2024 ACT (lb)	2025 ACT (lb)
Uku	291,010	291,010	291,010	291,010

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 260305-0067; RTID 0648-XF449]

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 A season allowance of the 2026 total allowable catch (TAC) of pollock for Statistical Area 610 in the GOA.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 17, 2026, through 1200 hrs, A.l.t., September 1, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Zaleski, 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 and recommended by the North Pacific

Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens 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 2026 A season allowance of pollock TAC in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA is 4,109 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2026 and 2027 harvest specifications for groundfish in the GOA (91 FR 11902, March 11, 2026).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(i) and (ii)(B), the Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) has determined that the 2026 A season allowance of pollock TAC in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA will be or has been reached. Therefore, the Regional Administrator is establishing a directed fishing allowance of 3,959 mt and is setting aside the remaining 150 mt as incidental catch because it is necessary to support other anticipated groundfish fisheries. In accordance with § 679.20(d)(1)(iii), the Regional Administrator finds that this directed fishing allowance will be or has been reached. Consequently, NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the GOA to prevent exceeding the A season allowance of pollock TAC 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

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This action is required by 50 CFR part 679, which was issued pursuant to section 304(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), there is good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest, as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data on pollock catch in a timely fashion, and would delay the A season closure of directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the GOA, which could result in an exceedance of the A season allowance of the pollock TAC in Statistical Area 610. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data about pollock catch only became available as of April 16, 2026.

There is good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to establish an effective date less than 30 days after date of publication. This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

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

Dated: April 16, 2026.

Kelly Denit,

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 TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 27

[Docket No. FAA–2025–5245; Notice No. 27–26–01–SC]

Special Conditions: Skyrise, Robinson Helicopter Company Model R66 Helicopter; Flight Control System Annunciation of Control

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed special conditions.

SUMMARY: This action proposes special conditions for the Robinson Helicopter Company (Robinson) Model R66 helicopter. This helicopter, as modified by Skyrise, will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for normal category helicopters. This design feature replaces the mechanical flight controls with a digital fly-by-wire (FBW) system. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

DATES: Send comments on or before June 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by Docket No. FAA–2025–5245 using any of the following methods:

Federal eRegulations Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: Take comments to Docket Operations in

Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Fax: Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202–493–2251.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Johannes VanHoudt, Product Policy Management, AIR–62B, Technical Policy Branch, Policy and Standards Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone (816) 329–4144; email john.g.van.houdt@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested people to take part in this rulemaking by sending written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposed special conditions, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data.

The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date for comments, and will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring delay. The FAA may change these special conditions based on the comments received.

Privacy

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information you provide. The FAA will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received about these special conditions.

Confidential Business Information

Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial

information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to these special conditions contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to these special conditions, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as “PROPIN.” The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and the indicated comments will not be placed in the public docket of these proposed special conditions. Send submissions containing CBI to the individual listed in the For Further Information Contact section above. Comments the FAA receives, which are not specifically designated as CBI, will be placed in the public docket for these proposed special conditions.

Background

On April 10, 2023, Skyrise applied for a supplemental type certificate (STC) for replacing the current mechanical primary flight controls with an FBW flight control system (FCS) in the Robinson Model R66 helicopter. The Robinson Model R66 helicopter, currently approved under Type Certificate No. R00015LA, is a single engine normal category rotorcraft with a maximum takeoff weight of 2,700 pounds and a maximum seating capacity of five passengers. The Model R66 is a single pilot helicopter approved for day and night operations under visual flight rules (VFR) only.

Section 27.695 was issued in 1964 for rotorcraft with rudimentary mechanical systems. The state of technology at that time provided no basis for a digital replacement. Skyrise is proposing to replace the current mechanical primary flight controls on the Model R66 helicopter with a digital FBW FCS. Because of the loss of pilot awareness that would have been provided by mechanical system feedback to the cyclic, an annunciation requirement is necessary through these special conditions.

Type Certification Basis

Under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.101, Skyrise must show that the

Robinson Model R66 helicopter, as changed, continues to meet the applicable provisions of the regulations incorporated by reference in Type Certificate No. R00015LA or the applicable regulations in effect on the date of application for the change.

If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations (*i.e.*, 14 CFR part 27) do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the Robinson Model R66 helicopter because of a novel or unusual design feature, special conditions are prescribed under the provisions of § 21.16.

Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should the applicant apply for an STC to modify any other model included on the same type certificate to incorporate the same novel or unusual design feature, these special conditions would also apply to the other model under § 21.101.

In addition to the applicable airworthiness regulations and special conditions, the Robinson Model R66 helicopter must comply with the fuel-vent and exhaust-emission requirements of 14 CFR part 34, and the noise-certification requirements of 14 CFR part 36.

The FAA issues special conditions, as defined in 14 CFR 11.19, in accordance with § 11.38, and they become part of the type certification basis under § 21.101.

Novel or Unusual Design Feature

The Robinson Model R66 helicopter would incorporate the following novel or unusual design feature:

A primary FCS that replaces the mechanical cyclic and collective with a FBW FCS. Skyryse applied for a supplemental type certificate for a system with aircraft-agnostic flight automation technology, the SkyOS, in Robinson Model R66 rotorcraft. The flight control inputs from this FBW system will replace the tactical feedback from pushrods with a position calculated by a computer. The SkyOS does not modify the engine, main rotor, tail rotor, or physical travel limits of the flight control surfaces.

Discussion

The proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards. The proposed special conditions are required to address the gap in the regulation that was created by the replacement of mechanical primary

flight control with digital controls. Section 27.695 is based on the ability of the pilot to manage control of the rotorcraft with tactile feedback, which does not exist in the proposed FBW design. As such, to provide the same level of safety, these proposed special conditions would require a display of the commanded positions of the primary flight controls and any information regarding the FBW system state of operation.

Applicability

As discussed above, these proposed special conditions are applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should the applicant apply for an STC to modify any other model included on the same type certificate to incorporate the same novel or unusual design feature, these special conditions would apply to the other model as well.

Conclusion

This action affects only a certain novel or unusual design feature on one helicopter model. It is not a rule of general applicability and affects only the applicant who applied to the FAA for approval of these features on the helicopter.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 27

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority Citation

The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, 44701, 44702, and 44704.

The Proposed Special Conditions

Accordingly, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes the following special conditions as part of the type certification basis for the Robinson Helicopter Company Model R66 helicopter, as modified by Skyryse.

Flight Control Systems

The flight control system functions, controls, indications, and alerts must be designed to minimize flightcrew errors and confusion concerning operation of the flight control system. This includes any degraded functions required for continued safe flight and landing. Means must be provided to indicate the current mode of operation to the pilot. The controls and indications must be grouped and presented to the pilot in a format that clearly defines the flight control system functions. The displayed information must be visible to the flightcrew under all expected lighting conditions.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 16, 2026.

Jorge R. Castillo,

Manager, Technical Policy Branch, Policy and Standards Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2026-3488; Project Identifier AD-2024-00583-R]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Various Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2015-20-12, which applies to certain Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S-61A, D, E, L, N, NM serial number (S/N) 61454, R, and V; Croman Corporation Model SH-3H; Carson Helicopters, Inc., Model S-61L and SH-3H; Glacier Helicopter, Inc., Model CH-3E; Robinson Air Crane, Inc., Model CH-3E, CH-3C, HH-3C and HH-3E; and Siller Helicopters Model CH-3E and SH-3A helicopters. AD 2015-20-12 requires calculating or recalculating the hours time-in-service (TIS) of the main rotor shaft (MRS), determining whether the MRS is repetitive external lift (REL) or non-REL, performing a nondestructive inspection (NDI) for cracks, replacing any MRS that has cracks, replacing parts before their life limits and removing from service any parts that have exceeded their life limits. This proposed AD would also require establishing retirement lives for each REL MRS, including reducing life limits and allowing for modification of life limits based on service information, and removing any MRS with oversized dowel pin bores. Since the FAA issued AD 2015-20-12, a design re-evaluation shows that the MRS on certain helicopter models requires a lower life limit. This proposed AD would retain some of the requirements of AD 2015-20-12, and would also lower the retirement life for a certain MRS installed on certain helicopters and would update the type certificate holder name for some of the affected helicopter models. The FAA is proposing this AD

to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by June 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

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AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2026-3488; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For Sikorsky material identified in this proposed AD, contact a Sikorsky Field Representative or Sikorsky's Service Engineering Group at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, Mailstop K100, 124 Quarry Road, Trumbull, CT 06611; telephone 1-800-946-4337 (1-800-Winged-S); email: *wcs_cust_service_eng_gr-sik@lmco.com*; website: *sikorsky360.com*.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2026-3488.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Isabel Saltzman, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: (781) 238-7649; email: *ECB-COS@faa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments using a method listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include "Docket No. FAA-2026-3488; Project Identifier AD-2024-00583-R" at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the

proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may revise this proposal because of those comments.

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Background

The FAA issued AD 2015-20-12, Amendment 39-18291 (80 FR 63422, October 20, 2015) (AD 2015-20-12), for Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation; Sikorsky Aircraft; Croman Corporation; Carson Helicopters, Inc.; Glacier Helicopter, Inc.; Robinson Air Crane, Inc.; and Siller Helicopters Model S-61A, D, E, L, N, NM (S/N 61454), R, V, CH-3C, CH-3E, HH-3C, HH-3E, SH-3A, and SH-3H helicopters with a MRS, part number S6135-20640-001, S6135-20640-002, or S6137-23040-001, installed. AD 2015-20-12 was prompted by the manufacturer's re-evaluation of the retirement life for the MRS based on torque, ground-air-ground (GAG) cycle, and fatigue testing. AD 2015-20-12 requires recording the number of external lift cycles (lift cycles) performed and the hours TIS,

determining whether the MRS is REL or Non-REL (see paragraph (h) of this AD for calculation), performing an NDI for any MRS used in REL operations and replacing a cracked MRS, and marking any REL MRS at the time of the NDI. AD 2015-20-12 also requires, when recording the number of hours TIS, using either the helicopter's hours TIS or the helicopter's transmission hours TIS if both the shaft and transmission were installed new at the same time where there is no record of the hours TIS on an individual MRS. AD 2015-20-12 also requires calculating a 250-hour TIS moving average of lift cycles to determine whether the MRS is an REL MRS (see paragraph (h) of this AD for calculation); determining a new retirement life for each MRS based on hours TIS and lift cycles; removing from service any MRS with oversized dowel pin bores; extending the hours TIS required for identifying the MRS as an REL MRS to coincide with the NDI to prevent repeated disassembly of the shaft; and extending the time required to replace the MRS and revising calculations for establishing the retirement life. The FAA issued AD 2015-20-12 to prevent MRS structural failure, loss of power to the main rotor, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

Actions Since AD 2015-20-12 Was Issued

Since the FAA issued AD 2015-20-12, another design re-evaluation of the MRS was performed and the re-evaluation showed that further reducing the retirement life for Non-REL MRS is required to address the unsafe condition.

Additionally, this proposed AD would update the current type certificate holder information for Model USAF CH-3C, HH-3C, CH-3E, and HH-3E helicopters from Robinson Air Crane, Inc. to Reynolds Aviation, as reflected in Type Certificate Data Sheet R00007AT Revision 1, dated August 25, 2015.

AD 2015-20-12 describes life limits as retirement lives. Retirement lives and life limits are used interchangeably throughout this AD. While life limit is the 14 CFR part 43 terminology, the FAA uses retirement life and life limit in this AD because some of the initial requirements of this AD have been in place for over a decade.

FAA's Determination

The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed Sikorsky Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 61B-35-69 Revision A, dated October 10, 2023, which specifies procedures for determining the total number of accumulated cycles since new for the MRS, determining REL and Non-REL status, assigning new REL and Non-REL MRS retirement lives, marking the REL MRS, and annotating the retirement life of the MRS in the existing helicopter logbook.

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course

of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would retain the requirements of AD 2015-20-12, except the retirement life of a Non-REL MRS. This proposed AD would require reducing the retirement life of a Non-REL MRS currently assigned a 13,000-hour TIS retirement life to 7,300 hours TIS. If the hours TIS on a Non-REL MRS are greater than 7,300 hours TIS and the MRS is installed, this proposed AD would require removing it from service at the next main gearbox overhaul. If the

hours TIS on a Non-REL MRS are greater than 7,300 hours TIS, and the MRS is uninstalled or in overhaul, this proposed AD would require removing it from service. If the hours TIS on a Non-REL MRS are less than 7,300 hours TIS, this proposed AD would require removing the MRS from service before exceeding 7,300 hours TIS.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 76 helicopters of U.S. registry.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD: Estimated costs

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
NDI of an REL MRS	3 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$255	\$50	\$305	\$23,180
Replace/remove an MRS	3 work-hours × 85 per hour = 255	81,216	81,471	6,191,796
Revise the log card	1 work-hour × 85 per hour = 85	0	85	6,460

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that the proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and

(3) Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by:
 - a. Removing Airworthiness Directive 2015-20-12, Amendment 39-18291 (80 FR 63422, October 20, 2015); and
 - b. Adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Various Helicopters: Docket No. FAA-2026-3488; Project Identifier AD-2024-00583-R.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by June 5, 2026.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2015-20-12, Amendment 39-18291 (80 FR 63422, October 20, 2015).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to various helicopters, certificated in any category, identified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (7) of this AD, with a main rotor shaft (MRS) part number S6135-20640-001, S6135-20640-002, or S6137-23040-001, installed.

(1) Model CH-3E helicopters; current type certificate holders include but are not limited to, Glacier Helicopter, Inc. and Siller Helicopters.

(2) Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S-61A, S-61D, S-61E, and S-61V helicopters.

(3) Sikorsky Aircraft Model S-61L, S-61N, S-61NM (serial number (S/N) 61454), and S-61R helicopters.

(4) Model S-61L helicopters; current type certificate holders include but are not limited to, Carson Helicopters.

(5) Model SH-3A helicopters; current type certificate holders include but are not limited to, Siller Helicopters.

(6) Model SH-3H helicopters; current type certificate holders include but are not limited to, Carson Helicopters and Croman Corporation.

(7) Model USAF CH-3C, CH-3E, HH-3C, and HH-3E helicopters; current type certificate holders include but are not limited to, Reynolds Aviation.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code/Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 6320, Main Rotor Gearbox.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a design re-evaluation that shows that the MRS on certain helicopter models requires a lower life limit based on torque, ground-air-ground (GAG) cycle, and fatigue testing. The FAA is issuing this AD to detect and correct a fatigue crack in the MRS. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in a MRS structural failure, loss of power to the main rotor, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Required Actions

(1) Within 10 hours time-in-service (TIS) after November 24, 2015 (the effective date of AD 2015–20–12):

(i) Create a component history card or equivalent record for each MRS.

(ii) If there is no record of the hours TIS on an individual MRS, substitute the helicopter's hours TIS or the helicopter's transmission hours TIS if both the shaft and transmission were installed new at the same time.

(iii) If the record of external lift cycles (lift cycles) on an individual MRS is incomplete, add the known number of lift cycles to a number calculated by multiplying the number of hours TIS of the individual MRS by the average lift cycles calculated according to the instructions in paragraph (h)(1) of this AD or by a factor of 13.6, whichever is higher. An external lift cycle is defined as a flight cycle in which an external load is picked up, the helicopter is repositioned (through flight or hover), and the helicopter hovers and releases the load and departs or lands and departs.

(iv) At the end of each day's operations, record the number of lift cycles performed and the hours TIS.

(2) Within 250 hours TIS after November 24, 2015 (the effective date of AD 2015–20–12), determine whether the MRS is a repetitive external lift (REL) or Non-REL MRS.

(i) Calculate the first moving average of lift cycles by following the instructions in paragraph (h)(1) of this AD.

(A) If the calculation results in 6 or more lift cycles per hour TIS, the MRS is an REL MRS.

(B) If the calculation results in less than 6 lift cycles per hour TIS, the MRS is a Non-REL MRS.

(ii) If the MRS is a Non-REL MRS based on the calculation performed in accordance with paragraph (g)(2)(i) of this AD, thereafter at intervals of 50 hours TIS, recalculate the average lift cycles per hour TIS by following the instructions in paragraph (h)(2) of this AD.

(iii) Once an MRS is determined to be an REL MRS, you no longer need to perform the 250-hour TIS moving average calculation, but you must continue to count and record the lift cycles and number of hours TIS.

(iv) If an MRS is determined to be an REL MRS, it remains an REL MRS for the rest of its service life and is subject to the retirement times for an REL MRS.

(3) Within 1,100 hours TIS after November 24, 2015 (the effective date of AD 2015–20–12):

(i) Conduct a Non-Destructive Inspection for a crack on each MRS. If there is a crack in an MRS, before further flight, replace it with an airworthy MRS.

(ii) If an MRS is determined to be an REL MRS, identify it as an REL MRS by etching "REL" on the outside diameter of the MRS near the part S/N by following the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph

3.C., of Sikorsky Alert Service Bulletin No. 61B–35–69 Revision A, dated October 10, 2023.

(4) Replace each MRS with an airworthy MRS on or before reaching the revised retirement life as follows:

(i) For an REL MRS that is not modified by following Sikorsky Customer Service Notice (CSN) No. 6135–10, dated March 18, 1987, and Sikorsky Service Bulletin (SB) No. 61B35–53, dated December 2, 1981 (unmodified REL MRS), the retirement life is 30,000 lift cycles or 1,500 hours TIS, whichever occurs first.

(ii) For an REL MRS that is modified by following Sikorsky CSN No. 6135–10, dated March 18, 1987, and Sikorsky SB No. 61B35–53 dated December 2, 1981; or Sikorsky CSN No. 6135–10A and Sikorsky SB No. 61B35–53A, both Revision A, and both dated April 19, 2004 (modified REL MRS), the retirement life is 30,000 lift cycles or 5,000 hours TIS, whichever occurs first.

(iii) For a Non-REL MRS, within 5 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the 13,000-hour TIS retirement life to 7,300 hours TIS by recording the new or revised retirement life on the MRS component history card or equivalent record.

(A) If the hours TIS on the MRS are 7,300 hours TIS or greater as of the effective date of this AD, and the MRS is installed, at the next main gearbox overhaul, remove it from service.

(B) If the hours TIS on the MRS are 7,300 hours TIS or greater as of the effective date of this AD, and the MRS is uninstalled or in overhaul, before further flight, remove it from service.

(C) If the hours TIS on the MRS are less than 7,300 hours TIS as of the effective date of the AD, remove the MRS from service before exceeding 7,300 hours TIS.

(5) Within 5 days after the effective date of this AD, establish or revise the retirement lives of the MRS as indicated in paragraphs (g)(4)(i) through (g)(4)(ii) of this AD by recording the new or revised retirement life on the MRS component history card or equivalent record.

(6) Within 50 hours TIS after November 24, 2015 (the effective date of AD 2015–20–12), remove from service any MRS with oversized (0.8860" or greater diameter) dowel pin bores.

(h) Calculating Average Lift Cycles per Hour TIS

(1) Calculating the first moving average of lift cycles per hour TIS. The first moving average calculation is performed on the MRS assembly when the external lift component history card record reflects that the MRS assembly has reached its first 250 hours TIS. To perform the calculation, divide the total number of lift cycles performed during the first 250 hours TIS by 250. The result will be the first moving average calculation of lift cycles per hour TIS.

(2) Calculating subsequent moving average of lift cycles per hour TIS. Subsequent moving average calculations are performed on the MRS assembly at intervals of 50 hours TIS after the first moving average calculation. Subtract the total number of lift cycles performed during the first 50-hour TIS

interval used in the previous moving average calculation from the total number of lift cycles performed on the MRS assembly during the previous 300 hours TIS. Divide this result by 250. The result will be the next or subsequent moving average calculation of lift cycles per hour TIS. (See Note 1 to paragraph (h)(2) of this AD for a sample calculation of subsequent 50-hour TIS intervals).

Note 1 to paragraph (h)(2) of this AD: Sample calculation for subsequent 50-hour TIS intervals. Assume the total number of lift cycles for the first 50-hour TIS interval used in the previous moving average calculation = 450 lift cycles and the total number of lift cycles for the previous 300 hours TIS = 2,700 lift cycles. The subsequent moving average of lift cycles per hour TIS = (2,700—450) divided by 250 = 9 lift cycles per hour TIS.

(i) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for the actions identified in paragraph (g)(3)(ii) of this AD if they were completed before the effective date of this AD using Sikorsky Alert Service Bulletin No. 61B–35–69, dated April 19, 2004.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, East Certification Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the East Certification Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k)(1) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local Flight Standards District Office/certificate holding district office.

(k) Additional Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Isabel Saltzman, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: (781) 238–7649; email: ECB-COS@faa.gov.

(2) Material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference contains additional information about the subject of this AD and is available at the address specified in paragraph (l)(3) of this AD.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Sikorsky Alert Service Bulletin No. 61B–35–69 Revision A, dated October 10, 2023.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Sikorsky material identified in this AD, contact a Sikorsky Field Representative or Sikorsky's Service Engineering Group at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, Mailstop

K100, 124 Quarry Road, Trumbull, CT 06611; telephone 1-800-946-4337 (1-800-Winged-S); email: wcs_cust_service_eng.gr-sik@lmco.com; website: sikorsky360.com.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on April 16, 2026.

Steven W. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2026-4167; Airspace Docket No. 26-ASW-9]

RIN 2120-AA66

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Glen Rose, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish Class E airspace at Rancho Hielo Brazos Airport, Glen Rose, TX. The FAA is proposing this action to support new instrument procedures and instrument flight rule (IFR) operations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by FAA Docket No. FAA-2026-4167 and Airspace Docket No. 26-ASW-9 using any of the following methods:

* *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

* *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

* *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9

a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

* *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FAA Order JO 7400.11K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raul Garza Jr, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, OH 76177; telephone (817) 222-5874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Rancho Hielo Brazos Airport, Glen Rose, TX, to support IFR operations at this airport.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include

supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should submit only one time if comments are filed electronically, or commenters should send only one copy of written comments if comments are filed in writing.

The FAA will file in the docket all comments it receives, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. Before acting on this proposal, the FAA will consider all comments it received on or before the closing date for comments. The FAA will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. The FAA may change this proposal in light of the comments it receives.

Privacy: 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-14FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at www.regulations.gov. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section for the address, phone number, and hours of operation). An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Central Service Center, Operations Support Group, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, OH 76177.

Incorporation by Reference

Class E airspace is published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document proposes to amend the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11K, dated August 4, 2025, and effective September 15, 2025. These updates would be published subsequently in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. FAA

Order JO 7400.11K, which lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points, is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 that would establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6-mile radius of Rancho Hielo Brazos Airport, Glen Rose, TX.

This action is the result of instrument procedures being developed for this airport to support IFR operations.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Order 2100.6B, “Policies and Procedures for Rulemakings” (March 10, 2025); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this proposed rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1G, “FAA National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures” prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

■ 1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 4, 2025, and effective September 15, 2025, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ASW TX E5 Glen Rose, TX [Establish]

Rancho Hielo Brazos Airport, TX
(Lat. 32°12'02" N, long. 97°50'32" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6-mile radius of Rancho Hielo Brazos Airport, and within 2.2 miles each side of the 006° bearing from the airport extending from the 6-mile radius to 8.4 miles north of the airport, and within 2.2 miles each side of the 186° bearing from the airport extending from the 6-mile radius to 8.5 miles south of the airport.

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Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 16, 2026.

Courtney E. Johns,

*Acting Manager, Operations Support Group,
ATO Central Service Center.*

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 1

[File No. R607002]

Petition for Rulemaking of Andrew Gonzalez

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Receipt of petition; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Please take notice that the Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) received a petition for rulemaking from Andrew Gonzalez and has published that petition online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. The Commission invites written comments concerning the petition. Publication of this petition is pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and does not affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments must identify the petition docket number and be filed by May 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may view the petition, identified by docket number FTC–2026–0397, and submit written comments concerning its merits by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online

instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit sensitive or confidential information. You may read background documents or comments received at <https://www.regulations.gov> at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of the Secretary (phone: 202–326–2514, email: ElectronicFilings@ftc.gov), Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 57a(1)(B), and FTC Rule 1.31(f), 16 CFR 1.31(f), notice is hereby given that the above-captioned petition has been filed with the Secretary of the Commission and has been placed on the public record for a period of 30 days. Any person may submit comments in support of or in opposition to the petition. All timely and responsive comments submitted in connection with this petition will become part of the public record.

This petition requests to promulgate a new rule or amend existing regulations to mandate disclosures regarding indirect auto lending. The Commission will not consider the petition’s merits until after the comment period closes. It may grant or deny the petition in whole or in part, and it may deem the petition insufficient to warrant commencement of a rulemaking proceeding. The purpose of this document is to facilitate public comment on the petition to aid the Commission in determining what, if any, action to take regarding the request contained in the petition. This document is not intended to start, stop, cancel, or otherwise affect rulemaking proceedings in any way.

Because your comment will be placed on the publicly accessible website at <https://www.regulations.gov>, you are solely responsible for making sure your comment does not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, your comment should not include any sensitive personal information, such as your or anyone else’s Social Security number; date of birth; driver’s license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure your comment does not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any “trade secret or any commercial or financial information which . . . is privileged or

confidential”—as provided by section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2).

(Authority: 15 U.S.C. 46; 15 U.S.C. 57a; 5 U.S.C. 601 note)

April J. Tabor,

Secretary.

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0047]

Importation of Fresh Leaves and Stems of Glasswort From Israel Into the United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our decision to authorize the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort (*Salicornia europaea* L.) for consumption from Israel into the United States. Based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, which we made available to the public for review and comment through a previous notice, we have determined that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort from Israel.

DATES: Imports may be authorized beginning April 21, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Gina Stiltner, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, PPQ, APHIS, 500 New Karner Road, Suite 2, Albany, NY 12055; (518) 760–2468; Gina.L.Stiltner@USDA.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart L-Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–12, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to

prevent plant pests from being introduced into and spread within the United States.

Section 319.56–4 of the regulations contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of commodities that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section. Under this process, APHIS proposes to authorize the importation of a fruit or vegetable into the United States if, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, we determine that the measures can mitigate the plant pest risk associated with the importation of that fruit or vegetable. APHIS then publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation of that fruit or vegetable. Following the close of the 60-day comment period, APHIS will issue a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register** announcing whether or not we will authorize the importation of the fruit or vegetable subject to the phytosanitary measures specified in the notice.

In accordance with that process, we published a notice¹ in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2025 (90 FR 15429–15429, Docket No. APHIS–2024–0047), in which we announced the availability, for review and comment, of a pest risk analysis that evaluated the risks associated with the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort (*Salicornia europaea* L.) for consumption from Israel into the United States. The pest risk analysis consisted of a risk assessment identifying pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort from Israel and a risk management document (RMD) identifying phytosanitary measures to be applied to that commodity to mitigate the pest risk.

We solicited comments on the notice for 60 days ending June 10, 2025. We received two comments from private citizens by that date. The first commenter raised several issues beyond the scope of the docket, asking for reevaluation of current United States

¹ To view the notice, supporting documents, and the comments we received, go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2024–0047 in the Search field.

policy regarding the imposition of tariffs and non-engagement by the United States in the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine.

The second commenter argued that glasswort should not be imported under the category of fruits and vegetables for consumption because it can be harmful to pets.

APHIS’ processes for evaluating requests for market access for a plant or plant product are specified in 7 CFR 319.5. In that subpart, requests for market access must include the proposed end use of the plant or plant product. In this case, the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Israel asked for market access for glasswort intended for human consumption. Our analyses were predicated on this intended end use, and glasswort from Israel manifested or otherwise labeled for pet food use will be refused entry into the United States.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c)(3)(iii), we are announcing our decision to authorize the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort (*Salicornia europaea* L.) for consumption from Israel into the United States subject to the phytosanitary measures identified in the RMD that accompanied the initial notice. These conditions will be listed in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s APHIS Agricultural Commodity Import Requirements (ACIR) database (<https://acir.aphis.usda.gov/s/>). In addition to these specific measures, each shipment must be subject to the general requirements listed in § 319.56–3 that are applicable to the importation of all fruits and vegetables.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the recordkeeping and burden requirements associated with this action are covered under the Office of Management and Budget control number 0579–0049.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.)

Done in Washington, DC, this 17th day of April 2026.

Kelly Moore,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XF689]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad-hoc Sacramento River Fall Chinook (SRFC) Workgroup will hold an online meeting in May 2026.

DATES: The online meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Pacific Time or until business for the day concludes.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Hayden York (hayden.york@pcouncil.org) or contact him at (503) 820–2424 for technical assistance.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Forristall, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2419.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 2026 peer review meeting on methods to evaluate a revised spawner abundance at maximum sustainable yield (S_{MSY}) for Sacramento River fall Chinook. Additional discussions may include, but are not limited to, future meetings, workload planning, and upcoming Pacific Council agenda items.

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

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Hayden York (hayden.york@pcouncil.org; (503) 820–2424) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 16, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****The 51st Meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force**

AGENCY: The Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA and the Department of the Interior (DOI) will hold the 51st meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF). NOAA and DOI will be accepting oral comments during the meeting; written comments may be submitted in advance using the information in the **ADDRESSES** section.

DATES: NOAA and DOI will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) at the Hilton Garden Inn, 886 Ashford Ave, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00907. Advanced registration is required to attend; please register online at <http://www.drna.pr.gov/51uscrtfm-2025/51uscrtfm-2025-registration/>. Written comments must be received before 8 a.m. ET on Friday, May 1, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by the following methods:

Oral Comments: NOAA and DOI will accept oral comments at the meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.

Written Comments: Please submit written comments to Michael Lameier,

NOAA, USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, via email at michael.lameier@noaa.gov. In the subject heading of your email, please include “Written comments for the 51st U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting”.

Instructions: All comments NOAA and DOI receive are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the USCRTF or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered. Commenters are encouraged to ensure comments address the USCRTF meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues. NOAA cannot accept anonymous comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Lameier, NOAA USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, (808) 683–2213, michael.lameier@noaa.gov, or Liza Johnson, DOI USCRTF Steering Committee Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, (202) 255–9843, Liza_M_Johnson@ios.doi.gov, or visit the USCRTF website at <http://www.coralreef.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USCRTF meeting provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among Federal agencies, State and territorial governments, and non-governmental partners. Registration is requested to participate in the meeting. This meeting has time allotted for public oral comment from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the USCRTF website after the meeting. For more information about the meeting and to register, please visit <https://www.drna.pr.gov/51uscrtfm-2025/51uscrtfm-2025-registration/>.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6451 *et seq.*; E.O. 13089, 63 FR 32701.

Nicole R. LeBoeuf,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XF588]

Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; Request for an Exempted Fishing Permit

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from Cultimar Technologies, Inc. (Cultimar). If granted by NMFS, the EFP would authorize the applicant to collect 200 sexually mature American red snapper from Federal waters off the Atlantic coast of Florida to establish a dedicated broodstock population at a hatchery research facility in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The project aims to establish a genetically diverse breeding population to study the biology, physiology, and aquaculture potential of the species, and to develop scalable fingerling production protocols for the aquaculture industry.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the application, identified by [NOAA–NMFS–2026–1057] by either of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and type [NOAA–NMFS–2026–1057], in the Search box. Click the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Karla Gore, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

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 on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, *etc.*), 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.

An electronic copy of the EFP application may be obtained from the Southeast Regional Office website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/resources-fishing/cultimar-exempted-fishing-permit-red-snapper-collection-aquaculture>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karla Gore, 727–824–5305, karla.gore@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) concerning exempted fishing.

The applicants seek to collect 200 sexually mature American red snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) from South Atlantic Federal waters to establish a self-sustaining broodstock population at their private aquaculture hatchery and research facility in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Currently, the expansion of the U.S. marine aquaculture industry for warm-water fish species is limited by a lack of a source for juvenile fish providers. The applicant has conducted academic research previously to establish foundational husbandry for American red snapper and larval rearing protocols. However, inconsistent spawning production remains a barrier to commercial aquaculture of the species. The applicant aims to expand on their previous research by creating a genetically robust population for aquaculture of American red snapper capable of year-round natural spawning. This project is intended to provide the seed stock necessary to support future domestic grow-out operations, reduce dependency on imported seafood, and generate data on the effects of capture depth and handling on the long-term reproductive performance of this species.

The project aims to advance American red snapper aquaculture through a series of objectives centered on their collection, acclimation, and research. Initially, the applicant will focus on broodstock collection and transport, aiming to capture 200 healthy, sexually mature American red snapper from South Atlantic Federal waters off the east coast of Florida and relocate them by boat to Puerto Rico while maintaining minimal mortality rates. This initial collection of 200 wild red snapper would allow Cultimar to establish 10 distinct breeding cohorts of 20 fish each, thereby providing suitable genetic variability for future breeding,

which is intended to then allow for year-round spawning at their aquaculture facility, and significantly reduce the need for future collections of wild American red snapper. The project seeks to determine and establish the long-term viability of red snapper aquaculture by refining the methods necessary for consistent and scalable fingerling production within the aquaculture industry.

Cultimar proposes to collect American red snapper due to its high aquaculture potential and the extensive foundational research already conducted on the species. This species was chosen over other regional snapper populations because of the applicant’s familiarity with its specific spawning behaviors and habitat locations, as well as the higher relative abundance of the American red snapper population versus other snapper species in the Caribbean. While another species of red snapper, the Caribbean red snapper (*Lutjanus purpureus*), is found in the waters around Puerto Rico and throughout areas of the Caribbean, American red snapper represents a distinct population with unique life history characteristics that may make it suitable for aquaculture. Additionally, the applicant has significant experience conducting academic research specifically on American red snapper, including establishing critical protocols for husbandry, nutrition, and larval rearing.

The capture of the project fish would occur from a research vessel chartered by the applicant. The fishing for red snapper would be conducted using spinning and conventional hook-and-line gear with single-hook circle rigs. During red snapper collection, it is anticipated that three to four hooks would be used at any one time with the described fishing gear. To minimize barotrauma and negative effects on fish health, fishing would prioritize harvest at shallow depths. On a collection fishing trip, any bycatch or discards of non-target fish that are landed displaying signs of barotrauma would be vented using hypodermic needles prior to being released. Following capture, red snapper would initially be transferred to live wells on the research vessel that would be equipped with supplemental oxygenation. After the fish in the live wells are assessed for suitability, they would be transferred to larger holding tanks on the vessel equipped with portable recirculating systems designed to maintain water chemistry and animal health. The vessel would then transit to the applicant’s aquaculture hatchery in Puerto Rico. Once at the hatchery facility, the

applicant would transfer the collected red snapper to their shore-based aquaculture tanks.

If approved, the applicant expects to be able to collect the 200 adult red snapper in 1 to 2 total fishing trips. Each trip would be expected to last up to approximately 9 days consisting of about 4 days of active fishing and 5 days of vessel transit. The collected adult red snapper are expected to weigh between 5 to 15 pounds (lb) each (2.3 to 6.8 kilograms (kg)).

The applicant expects to fish for red snapper between May 2026 and March 2027, although collection in November 2026 is their preferred time. The area of collection would be in South Atlantic Federal waters off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Florida. The fishing collection effort would focus on hard-bottom areas within a proposed collection polygon defined by the following coordinates:

- 28°51.740' North lat., 80°25.061' West long.
- 28°34.088' North lat., 80°02.000' West long.
- 27°51.955' North lat., 80°11.565' West long.
- 27°41.552' North lat., 79°58.311' West long.

Water depths in the proposed sampling area range from approximately 50 to 200 feet (15.2 to 61.0 meters).

Upon arrival at the applicant's aquaculture facility in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, the red snapper would be transferred to shore-based aquaculture tanks where they would be maintained alive in a controlled, recirculating aquaculture system. These fish would be used exclusively for research on reproductive health and larval production and would not be sold or transferred to any third party. While the facility may eventually distribute or sell juvenile fish produced from these research efforts to other aquaculture facilities, the original fish collected under this EFP would remain at the aquaculture facility for the duration of their life.

The applicant has requested exemptions from several Federal regulations to conduct this project. The applicant has requested an exemption from regulations requiring a commercial vessel permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper (50 CFR 622.170(a)(1)). The exemption would allow the project's contracted research vessel to harvest and possess red snapper in excess of the recreational bag limits without having the snapper-grouper commercial permit. An exemption from the area and seasonal closure regulations has been requested to allow the collection of red snapper during

optimal weather conditions and at any time of the year and not just during the designated red snapper commercial season (50 CFR 622.183(b)(5)). An exemption from the commercial trip limits has been requested to allow for the collection during a trip in excess of the red snapper commercial trip limit of 75 lb (34 kg), gutted weight (50 CFR 622.191(a)(9)). Lastly, the applicant has requested an exemption from the red snapper annual catch limits and accountability measures to ensure they have the flexibility they need to collect fish at various times of the year and not just during the designated red snapper season (50 CFR 622.193(y)(1)). The applicant has not requested, and NMFS does not anticipate the need for, any exemptions from regulations implementing the Puerto Rico Fishery Management Plan as all they intend to do in the Puerto Rico exclusive economic zone is transit in the project vessel from the collection area in the Federal waters off Florida to their land-based aquaculture facility in Puerto Rico.

NMFS finds the application warrants further consideration based on a preliminary review. Possible conditions the agency may impose on the EFP, if granted, include but are not limited to, special protections for Endangered Species Act-listed species and specific reporting requirements.

A final decision on issuance of the EFP will depend on NMFS' review of public comments received on the application, consultations with the appropriate fishery management agencies, and the U.S. Coast Guard, and a determination that the activities are consistent with all other applicable laws.

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

Dated: April 17, 2026.

Kelly Denit,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2026-OS-0892]

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Proposed Rules Changes

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of proposed changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SUMMARY: This notice announces proposed redrafting of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Although these rules of practice and procedure fall within the Administrative Procedure Act's exemptions for notice and comment, the Department, as a matter of policy, has decided to make these changes available for public review and comment before they are implemented.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes must be received by May 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm H. Squires, Jr., Clerk of the Court, telephone (202) 761-1448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the following proposed removal of Rule 8(f) and change to 24(e)(4) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Dated: April 16, 2026.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

Rule 8

Rule 8—Parties—currently reads:

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(e) When a mandatory review case is filed, the accused is the appellant. The other party is the appellee.

(f) If a petition for grant of review or a certificate for review is filed after an action has been docketed in the same case, the party on whose behalf relief is sought in the second action is the appellant or cross-appellant, depending on whether such party is the appellant or appellee in the first action. The other

party in the second action is the appellee or cross-appellee as determined in a similar manner.

(g) All parties filing a petition for extraordinary relief with the Court are petitioners. All parties to the proceeding below other than petitioners are respondents.

The proposed change to Rule 8 would read:

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(e) When a mandatory review case is filed, the accused is the appellant. The other party is the appellee.

(f) All parties filing a petition for extraordinary relief with the Court are petitioners. All parties to the proceeding below other than petitioners are respondents.

Comment: Rule 8 has been amended to better reflect the Court's internal docketing procedure.

Rule 24

Rule 24—Form, Content, and Type-Volume Limitations—currently reads:

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(e) Joint Appendix. In addition to electronically filing a joint appendix, the appellant or petitioner is responsible for filing eight paper copies of a joint appendix, which is a separate document filed contemporaneously with the brief.

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(4) Agreement and Designation. The parties are encouraged to agree on the contents of the joint appendix. In the absence of agreement, the appellant or petitioner must serve on the appellee or respondent a designation of the issues to be raised on appeal and of the parts of the record to be included in the joint appendix. Service must be made within fourteen days of the order granting the petition, the Judge Advocate General filing a certificate for review, the notice of the docketing of a mandatory review case, or the filing of a petition for new trial, petition for extraordinary relief or a writ-appeal petition. The appellee or respondent may, within fourteen days after receiving the designation, serve on the appellant or petitioner a designation of the additional parts of the record to draw to the attention of the Court. The appellant or petitioner must include the parts designated by the appellee or respondent in the joint appendix. The parties must avoid designating unnecessary parts of the record because the entire record is available to the Court. In the event a cross-appeal is filed, the Clerk will establish deadlines for designations.

The proposed change to Rule 24 would read:

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(e) Joint Appendix. In addition to electronically filing a joint appendix, the appellant or petitioner is responsible for filing eight paper copies of a joint appendix, which is a separate document filed contemporaneously with the brief.

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(4) Agreement and Designation. The parties are encouraged to agree on the contents of the joint appendix. In the absence of agreement, the appellant or petitioner must serve on the appellee or respondent a designation of the issues to be raised on appeal and of the parts of the record to be included in the joint appendix. Service must be made within seven days of the order granting the petition, the Judge Advocate General filing a certificate for review, the notice of the docketing of a mandatory review case, or the filing of a petition for new trial, petition for extraordinary relief or a writ-appeal petition. The appellee or respondent may, within seven days after receiving the designation, serve on the appellant or petitioner a designation of the additional parts of the record to draw to the attention of the Court. The appellant or petitioner must include the parts designated by the appellee or respondent in the joint appendix. The parties must avoid designating unnecessary parts of the record because the entire record is available to the Court. In the event a cross-appeal is filed, the Clerk will establish deadlines for designations.

Comment: Rule 24 has been amended to ensure that parties propose and respond to joint appendix requests within the twenty-one-day deadline for joint appendix filing.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory (STRL) Personnel Demonstration Project Program

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of amendment; STRL Personnel Demonstration Project probationary and trial period waivers.

SUMMARY: This notice amends STRL Personnel Demonstration Project Federal Register Notices (FRNs) by changing the waiver citations for probationary periods.

DATES: Implementation of this authority will begin no earlier than April 21, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Department of the Air Force: Air Force Research Laboratory: Ms. Rosalyn Jones-Byrd, 937-656-9747, Rosalyn.Jones-Byrd@us.af.mil.

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Combat Capabilities Development Command Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center: Mr. Gregory Peck, 520-674-6820, Gregory.A.Peck16.civ@army.mil.

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- *Naval Research Laboratory*: Ms. Annemarie Slattery, 771–216–7577, annemarie.m.slattery.civ@us.navy.mil.
- *Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Centers*: Ms. Emily Grauwiler, 301–312–1185, emily.r.grauwiler.civ@us.navy.mil.
- *Office of Naval Research*: Mr. Damien Raphael, 703–696–0383, urllins.d.raphael.civ@us.navy.mil.
- Marine Corps*:
 - *Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity*: Ms. Lissa Henriksen, 760–587–6893, lissa.lalonde@usmc.mil.
 - Defense Health Agency*:
 - *Defense Health Agency Research and Development*: Ms. Linda Krout, 301–619–7276, Linda.J.Krout.civ@mail.mil.
- DoD*:
 - *Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Development*: Dr. Jagadeesh Pamulapati, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Science and Technology Foundations, 571–372–6372, Jagadeesh.Pamulapati.civ@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As authorized by 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) 4121, the Secretary of Defense,

through the USD(R&E), conducts personnel demonstration projects at DoD laboratories designated as STRLs. The 24 current STRLs are:

- Air Force Research Laboratory
- Joint Warfare Analysis Center
- Transformation and Training Command
- Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation and Missile Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Ground Vehicle Systems Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Soldier Center
- Communications Electronics Life Cycle Management Command Software Engineering Center
- Engineer Research and Development Center
- Medical Research and Development Command
- Technical Center, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command
- Naval Air Warfare Center
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center
- Naval Information Warfare Centers, Atlantic and Pacific
- Naval Medical Research Center
- Naval Research Laboratory
- Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Centers

- Office of Naval Research
- Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity
- Defense Health Agency Research and Development

1. Background

Most STRLs established extended probationary and trial periods for employees participating in personnel demonstration projects in their implementing FRNs. These FRNs waived applicable provisions of 5 CFR part 315, subpart H to allow for probationary and trial periods greater than one year and to permit termination during the extended probationary or trial period without using the adverse action procedures described in 5 U.S.C. chapter 75. Executive Order (E.O.) 14284 repealed Civil Service Rule 2.4 and established Civil Service Rule 11 (90 FR 17729). On June 24, 2025, the Office of Personnel Management published its final rule rescinding subpart H of 5 CFR part 315 and making conforming amendments (90 FR 26727). Administrative changes to STRL FRNs to waive the applicable provisions of 5 CFR part 11 are now necessary to continue using the extended probationary and trial periods described in STRL FRNs implementing personnel demonstration projects.

2. Personnel System Changes

Employees hired prior to June 24, 2025, and after the effective date of this notice are subject to the extended probationary or trial periods authorized in applicable STRL FRNs and associated implementing regulations.

3. Required Waivers to Laws and Regulations

APPENDIX A—WAIVERS TO THE TITLE 5, U.S.C.

Title 5, United States Code	Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations
Chapter 75, Adverse Actions, sections 7501(1), 7511(a)(1)(A)(ii), (a)(1)(B) and (a)(1)(C)(ii)—Waived to the extent necessary to apply adverse action procedures only to those not serving a probationary or trial period as described in STRL FRNs.	Part 11 Probationary and Trial Periods, parts 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4— Waived to the extent necessary to apply probationary and trial period requirements described in STRL FRNs. Part 752, sections 752.201(b) and 752.401(c)—Waived to the extent necessary to apply adverse action procedures only to those not serving a probationary or trial period as described in STRL FRNs.

APPENDIX B—AUTHORIZED STRLS AND FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES

STRL	Federal Register notice
Air Force Research Laboratory	61 FR 60400 amended by 75 FR 53076.
Joint Warfare Analysis Center	85 FR 29414.
Transformation and Training Command	89 FR 13548.
Army Research Institute for Behavioral and Social Sciences	85 FR 76038.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Armaments Center	76 FR 3744.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Army Research Laboratory.	63 FR 10680.

APPENDIX B—AUTHORIZED STRLS AND FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES—Continued

STRL	Federal Register notice
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Aviation and Missile Center.	62 FR 34876 amended by 65 FR 53142 (AVRDEC and AMRDEC merged).
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Chemical Biological Center.	74 FR 68936.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Command, Control, Communications, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center.	66 FR 54872.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Ground Vehicle Systems Center.	76 FR 12508.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Soldier Center	74 FR 68448.
Communications Electronics Life Cycle Management Command Software Engineering Center.	Not yet published.
Engineer Research and Development Center	63 FR 14580 amended by 65 FR 32135.
Medical Research and Development Command	63 FR 10440.
Technical Center, US Army Space and Missile Defense Command	85 FR 3339.
Naval Air Systems Command Warfare Centers	76 FR 8530.
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center.	86 FR 14084.
Naval Medical Research Center	Not yet published.
Naval Research Laboratory	64 FR 33970.
Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Centers	62 FR 64050.
Office of Naval Research	75 FR 77380.
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare System Center Atlantic and Pacific.	76 FR 1924.
Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity	Not yet published.
Defense Health Agency Research and Development	Not yet published.

Dated: April 16, 2026.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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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 rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER20-681-015; ER20-681-016.

Applicants: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

Description: Supplement to 02/02/2026, Notice of Change in Status of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

Filed Date: 4/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260415-5219.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-1500-001.

Applicants: Tucson Electric Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Order 898 Compliance Filing ER26-1500 to be effective 4/27/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416-5129.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2216-000.

Applicants: Tucson Electric Power Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to Rate Schedule No. 359 to be effective 6/15/2026.

Filed Date: 4/15/26.

Accession Number: 20260415-5201.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/6/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2217-000.

Applicants: Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: MAIT submits a new Construction Agmt—SA No. 7490 to be effective 6/16/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416-5023.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2218-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 4512R1 LRE Energy Services Market Participant Agreement to be effective 4/1/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416-5028.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2219-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 4492R1 Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority Market Participant Agreement to be effective 4/1/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416-5044.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2220-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2026-04-16_SA 4740 ATC-Forest Junction Energy GIA (E0016) to be effective 4/8/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416-5067.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2221-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 3552R8 TEA and MEAN Meter Agent Agreement to be effective 4/1/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416-5072.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2222-000.

Applicants: APN Starfirst, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing:

Rebaseline to new Tariff ID no company name—request cancel of old Tariff ID to be effective 4/16/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416-5100.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2223-000.

Applicants: American Powernet Management, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing:

Rebaseline to new Tariff ID no company name—request cancel of old Tariff ID to be effective 4/16/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416-5103.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26-2224-000.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.15: Roxana Solar Project LGIA Termination Filing to be effective 4/16/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416–5105.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2225–000.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.15: Tri-State II Solar Project (Solar & Battery) LGIA Termination Filing to be effective 4/16/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416–5108.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2226–000.

Applicants: Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Order No. 898 Compliance Filing to be effective 1/1/2025.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416–5128.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2227–000.

Applicants: Avista Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Avista Corp—Non-Conforming LGIA RS T–1255, Great Bend Wind LLC to be effective 11/6/2025.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416–5133.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2228–000.

Applicants: Avista Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Avista Corp—IPL Construction Agmt FERC RS T–1256 to be effective 10/28/2025.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416–5149.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2229–000.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc., Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: New York Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): NYISO-National Grid Joint 205: Amended SGIA Ticonderoga Solar SA2666 to be effective 4/2/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

Accession Number: 20260416–5163.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2230–000.

Applicants: Hanwha Energy USA Holdings Corporation.

Description: Initial Rate Filing: Application for Market Based Rate Authority to be effective 4/17/2026.

Filed Date: 4/16/26.

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Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

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Dated: April 16, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM21–14–000]

Participation of Aggregators of Retail Demand Response Customers in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice of inquiry and termination of rulemaking proceeding.

SUMMARY: The Commission withdraws a notice of inquiry, which sought comment on whether to revise the Commission's regulations that require a Regional Transmission Organization or Independent System Operator not to accept bids from an aggregator of retail customers that aggregates the demand response of the customers of utilities that distributed more than 4 million

megawatt-hours in the previous fiscal year, where the relevant electric retail regulatory authority prohibits such customers' demand response to be bid into organized markets by an aggregator of retail customers.

DATES: This withdrawal will become effective May 21, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On March 18, 2021, the Commission issued a notice of inquiry (NOI) in this proceeding. For the reasons that we set forth below, we exercise our discretion to withdraw the NOI and terminate this rulemaking proceeding.

I. Background

2. In the NOI, as a preliminary step, the Commission sought comment on whether to revise its regulations that require a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) or Independent System Operator (ISO) (RTO/ISO) not to accept bids from an aggregator of retail customers (ARC) that aggregates the demand response of the customers of utilities that distributed more than 4 million megawatt-hours (MWh) in the previous fiscal year, where the relevant electric retail regulatory authority (RERRA) prohibits such customers' demand response to be bid into organized markets by an ARC (Demand Response Opt-Out).¹

3. In issuing the NOI, the Commission stated that it had been more than a decade since it had established the Demand Response Opt-Out in Order Nos. 719 and 719–A.² It noted that, since that time, there have been significant legal, policy, and technological developments that may cause it to reconsider the Demand Response Opt-Out. The Commission therefore sought comment on whether to revise the Commission's regulations to remove the Demand Response Opt-Out from its regulations.

II. Comments³

4. Several commentators urged the Commission to eliminate the Demand

¹ See 18 CFR 35.28(g)(1)(iii) (2025).

² *Wholesale Competition in Regions with Organized Elec. Mkts.*, Order No. 719, 125 FERC ¶ 61,071 (2008), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 719–A, 128 FERC ¶ 61,059, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 719–B, 129 FERC ¶ 61,252 (2009).

³ On March 28, 2022, the Mississippi Public Service Commission filed a motion to lodge their initial comments and reply comments submitted in Docket No. EL21–12–000 in the instant proceeding.

Response Opt-Out.⁴ Among other arguments, nearly all of these commenters state that the landscape for demand response and experience with demand response has changed significantly enough to warrant a reexamination of the Demand Response Opt-Out.⁵ However, other commenters opposed the removal of the Demand Response Opt-Out,⁶ and many argued that the demand response landscape has not changed significantly enough to warrant the Commission's reexamination of the opt-out, as the original reasoning of Order No. 719 is still valid today.⁷

III. Discussion

5. Upon further consideration and after review of the comments that the Commission received in response to the NOI, we withdraw the NOI and terminate this rulemaking proceeding. We appreciate the feedback that the Commission received in response to the NOI. After careful consideration of the record, we agree with commenters that raised concerns regarding the removal of the Demand Response Opt-Out, stating that the demand response landscape has

which were joined by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. We dismiss the motion because, as discussed below, we are terminating this proceeding.

⁴ Such commenters include: Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity; Advance Energy Economy; Armada Power, LLC; Advanced Energy Management Alliance; Electricity Consumers Resource Council; Voltus, Inc.; Google; Industrial Energy Consumers of America; Illinois Commerce Commission; American Forest & Paper Association, PJM Industrial Customer Coalition, and Coalition of MISO Transmission Customers; Midwest Energy Consumers Group; Environmental Law and Policy Center, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, and Sustainable FERC Project; R Street Institute; California Air Resources Board, the Maine Office of Public Advocate, and the Attorneys General of Maryland, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island; Ted Thomas, Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

⁵ See Advance Energy Economy Initial Comments at 1–3; Environmental Law and Policy Center, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, and Sustainable FERC Project Initial Comments at 1–4; R Street Institute Initial Comments at 1, 3.

⁶ Such commenters include: American Electric Power Service Corporation; American Public Power Association and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; DTE Electric Company and Consumers Energy Company; Edison Electric Institute; Entergy Services, LLC; Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; Kansas Corporation Commission; Louisiana Public Service Commission and the Mississippi Public Service Commission; MISO; MISO Transmission Owners; Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri; National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; North Carolina Utilities Commission; Organization of MISO States; and Southern Pioneer Electric Company.

⁷ See Entergy Services, LLC Initial Comments at 1–3; Louisiana Public Service Commission and the Mississippi Public Service Commission Initial Comments at 1–3; Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri Initial Comments at 3–4, 12–21.

not changed significantly enough to warrant such action by the Commission at this time. We also note the strong opposition to removing the state opt-out expressed by state organizations such as the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and regional state regulatory associations. For these reasons, and to eliminate any uncertainty as to whether the Commission still intends to move forward with this proposal, the Commission exercises its discretion to withdraw the NOI and terminate this rulemaking proceeding. While withdrawing the NOI, we recognize the value that demand response can bring to the markets and encourage the development of demand response programs within the relevant regulatory structures. Further, in response to the dissent, we do not believe that terminating the instant proceeding eliminates options for interconnecting flexible large loads quickly and cost-effectively, and we clarify that our action today in no way prejudices the outcome of the pending proceeding on the Interconnection of Large Loads to the Interstate Transmission System.⁸

The Commission orders:

The notice of inquiry is hereby withdrawn and Docket No. RM21–14–000 is hereby terminated. By direction of the Commission. Commissioner Rosner is dissenting with a separate statement attached. Commissioner Chang is concurring with a separate statement attached.

Issued: April 16, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

United States of America Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Participation of Aggregators of Retail Demand Response Customers in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators

Docket No. RM21–14–000

(Issued April 16, 2026)

ROSNER, Commissioner, *dissenting:*

1. I dissent from today's order because it limits consideration of options at a time when I believe we need every tool in the toolbox to meet the electricity demand growth our country is experiencing. My primary motivation for writing separately is not to say whether my colleagues are right or wrong to close this dormant proceeding,

⁸ *Interconnection of Large Loads to the Interstate Transmission System*, Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Oct. 23, 2025) (Docket No. RM26–4–000).

but instead to elevate the issue of demand response and the important optionality it offers for quickly connecting new customers to the grid and balancing the affordability issues that are front of mind.

2. The electricity system is at a turning point. New electric customers can individually use as much energy as a city. There are two primary ways to meet this growth and power these new, large customers. One path is to enable faster and cheaper grid integration by offering the option to use load flexibility or behind the meter generation, which can reduce impacts on the transmission system, require significantly less infrastructure, and lower costs. The other path is to rely on only the status quo, which can be time-intensive, require significant new infrastructure, and increase costs. While I believe strongly in building out needed energy infrastructure, we must also ensure that all options, including demand response, are available.

3. I believe the Commission should consider whether demand response⁹ provided by customers that individually consume hundreds of megawatts or more is best enabled through a patchwork of programs or by a single RTO/ISO-wide program. With the benefit of hindsight, it is obvious that the Commission was not envisioning large retail customers like data centers when it first established the demand response opt-out in 2008.¹⁰ Nor could the Commission have been aware of how technologies that allow large loads to deliver meaningful grid flexibility with minimal impacts on the end-use customer would proliferate.¹¹ Moreover, in the intervening years, courts have affirmed the Commission's exclusive

⁹ I note that the Commission considers both load flexibility and behind-the-meter resources that do not inject to be demand response, so maintaining the current opt-out presents a barrier to both approaches. See *Elec. Storage Participation in Mkts. Operated by Reg'l Transmission Orgs. & Indep. Sys. Operators*, Order No. 841, 162 FERC ¶ 61,127, at P 32 (2018), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 841–A, 167 FERC ¶ 61,154 (2019), *aff'd sub nom. Nat'l Ass'n of Regul. Util. Comm'rs v. FERC*, 964 F.3d 1177 (D.C. Cir. 2020) (*NARUC v. FERC*) (“[W]e have previously found that behind-the-meter resources that do not inject electric energy onto the grid are considered demand response.”).

¹⁰ See Order No. 719, 125 FERC ¶ 61,071, at PP 154–56 (2008).

¹¹ See, e.g., Philip Colangelo et al., *Turning AI Data Centers into Grid-Interactive Assets: Results from a Field Demonstration in Phoenix, Arizona* (2025), <https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.00909> (“Conducted at a 256-GPU cluster running representative AI workloads within a commercial, hyperscale cloud data center in Phoenix, Arizona, the trial achieved a 25% reduction in cluster power usage for three hours during peak grid events while maintaining AI quality of service (QoS) guarantees.”).

authority to determine who may participate in wholesale markets.¹²

4. Every day, we see more evidence that both load flexibility and bring your own generation are essential to efficiently integrating new large loads like data centers.¹³ I would have preferred to probe whether it would be appropriate to revive this proceeding in a way that is forward-looking and tailored to the needs of the grid in 2026. Similarly, I would like to gather further record on how the perspectives of our state regulator colleagues may have evolved since 2021. I have extraordinary respect for their perspectives, in particular, given that they regulate the retail rates ultimately charged to large load customers and have significant experience integrating large loads.¹⁴

5. All of this said, I want to emphasize that I share my fellow Commissioners' desire to close dormant proceedings. Leaving dormant regulatory proceedings open for years increases regulatory uncertainty and makes investing in new energy resources riskier and more expensive. That is a real cost that I agree this Commission must consider. But meeting the current moment also demands that we give full consideration to load flexibility, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on this topic as the Commission embarks upon the reforms needed to ensure the timely

and orderly interconnection of large loads to the transmission system.¹⁵

For these reasons, I respectfully dissent.

David Rosner,
Commissioner.

United States of America

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Participation of Aggregators of Retail Demand Response Customers in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators

Docket No. RM21–14–000

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CHANG, Commissioner, *concurring*:

1. The Commission's order today closes a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) on removing the so-called "Demand Response Opt-Out," which allows state regulators to place limitations on the participation of third-party demand response aggregators in wholesale markets. The Demand Response Opt-Out was included in Order No. 719 to balance the competing interests of opening wholesale markets to demand response and respecting state and local regulatory concerns relating to the operation of existing retail demand response programs, regulatory burdens, and jurisdictional challenges.¹ While the Demand-Response Opt-Out may need to be re-examined in the future, maintaining the status quo strikes the right balance today.² Thus, I am

persuaded that the Commission should close this NOI.

2. However, demand-side resources are underrepresented in the wholesale markets, and I write separately to emphasize constructive steps that the Commission, states, market operators, and demand response providers can take to improve demand-side participation in wholesale markets.

3. Additional demand response, including from grid-interactive buildings, flexible large loads, and industrial customers, has the potential to significantly help meet the country's load growth and resource adequacy challenges.³ But despite a clear reliability imperative *and* strong economic signals from high market prices, the amount of demand response participating in wholesale markets is limited today. In the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) market, the last capacity auction cleared half of the amount of demand response compared to the 2014/2015 delivery period.⁴ Even with the issuance of Order No. 745,⁵ Commission-jurisdictional markets reflect very little economic demand response participation in the energy and ancillary services markets.

4. To increase demand response participation, the Commission, state regulators, and market operators need to collaborate on market designs and participation models that balance: (1) practical limitations on customers'

¹² See *NARUC v. FERC*, 964 F.3d at 1187 ("[B]ecause FERC has the exclusive authority to determine who may participate in the wholesale markets, the Supremacy Clause . . . requires that States not interfere."); see also *FERC v. Elec. Power Supply Ass'n*, 577 U.S. 260, 278 (2016) ("[W]e now approve, a common-sense construction of the FPA's language, limiting FERC's 'affecting' jurisdiction to rules or practices that 'directly affect the [wholesale] rate.' . . . [T]he rules governing wholesale demand response programs meet that standard with room to spare." (footnotes omitted)).

¹³ See, e.g., *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, 193 FERC ¶ 61,217, at P 77 (2025) ("[O]ffering non-capacity backed transmission service on a permanent basis would allow PJM to capture the benefits of co-located facilities, serving the same amount of total load at lower cost, with less transmission infrastructure and fewer capacity resources."); Carlo Brancucci et al., *Flexible Data Centers: A Faster, More Affordable Path to Power* (2025), <https://www.camus.energy/flexible-data-center-report> (finding that flexible data centers can connect 3–5 years faster, mitigate new system buildout, and shift remaining costs onto the data center); Ryan Hledik et al., *The Untapped Grid: How Better Utilization of the Power System Can Improve Energy Affordability*, Brattle (2026), <https://www.brattle.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/The-Untapped-Grid-Mar-2026.pdf> (finding that improving system utilization accelerates speed to market for new loads, avoids shifting costs to other consumers, and mitigates stranded asset risks).

¹⁴ As of March 2026, 20 states had approved at least one large load tariff, and another nine states had pending large load tariffs. See Edison Electric Institute, Comments, Docket No. RM26–4–000, at 2 (filed Mar. 12, 2026).

¹⁵ See *Interconnection of Large Loads to the Interstate Transmission Sys.*, 195 FERC ¶ 61,045 (2026) (Order Regarding Intent to Act).

¹ *Wholesale Competition in Regions with Organized Elec. Mkts.*, Order No. 719, 125 FERC ¶ 61,071, at PP 154–56 (2008), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 719–A, 128 FERC ¶ 61,059, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 719–B, 129 FERC ¶ 61,252 (2009).

² While referred to as an "opt out," Order No. 719 does not create a binary choice for state regulators with regard to the participation of third-party demand response aggregators in wholesale markets. Instead, Order No. 719 allows states to place conditions on participation of third-party aggregators, which may extend to disallowing participation for some or all customer classes. Some states that have chosen to "opt out" in fact do allow third-party demand response aggregation, but subject those programs to state regulations; or they may specify the customer classes that may take part in third-party aggregation programs. See, e.g., *In the Matter of the Establishment of a Working Case Re: FERC Order No. 2222 Re: Participation of Distributed Energy Resource Aggregators in Markets Operated by Regional Trans. Organizations and Indep. Sys. Operators*, Docket No. EW–2021–0267 (Missouri Pub. Serv. Comm'n Oct. 12, 2023) (allowing third-party aggregators to bid demand response into wholesale markets for commercial and industrial customers with demand of at least 100 kW); Indiana Util. Reg. Comm' Initial Comments at 9 (describing the ability of third party aggregators to participate in wholesale market through a retail tariff).

³ See U.S. Dept. of Energy, *A National Roadmap for Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings* (May 17, 2021), <https://gebroadmap.lbl.gov/A%20National%20Roadmap%20for%2020GEBs%20-%20Final.pdf>; Nicholas Institute for Energy, Environment, & Sustainability, *Rethinking Load Growth: Assessing the Potential for Integration of Large Flexible Loads in US Power Systems* (Feb. 2025), <https://nicholasinstitute.duke.edu/publications/rethinking-load-growth>; U.S. Dept. of Energy, *Demand Response in Industrial Facilities* (2022), https://betterbuildingsolutioncenter.energy.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/Demand%20Response%20in%20Industrial%20Facilities_Final.pdf.

⁴ Compare PJM, *2014/2015 RPM Base Residual Auction Results*, <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/DotCom/markets-ops/rpm/rpm-auction-info/20110513-2014-15-base-residual-auction-report.pdf> with PJM, *2027/2028 Base Residual Auction Results*, <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/DotCom/markets-ops/rpm/rpm-auction-info/2027-2028/2027-2028-bra-report.pdf>.

⁵ Order No. 745 established rules governing demand response participation in organized wholesale energy markets, including that demand response resources will be compensated at prevailing locational marginal prices, subject to certain conditions. *Demand Response Compensation in Organized Wholesale Energy Mkts.*, Order No. 745, 134 FERC ¶ 61,187, *order on reh'g & clarification*, Order No. 745–A, 137 FERC ¶ 61,215 (2011), *reh'g denied*, Order No. 745–B, 138 FERC ¶ 61,148 (2012), *vacated sub nom. Elec. Power Supply Ass'n v. FERC*, 753 F.3d 216 (D.C. Cir. 2014), *rev'd & remanded sub nom. FERC v. Elec. Power Supply Ass'n*, 136 S.Ct. 760 (2016).

ability and willingness to curtail demand, and (2) confidence that system operators can rely on demand response resources to respond quickly and predictably when called. This means that state and federal regulators as well as market operators need to engage more to understand and resolve friction that might arise when demand-side resources are integrated into market structures. Such frictions may involve end users' metering requirements, parameters around billing periods, or frequency of calls on customers to curtail their load.

5. I am heartened by the development of new retail demand response proposals and programs across various states,⁶ including in states that have placed limitations on the wholesale market participation of third-party aggregators.⁷ I look forward to seeing them integrated into the wholesale markets to maximize their value for the whole system. Further, I will continue to look for opportunities—whether in proceedings before the Commission or other forums—to better realize the potential contributions from demand-side resources, while working collaboratively with our state colleagues to support their deployment.

For these reasons, I respectfully concur.

Judy W. Chang,
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RM22-5-000; RM21-15-000]

Rate Recovery, Reporting, and Accounting Treatment of Industry Association Dues and Certain Civic, Political, and Related Expenses Center for Biological Diversity

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

⁶ For example, several states have announced virtual power plants, including a program in Virginia targeting a capacity of 450 MW. See Utility Dive, *Virginia utility-scale VPP pilot mandate is first amid national push* (May 12, 2025), <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/virginia-leads-with-utility-scale-vpp-pilot-amid-national-push/747770/>.

⁷ For example, Google has committed to utility-run demand response programs in Indiana, Arkansas and Minnesota, which place restrictions on the ability of third party aggregators to participate in wholesale markets. Google, *A new milestone for smart, affordable electricity growth* (Mar. 19, 2026), <https://blog.google/innovation-and-ai/infrastructure-and-cloud/global-network/demand-response-data-center-milestone/>.

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice of inquiry and termination of proceeding; denial of petition for rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is withdrawing a notice of inquiry that sought comments on the rate recovery, reporting, and accounting treatment of industry association dues and certain civic, political, and related expenses. Additionally, the Commission denies a petition for rulemaking.

DATES: The notice of inquiry published on December 23, 2021 (86 FR 72958) is withdrawn as of April 16, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. On December 16, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Inquiry¹ in Docket No. RM22-5-000, seeking comments on the rate recovery, reporting, and accounting treatment of industry association dues and certain civic, political, and related expenses. Prior to the Notice of Inquiry, on March 17, 2021, in Docket No. RM21-15-000, the Center for Biological Diversity filed a petition for rulemaking pursuant to Rule 207 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure² and section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act,³ requesting that the Commission amend the Uniform System of Accounts (USofA) requirements for payments to industry associations engaged in lobbying or other influence-related activities (Petition).

2. As discussed below, we are exercising our discretion to withdraw the Notice of Inquiry and to terminate the proceeding in Docket No. RM22-5-000. We also deny the Petition.

¹ *Rate Recovery, Reporting, & Acct. Treatment of Indus. Ass'n Dues & Certain Civic, Pol., & Related Expenses*, 86 FR 72958 (Dec. 23, 2021) 177 FERC ¶ 61,180 (2021) (Notice of Inquiry).

² 18 CFR 385.207.

³ 5 U.S.C. 553.

I. Background

3. In March 2021, the Center for Biological Diversity filed a petition for rulemaking, requesting that the Commission amend the USofA requirements relating to utility payments to industry associations engaged in lobbying or other influence-related expenses. Specifically, the Center for Biological Diversity requested that the Commission amend the USofA to require the use of Account 426.4 (Expenditures For Certain Civic, Political and Related Activities) for all industry association dues paid by utilities.⁴ In response to the Petition, the Commission received 35 comments.⁵ Some commenters recommended that the Commission remove all industry association dues from rates, whereas others suggested that such a move is unnecessary because industry association dues are properly allocated between recoverable and non-recoverable accounts and changing this approach would be contrary to the fundamental principles of accounting.

4. In the Notice of Inquiry, the Commission stated that it has authority pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Natural Gas Act (NGA) to determine whether a rate is unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, and if the Commission determines that the rate is unlawful, to establish a just and reasonable replacement rate.⁶ The Commission also stated that it has authority to prescribe and maintain systems of accounts, *i.e.*, the USofA, for public utilities and licensees subject to the FPA, and natural gas companies under the NGA, and the rules and regulations contained therein.⁷

5. In the Notice of Inquiry, the Commission sought comments on a number of questions to examine the Commission's current policies and regulations governing the rate recovery, reporting, and accounting treatment of industry association dues and certain civic political and related expenses. The Commission also sought comments on any potential changes that may be necessary to ensure that such expenditures are appropriately accounted for under the USofA and that recovery of these expenditures through Commission jurisdictional rates is just and reasonable.

⁴ Petition at 8, 16.

⁵ A list of the commenters is provided in the Appendix.

⁶ Notice of Inquiry, 177 FERC ¶ 61,180 at P 3 (citing 16 U.S.C. 824e(a); 15 U.S.C. 717d(a)).

⁷ *Id.* (citing 16 U.S.C. 825; 15 U.S.C. 717g; 18 CFR pts. 101, 201).

6. In response to the Notice of Inquiry, the Commission received 93 initial and reply comments.⁸ Several commenters asserted that further rulemaking would be redundant because there is enough transparency into industry association dues. Some commenters asserted that utilities rely on itemized invoices to determine what amounts are recoverable or nonrecoverable in rates. Other commenters argued that there is a lack of transparency. One commenter proposed that the Commission provide guidance on a case-by-case basis, rather than through general guidance.

II. Discussion

7. We appreciate the feedback commenters provided in response to the Notice of Inquiry. Based on consideration of the record, we find that the concerns raised in the Notice of Inquiry are better considered on a case-by-case basis, consistent with longstanding Commission practice.

8. Accordingly, we exercise our discretion to withdraw the Notice of Inquiry and terminate the proceeding in Docket No. RM22–5–000. For the same reasons, we also deny the Center for Biological Diversity’s Petition. Although we decline to pursue the Notice of Inquiry, we encourage regulated entities to adopt tariff revisions that enhance transparency into the industry association costs included in an entity’s rates.

9. We note that in individual cases, evaluating whether industry association costs were appropriately included in rates will continue to be governed by Commission regulations,⁹ not other regulatory agency regulations.¹⁰ Specifically, expenditures for certain civic, political and related activities are typically not includable in rates and properly recorded in USofA nonoperating Account 426.4. Further, costs recorded in Account 426.4 should include “expenditures for the purpose of influencing public opinion . . . or for the purpose of influencing the decisions

of public officials.”¹¹ Conversely, costs for public relations activities, under certain parameters, are recordable in operating expense accounts and are recoverable in rates.¹²

10. While there is no brightline test differentiating (1) activities to influence public opinion and policymakers, which must be recorded in nonoperating Account 426.4; versus (2) recoverable public relations activities, which are recorded in operating accounts, the Commission has found that expenditures incurred to influence the opinion of the public that have “little or no benefit to the ratepayers . . . must be borne by stockholders.”¹³ In addition, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit found that Account 426.4 should include utility “expenditures for the purpose of indirectly as well as directly influencing the decisions of public officials.”¹⁴ Specifically, the Court, in vacating an earlier Commission order, found that costs including those of hired public relations contractors to organize coalitions that would (1) conduct public opinion polls; and (2) run promotional advertisements to persuade state officials that were “persuasive rather than merely informative” should be in Account 426.4.¹⁵ In addressing whether certain industry association costs are includable in rates in any future individual proceeding, the Commission will continue to rely on its regulations and the precedent interpreting those regulations.

The Commission orders:

(A) The Notice of Inquiry is hereby withdrawn, and Docket No. RM22–5–000 is hereby terminated, as discussed in the body of this order.

(B) The Petition in Docket No. RM21–15–000 is hereby denied, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission. Commissioner LaCerte is not participating.

Issued April 16, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

Note: The following appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

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¹¹ 18 CFR pts. 101, 201, Instructions to Account 426.4.

¹² 18 CFR pts. 101, 201, Instructions to Accounts 923 and 930.1; *see also Alaskan Nw. Nat. Gas Transp. Co.*, 19 FERC ¶ 61,218 (1982).

¹³ *N. Border Pipeline Co.*, 23 FERC ¶ 61,213, at 61,439 (1983).

¹⁴ *Newman v. FERC*, 27 F.4th 690, 697 (D.C. Cir. 2022).

¹⁵ *Id.* at 694, 697.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OW–2008–0719; FRL–13325–01–OW]

Proposed Information Collection Request Supporting Statement for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit the “Information Collection Request (ICR) Supporting Statement for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (Renewal)” (EPA ICR No. 0229.25, OMB Control No. 2040–0004) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, 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 July 31, 2026. This notice allows for 60 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OW–2008–0719, to EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to OW-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:

Doris Ihejirika, National Program Branch, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, Mail Code: 4203M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564–2110; email address: Ihejirika.Doris@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through July 31, 2026. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information

⁸ A list of the commenters is provided in the Appendix.

⁹ Regarding regulated electric utilities, section 141.1 of the Code of Federal Regulations states “[e]ach Major and each Nonoperating (formerly designated as Major) electric utility . . . must prepare and file electronically with the Commission the FERC Form 1 pursuant to the General Instructions as provided in that form.” 18 CFR 141.1(b)(1)(i). The general instructions to the FERC Form No. 1 require utilities to “[p]repare this report in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts (18 CFR part 101) (USofA)” and to “[i]nterpret all accounting words and phrases in accordance with the USofA.” Similar regulations and instructions apply to natural gas and oil pipeline companies.

¹⁰ *Cf.* EEI Initial Comments at 6 (citing the Internal Revenue Code employed by the Internal Revenue Service).

unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

This notice allows 60 days for public comments. 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 PRA, 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 forms of information technology. EPA is continuously seeking new opportunities to effectively reduce duplication and support efficiency in the permitting program by leveraging information technology tools such as automating workflows, which enables real-time access and expediting permitting issuance. 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: This consolidated Information Collection Request (ICR) renews the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program ICR. It calculates the information collection burden and costs associated with the NPDES program, identifies the types of activities regulated under the NPDES program, describes the roles and responsibilities of state governments and the Agency, and presents the program areas that address the various types of regulated activities. This ICR renewal (Office of Management and Budget [OMB] control no. 2040-0004, EPA ICR no. 0229.25, expiration date 07/31/2026) consolidates the

information collection burden and costs associated with activities previously reported in 22 of the NPDES program or NPDES-related ICRs. The Clean Water Act (CWA) provides that NPDES permits are required for the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States. The CWA requires that EPA develop and implement the NPDES permit program. CWA section 402(b) allows states to acquire authority to administer the NPDES program, enabling them to issue NPDES permits for discharges within the state. At present, 47 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands are authorized to administer the NPDES permit program. In states that do not have authority for these programs, the Agency administers the program and issues NPDES permits. Because some permit applications are processed by states and some by EPA, this ICR calculates government burden and cost for both authorized states and EPA.

Form Numbers: OMB No. 1004-0189; OMB No. 2040-0300; OMB No. 2040-0004; OMB No. 2040-0284, OMB No. 2040-0287; OMB No. 6100-056; OMB No. 6100-057.

Respondents/affected entities: Any point source discharger of pollutants, including but not limited to publicly owned and privately owned treatment works (POTWs and PrOTWs), industrial dischargers to POTWs and PrOTWs, industrial and commercial dischargers to waters of the United States, sewage sludge management and disposal operations, large vessels, dischargers of stormwater, construction sites, municipalities, pesticide applicators, local and state governments.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory, pursuant to sections 301, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 316(b), 401, 402, 403, 405, and 510 of the CWA; the 1987 Water Quality Act (WQA) revisions to CWA section 402(p); 40 (CFR) parts 122, 123, 124, and 125 (and parts 501 and 503 for Biosolids); and the Great Lakes Critical Programs Act (CPA).

Estimated number of respondents: 853,912 (total).

Frequency of response: The frequency of response varies depending on the specific response activity and can range from ongoing and monthly to once every five years.

Total estimated burden: 33,221,897 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$2,256,697,795 (per year), which includes \$38,342,315 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 2,078,802 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared

with the ICR currently approved by OMB. Due to improved electronic data collection, instead of paper submissions, EPA's estimates of permittee respondents increased from 9,310,277 in the current ICR to 10,837,897 in this version of the ICR, which reflects 16% increase. In addition, capital and O&M cost burden increased due to inflation which impacted factors such as laboratory analytic and labor costs.

Andrew D. Sawyers,
Director, Office of Wastewater Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-13284.1-01-OMS]

2026 Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB); Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations of candidates to the Environmental Financial Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (the Board or EFAB). The Board provides advice to EPA on ways to lower the costs of, and increase private investments in, environmental and public health protection efforts without requiring additional Federal taxpayer dollars. The Board has been assigned a charge to develop strategic recommendations on steps the EPA can take towards accelerating private investment in environmental technology commercialization, including providing guidance on capital access, public-private partnerships, regulatory readiness, and impact measurement. Appointments will be made by the Administrator and will be announced in June 22, 2026. EPA may also consider nominations received through this solicitation in the event of unanticipated vacancies on the Board.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than May 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent via email to efab@epa.gov with the subject line "EFAB 2026 NOMINATION."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants further

information concerning the nomination process may contact Edward Walsh, Designated Federal Officer, via telephone/voicemail at (202) 564-4594 or email to walsh.ed@epa.gov. General information concerning the EFAB is available at <http://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The EFAB is an EPA advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10, to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on innovative approaches to financing environmental programs, projects, and activities. The Board was established in 1991 to provide advice and recommendations to EPA. The EFAB's charter was renewed for an additional two-year period effective March 17, 2026. See 91 FR 12416 (Mar. 13, 2026). Since its inception, the Board has produced 491 recommendations and has advised the EPA on a wide-ranging set of environmental finance issues, including but not limited to the following:

- Creating incentives to increase private investment in the provision of environmental services and removing or reducing constraints on private involvement wherever possible;
- Developing new and innovative environmental financing approaches and supporting and encouraging the use of cost-effective existing approaches;
- Identifying approaches, challenges, opportunities, and methodologies specifically targeted to small community financing;
- Assessing government strategies for implementing public-private partnerships, including privatization, operations and maintenance issues, and other alternative financing mechanisms;
- Improving governmental principles of accounting and disclosure standards to help improve the financial sustainability of environmental programs;
- Increasing the capacity of State and local governments to carry out their respective environmental programs under current Federal laws;
- Increasing the total investment in environmental protection and stewardship of public and private environmental resources; and
- Developing innovative investment models and market-based approaches that increase the long-term resiliency of infrastructure.

Current EFAB Charge

The Board has been charged with providing strategic recommendations on how EPA can accelerate private

investment in environmental technology commercialization. The charge asks the EFAB to address the following question areas:

- Financing Pathways and Capital Access—Identifying significant financing barriers technology companies face when transitioning from development to commercialization, with particular attention to early-stage versus growth-stage capital needs and mechanisms for de-risking investment (*e.g.*, outcomes-based financing, blended finance structures, loan guarantees);
 - Maximizing Environmental and Public Health Return on Investment—Recommending frameworks and metrics for evaluating environmental and public health benefits per dollar invested, and strategies to ensure Federal investments produce lasting community benefits;
 - Public-Private Partnerships and Market Development—Advising on models for EPA to work with State and local governments to pilot environmental technologies, and strategies for connecting technology companies with utilities, municipalities, and other end-users to accelerate adoption;
 - Regulatory Compliance and Certification Readiness—Recommending strategies to reduce time and cost burdens for startups navigating EPA regulatory requirements, certifications, and performance validation; and
 - Workforce Development, Technical Expertise, and Measuring Success—Recommending metrics and performance indicators EPA should use to evaluate the effectiveness of its technology commercialization support activities and identifying technical assistance or training programs that would benefit technology entrepreneurs.
- The Board is expected to deliver a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations, a prioritized implementation roadmap, and identification of best practices and case studies by December 2026.

Board Structure and Member Commitment

The Board will be composed of no more than 11 members. The Board meets either in-person or virtually approximately two times each calendar year. In addition to the bi-annual full Board meetings, additional virtual workgroup meetings may be held during the year to ensure timely completion of the Board's charge work. Board members typically contribute approximately 3 to 8 hours per month to the activities of the Board, including participation on one or more active workgroups. Members serve on the

Board without compensation; however, Board members may receive travel and per diem allowances where appropriate and in accordance with Federal travel regulations.

Members are appointed to represent the perspective of specific organizations, associations, or groups of persons (Representative members), or to provide their individual expertise (Special Government Employee, or SGE, members). Candidates invited to serve as SGE members will be asked to submit the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows EPA to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities as an SGE member and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a loss of impartiality as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed at <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab>, but this form should not be submitted as part of a nomination.

Experience and Expertise Sought for the EFAB

The Board seeks to maintain diverse representation across workforce sectors (State/local/Tribal government, business (finance and industry), and nonprofit organizations) and geographic regions of the United States. Nominees should demonstrate experience in environmental finance and/or in accelerating the commercialization of environmental technologies. To respond effectively to the Board's active charge, expertise sought includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Venture capital, private equity, or early-stage financing for technology companies;
- Leadership in Investment Banking, Capital Markets, public and private transactions and public and private markets;
- Environmental program evaluation, benefit-cost analysis, or return-on-investment measurement;
- State or local government infrastructure finance, municipal procurement, or public-private partnership development;
- Technology commercialization, including experience as a startup founder, incubator/accelerator operator, or technology transfer professional;
- Regulatory compliance, EPA certification pathways, or third-party verification programs relevant to environmental technologies;
- Background in banking, consulting and finance, experience in advising

emerging technology companies and commercializing new technologies;

- Tribal or small community infrastructure financing;
- Legal and regulatory background in operations of private capital allocators (family office, private equity) and representation of entrepreneurs in various technology mediums; and
- Impact measurement, performance analytics, or metrics development for environmental and economic outcomes.

The Board seeks to maintain balance across a broad range of constituencies, sectors, and geographic regions. EPA will consider candidates from all levels of government; the finance, banking, and legal communities; business and industry; academic and research institutions; and local, national, and non-governmental organizations, consistent with the requirements of FACA and the Board's charter.

How To Submit Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified person(s) to be considered for appointment to the EFAB. Individuals may self-nominate.

Nominations can only be submitted via email to efab@epa.gov with the subject line "EFAB 2026 NOMINATION." Nominations should include the following information:

- Contact information for the person making the nomination;
- Contact information for the nominee (if different), including full name and title, business mailing address, telephone, and email address;
- The specific areas of experience or expertise of the nominee, with reference to the expertise areas identified above and the Board's current charge questions;
- The nominee's curriculum vitae or resume; and
- A biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position and recent service on other Federal advisory committees or national professional

organizations. A supporting letter of endorsement is encouraged but not required.

Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- Residence in the United States;
- Professional knowledge of, and experience with, financing activities and/or technology commercialization;
- Senior-level experience that fills a gap in Board representation or brings a new and relevant dimension to the Board's deliberations on its active charge;
- Demonstrated ability to work in a consensus-building process with a wide range of representatives from different constituencies; and
- Willingness to serve a two- or three-year term as an active and contributing member, with possible reappointment to a second term.

Edward Walsh,

Designated Federal Officer, Office of Resources & Information (ORI).

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

[OMB No. 3064-0029;-0177]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Renewal; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its obligations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the renewal of the existing information collection described below

(OMB Control No. 3064-0029 and -0177).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the FDIC by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* <https://www.fdic.gov/resources/regulations/federal-register-publications/>.
- *Email:* comments@fdic.gov. Include the name and number of the collection in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Robert Meiers, Regulatory Counsel, MB-3013, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street NW building (located on F Street NW), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All comments should refer to the relevant OMB control number. A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Meiers, Regulatory Attorney, Romeiers@fdic.gov, MB-3013, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

1. *Title:* Notification of Performance of Bank Services.

OMB Number: 3064-0029.

Form Number: 6120/06.

Affected Public: Insured state nonmember banks and state savings associations.

Burden Estimate:

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB No. 3064-0029)

Information Collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
1. Notification of Performance of Bank Services, 12 CFR 304.3 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion)	308	2.03	00:30	313
Total Annual Burden (Hours) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	313

Source: FDIC.

Note: The estimated annual IC time burden is the product, rounded to the nearest hour, of the estimated annual number of responses and the estimated time per response for a given IC. The estimated annual number of responses is the product, rounded to the nearest whole number, of the estimated annual number of respondents and the estimated annual number of responses per respondent. This methodology ensures the estimated annual burdens in the table are consistent with the values recorded in OMB's consolidated information system.

General Description of Collection: Insured state nonmember banks are required to notify the FDIC, under section 7 of the Bank Service Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1867), of the relationship with a bank service company. The Form FDIC 6120/06, Notification of Performance of Bank Services, may be used by banks to satisfy the notification requirement. There is no change in the

method or substance of the collection. The estimated annual burden has decreased by 12 hours, from 325 hours in 2023 to 313 hours in this ICR. This decrease is attributable to a reduction in the estimated number of responses. The time and frequency of responses remain unchanged.

2. *Title:* Treatment by the FDIC as Conservator or Receiver of Financial

Assets Transferred by an Insured Depository Institution in Connection With a Securitization or Participation After September 30, 2010.

OMB Number: 3064–0177.

Affected Public: Insured Depository Institutions.

Burden Estimate:

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB No. 3064–0177)

Information Collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
1. Credit performance and changes to compensation arrangements, 12 CFR 360.6(b)(2)(i)(C) & (D) (Mandatory).	Disclosure (Monthly)	22	135.273	02:00	5,952
2. Securitization structure and initial compensation arrangements, 12 CFR 360.6(b)(2)(i)(B) & (D) (Mandatory).	Disclosure (On Occasion)	22	11.273	03:00	744
3. Residential mortgages: loan-level information and sponsor's disclosure of third-party due diligence report on compliance with 360.6(b)(2)(ii)(B), 12 CFR 360.6(b)(2)(ii)(A) & (B) (Mandatory).	Disclosure (On Occasion)	4	4.667	02:00	38
4. Residential mortgages: servicer or affiliate ownership interests, 12 CFR 360.6(b)(2)(ii)(C) (Mandatory).	Disclosure (On Occasion)	9	2.926	01:00	26
5. Securitization documents, 12 CFR 360.6(c)(7) (Mandatory).	Recordkeeping (On Occasion).	22	11.273	01:00	248
Total Annual Burden (Hours) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,008

Source: FDIC.

Note: The estimated annual IC time burden is the product, rounded to the nearest hour, of the estimated annual number of responses and the estimated time per response for a given IC. The estimated annual number of responses is the product, rounded to the nearest whole number, of the estimated annual number of respondents and the estimated annual number of responses per respondent. This methodology ensures the estimated annual burdens in the table are consistent with the values recorded in OMB's consolidated information system.

General Description of Collection: Part 360.6 of the FDIC's regulations sets forth certain conditions that must be satisfied for a securitization transaction sponsored by an insured depository institution to be eligible for special treatment in the event that the FDIC is appointed receiver or conservator. As part of these conditions, securitization documents must include certain disclosure and recordkeeping requirements. There is no change in the method or substance of the collection. The estimated annual burden remains unchanged from the 2023 estimate.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collections, 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 collections of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dated at Washington, DC, on April 17, 2026.

Jennifer M. Jones,
Deputy Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments, relevant information, or documents regarding the agreement to the Secretary by email at Secretary@fmc.gov, or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20573. Comments will

be most helpful to the Commission if received within 12 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**, and the Commission requests that comments be submitted within 7 days on agreements that request expedited review. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission's website (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of General Counsel at (202)-523–5740 or GeneralCounsel@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 012366–002.

Agreement Name: MOL and NYK Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd.; and NYK Group Americas Inc. (Ro/Ro Division) as agent for Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Filing Party: Rebecca Fenneman, Jeffrey/Fenneman Law and Strategy PLLC.

Synopsis: The Amendment removes Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd. as a party and makes conforming changes.

Proposed Effective Date: 4/13/2026.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/61>.

Agreement No.: 012377–002.

Agreement Name: MOL/Hoegh Autoliners Space Charter Agreement.
Parties: Hoegh Autoliners AS; and Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd.

Filing Party: Rebecca Fenneman, Jeffrey/Fenneman Law and Strategy PLLC.

Synopsis: The Amendment removes Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd. as a party and makes conforming changes. The Amendment also updates the address of Hoegh Autoliners AS.

Proposed Effective Date: 4/14/2026.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/72>.

Agreement No.: 201465.

Agreement Name: ONE/COSCO PS1 Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties: COSCO Shipping Lines, Co. Ltd.; and ONE Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd.

Filing Party: Robert Magovern, Cozen O'Connor.

Synopsis: The Agreement would authorize ONE to charter space to COSCO Shipping in the trade between ports in Japan, on the one hand, and ports on the U.S. West Coast, on the other hand. The parties have requested expedited review.

Proposed Effective Date: 5/25/2026.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/92663>.

Dated: April 17, 2026.

Jennifer Everling,

Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (Act) (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board's

Freedom of Information Office at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm>. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in paragraph 7 of the Act.

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would not be appropriate for public disclosure.

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Benjamin W. McDonough, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551-0001, not later than May 6, 2026.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Holly A. Rieser, Senior Manager) P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034. Comments can also be sent electronically to

Comments.applications@stls.frb.org:

1. *The Dierberg Milne Foundation, Ellen D. Milne, as trustee, both of Santa Barbara, California; and the Dierberg Family Foundation, Michael J. Dierberg and JiaMin L. Dierberg, as trustees, all of St. Louis, Missouri;* to join the Dierberg Family Control Group, a group acting in concert, to acquire voting shares of FB Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of The San Francisco Company and First Bank, all of Creve Coeur, Missouri.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Michele Taylor Fennell,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-26-1175; Docket No. CDC-2026-0662]

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 continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (Tracking Network). The Tracking Network involves ongoing collection, integration, analysis, and dissemination of health, exposure, and hazard data designed to drive public health actions that protect the population from harm resulting from exposure to environmental contaminants.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2026-0662 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.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 H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to www.regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (www.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 Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 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

Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (Tracking Network) (OMB Control No. 0920–1175, Exp. 8/31/2026)—Extension—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The CDC is submitting a 3-year Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Extension information collection request (ICR) for Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (Tracking Network) (OMB Control No. 0920–1175, Exp. 8/31/2026). This ICR is sponsored by the Environmental Public Health Tracking Branch (Tracking Branch), Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice (DEHSP), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) at CDC.

In September 2000, the Pew Environmental Health Commission issued a report entitled *America's Environmental Health Gap: Why the Country Needs a Nationwide Health Tracking Network*. The Commission documented a critical gap in “knowledge that hinders our national

efforts to reduce or eliminate diseases that might be prevented by better managing environmental factors” due largely to the fact that existing environmental health systems were inadequate and fragmented. They described a lack of data for the leading causes of mortality and morbidity, a lack of data on exposure to hazards, a lack of environmental data with applicability to public health, and barriers to integrating and linking existing data. To address this critical gap, the Commission recommended a “Nationwide Health Tracking Network” for disease and exposures. In response to the report and this critical gap, Congress appropriated funds in the fiscal year 2002 budget for the CDC to establish the National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program (Tracking Program) and Tracking Network and has appropriated funds each year thereafter to continue this effort.

The Tracking Program includes SLHD and other partners which collaborate to: (1) build and maintain the Tracking Network; (2) advance the practice and science of environmental public health tracking; (3) communicate information to guide environmental health policies and actions; (4) enhance tracking workforce and infrastructure; and (5) foster collaborations between health and environmental programs.

In spring of 2022, under Notice of Funding Opportunity CDC–RFA–EH22–2202, the CDC's Tracking Program funded 33 state and local public health programs (funded SLHDs). These recipients were selected through a competitive objective review process and are managed as CDC cooperative agreements. Awards are for five years and are renewed through an Annual Performance Report (APR)/Continuation Application. The Tracking Program collects data from recipients about their activities and progress for the purposes of program evaluation and monitoring (hereafter referenced as program data). The Tracking Program also collects data from radon testing labs to integrate into the Tracking Network.

Environmental public health tracking is the ongoing collection, integration, analysis, and dissemination of health, exposure, and hazard data (hereinafter referenced as Tracking Network data) to inform public health actions that protect the population from harm resulting from exposure to environmental contaminants. The Tracking Network

provides data from existing health, exposure, and hazard surveillance systems and supports ongoing efforts within the public health and environmental sectors to improve data collection, accessibility, and dissemination as well as analytic and response capacity. Data that were previously collected for different purposes and stored in separate state and local systems are now available in a nationally standardized format allowing programs to begin bridging the gap between health and the environment.

CDC is requesting approval for an Extension of the previously approved ICR. This request has an increase in the number of annual respondents, from 37 to 47, with a decrease in overall responses (599 to 522) and overall burden hours (14,041 to 12,348). In spring of 2022, under the new 5-year NOFO No. CDC–RFA–EH22–2202, CDC's Tracking Program funded 33 state and local public health programs (funded SLHD). The approval number reflects the current 33 SLHD respondents plus four to allow for future funding of new SLHD or to collect voluntary responses from unfunded SLHD as well as radon testing labs.

Data from recipients or other SLHD are submitted annually following standardized procedures. Tracking Network data submitted annually by recipients and other SLHD to the Tracking Program include six datasets and the metadata form, specifically (1) birth defects prevalence, (2) drinking water monitoring, (3) emergency department visits, (4) hospitalizations, (5) radon testing for SLHD and radon labs, (6) biomonitoring, and (7) metadata. The Tracking Program uses Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCap) for its Electronic Data Capture System (EDCS) needs, which is an easy-to-use, free software tool useful for programmatic deliverable management and data capture. Using an EDCS significantly reduces the burden by optimizing the data capture method to eliminate the need for personnel to complete manual data cleaning and organization before using data for analysis and evaluation upon submission.

Based on the above changes, we are requesting to decrease the annualized number of responses from 599 to 522 and the annualized time burden from 14,041 to 12,348 hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
State and local health department (SLHD).	Birth Defects Prevalence Form	30	1	40	1,200
	Drinking Water Monitoring Form	37	1	50	1,850
	Emergency Department Visits Form	37	1	40	1,480
	Hospitalizations Form	37	1	40	1,480
	Radon Testing Form (combined form).	25	1	50	1,250
	Biomonitoring Form	8	1	40	320
	Metadata Records	37	2	20	1,480
	Environmental Public Health Tracking Work Plan—REDCap.	33	1	21	693
	Program Accomplishments and Public Health Actions Report—REDCap.	33	2	20	1,320
	Performance Measures Report—REDCap.	33	1	20	660
	PHA Impact Follow-up—REDCap ...	33	2	15/60	16
	Communications Plan Template	33	1	2	66
	Web Stats Template	33	1	1	33
	Radon Testing Labs	Radon Testing Form (combined form).	10	1	50
Total					12,348

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 Regulations, Office of Science, Centers for
 Disease Control and Prevention.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-26-0314; Docket No. CDC-2026-0661]

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 continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG). This survey is designed to provide nationally

representative, scientifically credible data on factors related to birth and pregnancy rates, family formation and dissolution patterns, and reproductive health.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2026-0661 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.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 H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to www.regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (www.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 Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 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

The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) (OMB Control No. 0920-0314, Exp. 9/30/2026)—Revision—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through the National Center of Health Statistics (NCHS), shall collect statistics on “family formation, growth, and dissolution,” as well as “determinants of health” and “utilization of health care” in the United States. This clearance request is for continued National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) data collection over the next three years (2026–2029).

The NSFG was conducted six times between 1973 and 2002, and in 2006 moved from a periodically conducted

design to a continuous data collection design using in-person interviewing with a self-administered component at the end. This continuous design was used for 2006–2010 and 2011–2019, with breaks as needed to award new contracts for sample design, data collection, and public-use file production. Beginning in 2022, the NSFG moved to a multimode design including both web and in-person data collection. Within the 8-year span (2022–2029), approximately 13,000 households will be screened, with about 5,000 participants surveyed annually. Participation in the NSFG is completely voluntary and confidential. The household screening survey is expected to take five minutes on average. Main surveys with one selected respondent from each household are expected to average 50 minutes for males and 75 minutes for females.

The NSFG program produces descriptive statistics which document factors associated with birth and pregnancy rates, including contraception, infertility, marriage, cohabitation, and sexual activity, in the U.S. household population 15–49 years (15–44 prior to 2015), as well as behaviors that affect the risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD). The survey also disseminates

statistics on the medical care associated with contraception, infertility, pregnancy, and related health conditions.

NSFG data users include CDC/NCHS and other programs within CDC and elsewhere in DHHS. The NSFG is also used by state and local governments (primarily for benchmarking to national data); private research and action organizations focused on men’s and women’s health, child well-being, and marriage and the family; academic researchers in the social and public health sciences; journalists, and many others.

This submission requests approval for a Revision to NSFG data collection for the next three years. The revision request includes the continued use of survey questionnaires as have been used since January 2026, per the most recent OMB non-substantive change request approved in September 2025, as well as permission to conduct a small set of methodological studies designed to improve the efficiency and validity of NSFG data collection for the purposes described above.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 6,471 annual hours. There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Form	Number of responses	Responses per respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Household member	Household Screener Survey	13,000	1	5/60	1,083
Household Female 15–49 years of age	Female Main Survey	2,750	1	75/60	3,438
Household Male 15–49 years of age	Male Main Survey	2,250	1	50/60	1,875
Household Member	Screener Verification	411	1	2/60	14
Household Individual 15–49 years of age	Main Verification	736	1	5/60	61
Total	6,471

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Lead, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Public Health Ethics and Regulations, Office of Science, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-26-1083; Docket No. CDC-2026-0628]

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 continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on an existing information collection project titled Extended Evaluation of the National Tobacco Prevention and Control Public Education Campaign. The primary objectives of the *Tips From Former Smokers® (Tips®) campaign*, are to encourage smokers to quit smoking and to encourage nonsmokers to communicate with smokers about the dangers of smoking.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2026–0628 by either of the following methods:

□ *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.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 H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to www.regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (www.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 Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21–8, 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

Extended Evaluation of the National Tobacco Prevention and Control Public Education Campaign (OMB Control No. 0920–1083)—Reinstatement—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

In 2012, HHS/CDC launched the National Tobacco Prevention and Control Public Education Campaign, *Tips From Former Smokers (Tips) campaign*. The primary objectives of the *Tips campaign* are to encourage smokers to quit smoking and to encourage nonsmokers to communicate with smokers about the dangers of smoking. *Tips* airs annually in all U.S. media markets on broadcast and national cable TV as well as other media channels including digital video, online display and banners, radio, billboards, and other formats. *Tips* ads rely on evidence-based paid media advertising that highlights the negative health consequences of smoking. *Tips* primary target audience is adult smokers; adult nonsmokers constitute the secondary audience. *Tips* paid advertisements are aimed at providing motivation and support to smokers to quit, with information and other resources to increase smokers' chances of success in their attempts to quit smoking. A key objective for the nonsmoker audience is to encourage nonsmokers to communicate with smokers they may know (including family and friends) about the dangers of smoking and to encourage them to quit. *Tips* ads also focus on increasing audience's knowledge of smoking-related diseases, intentions to quit, and other related outcomes.

The goal of the information collection is to evaluate the reach of the *Tips campaign* among intended audiences and to examine the effectiveness of these efforts in impacting specific outcomes that are targeted by *Tips*, including quit attempts and intentions to quit among smokers, nonsmokers' communications about the dangers of smoking, and knowledge of smoking-related diseases among both audiences.

This will require customized surveys that will capture all unique messages and components of *Tips*. Information will be collected through web surveys to be self-administered by adults 18 and over on computers in the respondent's home or in another convenient location. Evaluating the impact of the *Tips* campaign on behavioral outcomes is necessary to determine campaign cost effectiveness and to allow program planning for the most effective campaign outcomes. Because *Tips* content changes, it is necessary to evaluate each yearly implementation of the *Tips* campaign.

The information collection includes three survey collections per year (nine surveys in total) generally conducted before, during, and after the *Tips* campaign in each year. Using the same methods outlined in the currently-approved information collection (OMB Control No. 0920–1083, Exp. 3/31/2026), participants will be recruited from two sources: (1) an online longitudinal cohort of adult smokers and nonsmokers, sampled randomly from postal mailing addresses in the United States (address-based sample, or ABS); and (2) an existing established online KnowledgePanel, of U.S. adults. All online surveys, will be self-administered.

Information will be collected about smokers' and nonsmokers' awareness of and exposure to specific *Tips* advertisements; knowledge, attitudes, beliefs related to smoking and secondhand smoke; and other marketing exposure. The surveys will also measure behaviors related to smoking cessation (among the smokers in the sample) and behaviors related to nonsmokers' encouragement of smokers to quit smoking, recommendations of cessation services, and attitudes about other tobacco and nicotine products. It is important to evaluate the *Tips* campaign in a context that assesses the dynamic nature of tobacco product marketing and uptake of various tobacco products, particularly since these may affect successful cessation rates. Survey instruments may be updated to include new or revised items on relevant topics, including cigars, noncombustible tobacco products, and other emerging trends in tobacco use.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 9,308 annual burden hours. OMB approval is requested for three years. Participation is voluntary and there are no costs to respondents other than their time to participate.

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)
General Population Adult Smokers, ages 18–54, in the United States.	Screening & Consent	16,667	1	5/60	1,389
	Smoker Survey Wave A	2,668	1	20/60	889
	Smoker Survey Wave B	1,667	1	20/60	556
	Smoker Survey Wave C	1,667	1	20/60	556
	Smoker Survey Wave D	1,667	1	20/60	556
	Smoker Survey Wave E	1,667	1	20/60	556
	Smoker Survey Wave F	1,667	1	20/60	556
	Smoker Survey Wave G	1,667	1	20/60	556
	Smoker Survey Wave H	1,667	1	20/60	556
	Smoker Survey Wave I	1,667	1	20/60	556
Adult Nonsmokers, ages 18–54, in the United States.	Nonsmoker Survey Wave A	1,100	1	20/60	366
	Nonsmoker Survey Wave B	835	1	20/60	277
	Nonsmoker Survey Wave C	835	1	20/60	277
	Nonsmoker Survey Wave D	835	1	20/60	277
	Nonsmoker Survey Wave E	835	1	20/60	277
	Nonsmoker Survey Wave F	835	1	20/60	277
	Nonsmoker Survey Wave G	835	1	20/60	277
	Nonsmoker Survey Wave H	835	1	20/60	277
	Nonsmoker Survey Wave I	835	1	20/60	277
	Total

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–26–0856; Docket No. CDC–2026–0663]

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 continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on an information collection project titled National Quitline Data Warehouse. The National Quitline Data Warehouse (NQDW) collects a core set

of information from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Asian Smoker’s Quitline regarding what services telephone quitlines offer to tobacco users, as well as the number and type of tobacco users who receive services from telephone quitlines.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2026–0663 by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.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 H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to www.regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (www.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 Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329;

Telephone: 404–639–7118; 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.

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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

National Quitline Data Warehouse (OMB Control No. 0920-0856)—Reinstatement—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Since 2010, the National Quitline Data Warehouse (NQDW) has collected a core set of information from the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico regarding what services telephone quitlines offer to tobacco users as well as the number and type of tobacco users who receive services from telephone quitlines. The data collection was modified in 2015 to collect data from the Asian Smokers' Quitline (ASQ) in addition to the other 53 states/territories that provide data, and included five new questions to the NQDW Intake Questionnaire to help CDC and states tailor quitline services to the needs of its callers. Additionally, collection of the NQDW Services Survey was changed from quarterly to semiannually in 2019.

The NQDW provides data on the general smoking population who contact their state quitlines, but also allows for collection of information about key subgroups of tobacco users who contact state quitlines to better support cessation services. Data is collected on tobacco users who received service from state telephone quitlines from all funded U.S. states, territories, and the Asian Smokers' Quitline (ASQ) through the NQDW Intake Questionnaire. The NQDW Seven-Month Follow-up Questionnaire is administered to tobacco users who received services from the ASQ only. Data on the quitline call volume, number of tobacco users served, and the services offered by state quitlines will be provided by state health department personnel who manage the quitline, or their designee, such as contracted quitline service providers, using the NQDW Quitline Services Survey. Data collected from the NQDW is analyzed with simple descriptive data tabulations, and trends are currently reported online through the CDC State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System website. More complex statistical analyses, including multivariate regression techniques will be utilized to assess quitline outcomes such as quitline reach, service utilization, how callers reported hearing about the quitline, and the effectiveness of quitline promotions and the CDC Tips From Former Smokers national tobacco education media campaigns on state quitline call volume

and tobacco users receiving services from state quitlines. CDC uses the information collected by the NQDW for ongoing monitoring, reporting, and evaluation related to state quitlines. Select data from the NQDW are reported online through the CDC STATE System website (<http://www.cdc.gov/statesystem>).

OMB approval is requested for three years. Information will be collected from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Asian Smokers' Quitline (ASQ). Participation in the caller intake and follow-up interviews is voluntary for quitline callers. The estimated burden is 10 minutes for a complete intake call conducted with an individual who calls on their own behalf. The estimated burden is one minute for a caller who requests information for someone else, as these callers complete only a subset of questions on the intake questionnaire. As a condition of funding (CDC-RFA-DP20-2001), the 54 cooperative agreement awardees are required to submit NQDW intake data quarterly, and services survey data semiannually. CDC recognizes that awardees incur additional burden for preparing and transmitting summary files with their de-identified caller intake and follow-up data. This burden is acknowledged in the instructions for transmitting the electronic data files.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 68,088 annual burden hours. There is no cost to respondents other than their time to participate.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per respondent (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Quitline participants who contact the quitline for help for themselves.	NQDW Intake Questionnaire (English-complete).	405,053	1	10/60	67,509
	ASQ Intake Questionnaire (Chinese, Korean, or Vietnamese-complete).	1,686	1	10/60	281
	ASQ Seven-Month Follow-up Questionnaire.	236	1	7/60	28
Participants who contact the quitline on behalf of someone else.	NQDW Intake Questionnaire (English-subset).	819	1	1/60	14
	ASQ Intake Questionnaire (Chinese, Korean, or Vietnamese-subset).	249	1	1/60	4
Tobacco Control Manager or their Designee/quitline Service Provider.	Submission of NQDW Intake Questionnaire Electronic Data File to CDC.	54	4	1	216
	Submission of NQDW (ASQ) Seven-Month Follow-up Electronic Data File to CDC.	1	1	1	1
	NQDW Quitline Services Survey.	54	2	20/60	36
Total	68,088

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel PAR; Panel: Catalyze Research on Heart, Lung, Blood, and Sleep (HLBS) Diseases and Disorder.

Date: April 28, 2026.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Dylan P. Flather, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institute of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (406) 802-6209, dylan.flather@nih.gov.

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Dated: April 17, 2026.

Margaret N. Vardanian,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

Proposed Project: SAMHSA Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic—Expansion Grant Program Evaluation (OMB No. 0930-XXXX)—NEW COLLECTION

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, SAMHSA will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer at: samhsapra@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are 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 proposed collection of information; (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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

In fiscal year 2022, SAMHSA awarded two new cohorts of its Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

(CCBHC)-Expansion program, one for clinics interested in becoming CCBHCs that need planning and support to come into compliance with CCBHC Certification Criteria, and another for established CCBHCs seeking to expand, improve, and advance their services. The purpose of the CCBHC-Expansion grants is to address problems of access, coordination, and quality of behavioral health care by establishing a standard definition and criteria for organizations certified as CCBHCs to ensure that all service recipients have access to a common set of comprehensive, coordinated services, with the ultimate goal of decreasing gaps in care and improving outcomes across communities.

SAMHSA is requesting clearance for one data collection activity and forms related to the implementation and impact studies to be conducted as part of an evaluation of these cohorts. Data collected in this evaluation will help SAMHSA assess the degree to which activities at the clinic level and systems level affect the development, implementation, and sustainment of CCBHCs consistent with the certification criteria and the impacts of model adoption on client outcomes.

1. SAMHSA will ask grantees to upload de-identified client-level Electronic Health Record data. This data will include client demographics and interview information, the Patient Health Questionnaire, the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale, the Generalized Anxiety Disorder 7-item, the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test, and the Drug Abuse Screening Test, which the Evaluation Team has identified as tools grantees commonly use to collect client data. Grantees will upload this data during Quarter 4, 2025 and during Quarter 3 2026; all client data will be uploaded during periods to reduce burden required to determine duplicates. This data will provide SAMHSA with further data about client outcomes. If this data is not conducted, SAMHSA will not have adequate information to evaluate the extent to which clients improve over time on key outcomes related to CCBHC services.

The estimated response burden is as follows:

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage	Total hour cost burden ^a
Electronic Health Record data collection	298	2	8	4,768	\$59.07	\$281,645.76

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Total	298	2	8	4,768	59.07	281,645.76

^aTotal respondent cost is calculated as number of respondents × number of responses per respondent × average burden per response in hours × average hourly wage.

Send comments to SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 15E-57A, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857 or email a copy to: samhsapra@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by June 22, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0116]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection: Request for Fee Waiver

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed extension of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.* the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0116 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS 2010-0008. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at

<https://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2010-0008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, John R. Pfirrmann-Powell, Acting Deputy Chief, telephone number (240) 721-3000 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <https://www.regulations.gov> and entering USCIS-1615-0116 in the search box. Comments must be submitted in English, or an English translation must be provided. All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(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 submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Request for Fee Waiver.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-912; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* **Primary:** Individuals or households. USCIS uses the data collected on this form to verify that the applicant is unable to pay for the immigration benefit being requested. USCIS will consider waiving a fee for an application or petition when the applicant or petitioner clearly demonstrates that he or she is unable to pay the fee. Form I-912 standardizes the collection and analysis of statements and supporting documentation provided by the applicant with the fee waiver request. Form I-912 also streamlines and expedites USCIS’s review, approval, or denial of the fee waiver request by clearly laying out the most salient data and evidence necessary for the determination of inability to pay. Officers evaluate all factors, circumstances, and evidence supplied in support of a fee waiver request when making a final determination. Each case is unique and is considered on its own merits. If the fee waiver is granted, the application will be processed. If the fee waiver is not granted, USCIS will notify

the applicant and instruct them to file a new application with the appropriate fee.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of annual respondents for the information collection I-912 (paper) is 528,258 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.095 hours; the estimated total number of annual respondents for the information collection I-912 (PDFi) is 65,742 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1 hour; the estimated total number of annual respondents for the information collection Non-form Request for Fee Waiver (Paper) is 7,470 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.095 hours; the estimated total number of annual respondents for the information collection Non-form Request for Fee Waiver (PDFi) is 930 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1 hour; and the estimated total number of annual respondents for the information collection 8 CFR 103.7(d) Director's Exemption Request is 128 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.095 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual hour burden associated with this collection is 653,435 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$2,009,461.

Dated: March 31, 2026.

John R. Pfirrmann-Powell,
Acting Deputy Chief, Regulatory Coordination
Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S.
Citizenship and Immigration Services,
Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6553-N-02]

Fair Market Rents for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program, and Other Programs Fiscal Year 2026; Revised

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of revised fiscal year (FY) 2026 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) and response to comments on FY 2026 FMRs.

SUMMARY: This notice updates the FY 2026 FMRs for seven areas based on new survey data. Further, HUD responds to comments received on the FY 2026 FMRs.

DATES: The revised FY 2026 FMRs are effective on May 21, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Bibler, telephone 202-402-6057. Questions related to use of FMRs or voucher payment standards should be directed to the respective local HUD

program staff. For technical information on the methodology used to develop FMRs or a listing of all FMRs, please call the HUD USER information line at 800-245-2691 (toll-free), email the Program Parameters and Research Division at pprd@hud.gov, or access the information on the HUD USER website: <http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 22, 2025, HUD published in the **Federal Register** the FY 2026 FMRs, requested comments on the FY 2026 FMRs, and outlined procedures for requesting a reevaluation of an area's FY 2026 FMRs (90 FR 41096). A corrected notice that extended the comment period was issued on September 19, 2025 (90 FR 45240). This notice revises the FY 2026 FMRs for seven areas based on data provided to HUD.

I. Revised FY 2026 FMRs

The updated FY 2026 FMRs appear in the following table. The FMRs are based on surveys conducted by the area public housing agencies (PHAs) and reflect the estimated 40th percentile rent levels trended to FY 2026.

The FMRs for the affected areas are revised as follows:

2026 Fair Market Rent area	0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA HUD Metro FMR Area	\$2,079	\$2,328	\$2,903	\$3,681	\$4,098
Napa, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)	2,286	2,526	3,315	4,222	4,942
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA MSA	1,842	2,036	2,671	3,584	4,105
Asheville, NC HUD Metro FMR Area	1,436	1,674	1,835	2,231	3,078
Transylvania County, NC	1,032	1,039	1,363	1,634	2,048
Albany, OR MSA	1,169	1,396	1,695	2,294	2,662
Corvallis, OR MSA	1,350	1,451	1,824	2,537	2,862

HUD has published these revised FMR values on the HUD USER website at: <http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>. In addition, HUD has updated the FY 2026 Small Area FMRs (SAFMRs) with revised FMRs, which can be found at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/smallarea/index.html>. HUD has also updated the 50th percentile rents for all affected FMR areas, which are published at <http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/50per.html>.

II. Public Comments on FY 2026 FMRs

This summary of comments addresses the most significant concerns raised by the commenters. The public comment period was extended to October 1, 2025, by the corrected September 19, 2025, notice and closed on that date. HUD received 21 distinct comments relating to the notice. The comments were from PHAs, community development agencies, and private citizens. Of the 21 comments received, 13 were reevaluation requests for 15 FMR areas. The comments and their responses are discussed below.

Concerns About the Accuracy of FMRs

Comment: One commenter noted the significant and persistent gaps between proposed FMRs and actual market rents. The commenter stated that such gaps can reduce voucher success rates and result in more limited housing choices and geographic concentration of voucher holders. The commenter also stated that even with the incorporation of private data, the built-in lag associated with American Community Survey (ACS) data cannot capture recent market shifts. The commenter noted that areas "experiencing rapid rent

appreciation . . .” would be “perpetually behind the curve.” The commenter believes that the reevaluation process is an inefficient mechanism to correct the lag that places undue burden on individual PHAs. The commenter said that the problem could be better addressed by HUD monitoring rents proactively using private data sources. In particular, the commenter believed that HUD should update FMRs in high-volatility markets semi-annually or quarterly.

HUD response: There is no other data on gross rents paid that is consistently collected on a nationwide basis, available to HUD, that is more current than the data we receive through the ACS. The Federal Government invests a substantial amount of resources in collecting socio-economic data through the ACS, which has statutory advantages in compelling responses to the ACS, generating significantly higher response rates than other survey programs. Proprietary rent data cannot be used as the sole basis for the FMR calculations because it is not consistently available for all areas and is not collected in such a way that it is statistically representative of the rental markets it covers. For example, some of these sources focus on rents for major apartment projects only. Additionally, commercial sources of rent data do not provide an estimate of the 40th percentile rent paid by recent movers, as required by HUD’s current regulations.

HUD acknowledges the many hardships that low-income households face, as well as the challenges faced by PHAs and other partners in working with HUD to accomplish its mission. Having an accurate FMR is often critical to helping address these challenges, and HUD is committed to continuously evaluating its FMR calculation methodology, including considering the implications for areas with rapidly rising rents. HUD will evaluate the programmatic need for more frequent updates of FMRs alongside the available resources for calculating and issuing them.

Comment: One commenter questioned the increasingly small difference between the three-bedroom and four-bedroom FMRs for Bloomington, IL metropolitan statistical area (MSA) in recent years. The commenter wondered if there might be an error either in the methodology or the calculations.

HUD response: The differences cited by the commenter are the intentional results of the methodology, as applied to Bloomington, IL MSA. HUD sets FMRs for units of different sizes using “bedroom ratios”, which are calculated using long-term averages of the

relationship between rents for 2-bedroom units and other sizes in the American Community Survey. The specific data and calculation steps used for the Bloomington, IN MSA are available here: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2026_code/2026bdrm_rent.odn?year=2026&cbsasub=METRO14010M14010&br_size=3.

Comment: One commenter suggested that HUD work with the Department of Commerce to include more American ACS funding in the next proposed President’s Budget, thereby improving the accuracy of FMR estimates.

HUD response: HUD advises the Census Bureau on its use of the ACS, including through HUD’s annual procurement of special data tabulations and the interagency council on statistical policy. As previously stated, HUD also assesses the accuracy of its FMR calculations and appraises the Census Bureau of the results of these assessments where relevant to the Bureau.

Comment: One commenter expressed concern that the FMR levels in Puerto Rico, particularly the metropolitan San Juan, are too low. The commenter thought this could possibly be due to the inclusion of substandard housing in the data.

HUD response: HUD procures special tabulations of Puerto Rico Community Survey data from the Census Bureau in part to enable the exclusion of units not meeting indicators of “standard quality” rental housing (those with cash rent; those sited on 10 acres or less; with full plumbing; with a complete kitchen; and meals not included in rent). This should minimize the extent to which substandard housing is included in the FMR data. Additionally, HUD determines a “public housing cutoff rent” to eliminate the bottom end of the distribution of rental units from the ACS before the 40th percentile rent is calculated as a proxy to remove units with low rents that are likely in nonmarket transactions (e.g., rented from relatives), subsidized (ACS does not ask whether households receive rental subsidies), or are otherwise inadequate in some manner not measured by the ACS. HUD reminds PHAs that they may request exception payment standards or use Small Area FMRs in circumstances where the FMR is too low. Additionally, a PHA may request a reevaluation and conduct a survey per HUD’s guidelines. Such a survey could also investigate the prevalence of substandard units.

Concerns Regarding the FMR Reevaluation Process

Comment: One commenter questioned the equitability of PHAs being required to bear the full burden of independent surveys to support an FMR reevaluation, especially when HUD already has access to the same private rental data sources that would support these reevaluations. The commenter noted that the cost of the surveys comes at the expense of voucher holders and other core PHA functions. The commenter suggested several ways that HUD could minimize the burden and assist PHAs with the reevaluation process, including establishing a grant program to fund PHA reevaluations, providing additional clarity to the reevaluation process, accepting private data sources where appropriate rather than requiring entirely new studies, providing technical assistance to PHAs, and proactively identifying areas that may require reevaluations.

HUD response: HUD is committed to working with PHAs who are interested in conducting local rental market surveys. Surveys and data collection are often inherently expensive, and their costs are beyond HUD’s control. In addition, HUD’s ability to provide funds to PHAs for local rental market surveys is dependent on the availability of funds and their authorized uses specified in annual appropriations statutes.

HUD reminds PHAs that paying for local area rent surveys is an eligible expense to be paid from ongoing HCV administrative fees or their HCV administrative fee reserve account. In general, the cost of the survey increases with the size of the FMR area and the size of the rental market. However, as noted earlier, HUD’s existing private data sources cannot be used as the sole basis for the FMR calculations. Among other concerns, they are not consistently available for all areas and are not collected in such a way that the results are statistically representative of the rental markets they cover.

Additionally, public housing agencies have latitude in setting actual payment standards for use in the voucher program. Payment standards may range from 90 to 110 percent of the applicable FMR as part of normal program operations. Regulations also allow for the designation of exception payment standard areas in which payment standards may exceed 110 percent of the applicable FMR. They also allow for the voluntary use of Small Area FMRs for PHAs that are not operating in a mandatory SAFMR area. These flexibilities provide additional ways of mitigating any uncertainty or

inaccuracies inherent in the FMR calculation process that are less burdensome than a market survey.

Concerns About FMRs and Renewal Funding Inflation Factors

Comment: One commenter noted the relationship between Renewal Funding Inflation Factors (RFIFs) and FMRs, making several suggestions as to how they might be improved. The commenter suggested that HUD start issuing preliminary **Federal Register** notices for each calculation, thereby allowing comments from PHAs with valuable market-specific information to be incorporated into the final calculations. Additionally, the commenter made several RFIF-specific suggestions, including: (1) calculating RFIFs earlier to allow PHAs adequate budget and management time, (2) increasing the RFIF weighting in favor of FMR changes relative to the CPI, (3) conducting regular validation of RFIF projections relative to actual HAP expenditure growth, and (4) establishing “clearer guidelines and more accessible processes” for RFIF reevaluations.

HUD response: HUD issues RFIFs and determines the RFIF methodology through a separate notice. The authority to issue renewal funding for the voucher program is provided in HUD’s annual appropriations acts, the timing of which HUD does not control. As is the case for FMRs, HUD is committed to evaluating both the accuracy of RFIFs and the extent to which their current calculation, dissemination, and use allows HUD to meet its mission.

Mandatory SAFMRs

Comment: One commenter suggested that mandatory SAFMRs be eliminated and that HUD instead restore PHA discretion as to whether SAFMRs or area-wide FMRs are used. The commenter argued that PHAs better understand the specific markets and that SAFMRs may not necessarily be effective, given factors such as tight competition in tight rental markets, lack of landlord participation, and family preferences and constraints. The commenter also suggested that HUD provide clear guidance and technical assistance, as well as “adequate administrative fee funding to cover the additional costs of implementation” for PHAs using SAFMRs. Additionally, the commenter suggested that HUD review the efficacy of SAFMRs beyond merely mobility outcomes. The commenter also said that, should HUD continue to use mandatory SAFMRs, they ought to determine mandatory areas using criteria designed to determine their likely efficacy (such as areas with rent

variation and landlord participation across neighborhoods), rather than the criteria used now, which is designed to identify areas where poverty has become concentrated and SAFMRs could help address that concentration.

HUD response: The mandatory use of SAFMRs is currently determined pursuant to HUD regulation and is beyond the scope of the annual calculation of the FMRs themselves. HUD will continue to evaluate whether or not the existing Small Area FMR regulations are supporting HUD’s mission. HUD will also continue to explore Small Area FMR-specific methodology changes in order to increase their accuracy. HUD reminds PHAs operating under Small Area FMRs that they may group ZIP Codes into one payment standard area as long as the payment standard remains within 90 to 110 percent of the applicable Small Area FMR. Additionally, the regulations regarding exception payment standards apply to mandatory Small FMRs as well.

Calculation Transparency

Comment: One commenter suggested that HUD should publish the number of times an area’s data failed statistical reliability checks to provide PHAs with a measure of how accurate the final estimate might be when deciding whether to submit a reevaluation request.

Another commenter suggested that HUD be completely transparent about the FMR and RFIF calculations, including data sources, for each area.

HUD response: HUD does explicitly publish the information on when an area fails a statistical validity check and the results for the FMR calculation for each area on HUD User (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>). HUD strives to improve our transparency, for example, making detailed FMR and SAFMR methodology documents available to the public on HUD User for FY 2026. HUD will evaluate what if any steps can improve the transparency of RFIF calculation, noting that the FMR is a main component of RFIF calculation. Therefore, HUD’s attempts at FMR transparency support RFIF transparency as well.

Geographic Changes in Connecticut

Comment: One commenter recommended that HUD allow PHAs in Connecticut to choose whether they want to use the older or the newer geographical definition as the basis for their FMRs. The commenter believed that this would prevent budgetary impacts where the new geography results in a lower FMR than the older

geography. A second commenter objected to the geographical changes in Connecticut as well, citing specific declines to higher FMR areas that resulted from the inclusion of lower FMR areas, as well as the notable increases in the historically lower FMR areas.

HUD response: As described in the FY 2026 FMR notice, HUD was not able to maintain the prior area definitions in Connecticut following the incorporation of the new planning regions into the definitions of metropolitan statistical areas. In implementing these changes, HUD continued the regulatory requirement that no area’s FMR may decrease by more than 10 percent in a single year in order to minimize disruption to program operations. In cases where the new geographic definitions cause the town-specific FMR to differ widely from local rents, PHAs may pursue exception payment standards or use Small Area FMRs. Additionally, HUD reminds PHAs that they are not required to reduce the payment standard for in-place tenants in response to declining FMRs. Finally, there should not be major implications for the calculation of renewal funding as a result of these changes, as the RFIF calculation is done at an FMR area-wide level.

Comment Period Extension

Comment: One commenter requested an extension of the comment period based on decisions made by the National Archives and Records Administration that they state prevented them from submitting their comments by the deadline.

HUD response: HUD has no control over the National Archives and Records Administration. HUD provided the full comment window for FY 2026 FMRs and will accept comment on future publications of FMRs as well as any methodological changes to their calculation.

Alternative Utility Inflation Factor

Comment: One commenter indicated support for HUD’s proposed alternative utility inflation factor. The commenter appreciated the opportunity to see how FMRs calculated using the two utility inflation factors would compare.

HUD response: HUD thanks the commenter for their support for this alternative approach.

Exemption Request

Comment: One commenter requested an exemption from the Secretary for the FMR requirements. While it is not entirely clear which programs the commenter would like an exception for,

their reference to “the Quality Housing Act and the Home Investment Partnership” would imply that the request is for the HOME Investment Partnership Program and perhaps for the Section 8 program as well.

HUD response: Requirements for FMR use in various programs are determined by statute and regulation, with additional policies as determined by the relevant program office. For information on exemptions, stakeholders should consult directly with the relevant program office.

Concerns About Payment Standards

Comment: One commenter said that the Orange County Housing Authority is setting payment standards too low and believes that HUD should require SAFMRs for the affected area.

HUD response: Metropolitan areas whose PHAs are subject to the mandatory use of SAFMRs are determined using criteria laid out in a **Federal Register** notice (81 FR 80678) that accompanied the SAFMR Final Rule (81 FR 80567). The criteria include: (1) total vouchers \geq 2,500, (2) at least 20 percent of the standard quality rental stock within the area is in ZIP Codes where the SAFMR is more than 110 percent of the metropolitan FMR, (3) the percentage of voucher families living in concentrated low-income areas relative to all renters within the area must be at least 25 percent, (4) the percentage of voucher holders living in concentrated low-income areas relative to all renters within these areas over the entire metropolitan area exceeds 155 percent, and (5) the vacancy rate for the metropolitan area is higher than 4 percent. HUD evaluates new data every five years as it becomes available and makes additional SAFMR area designations as appropriate. The most recent evaluation was conducted in 2023. In the meantime, concerns about payment standards can be raised with the PHA and local HUD office.

Requests for Reevaluations

Comment: Commenters submitted valid requests for reevaluation for 11 FMR areas. There were also 4 requests that did not meet HUD requirements. Commenters requesting or supporting a reevaluation for the FY 2026 FMRs stated that the proposed FMRs were not an accurate representation of their area’s rental market. Many commenters stated that they would undertake a local rent survey as part of their request for reevaluation.

HUD response: HUD published the list of areas requesting reevaluation on the HUD User website on November 18,

2025, and the list of areas without a submission of rental market data on January 14, 2026. This notice provides the revised FMRs for areas that submitted survey data and concludes the FY 2026 FMR reevaluation process.

III. Environmental Impact

This notice involves the establishment of FMR schedules, which do not constitute a development decision affecting the physical condition of specific project areas or building sites. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

Todd Richardson,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-OC-2026-1519; FXGO166009OC000-267-FF09X00000]

Re-Establishment of the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation and Access Council; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is re-establishing and seeking member nominations to the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation and Access Council (Council). The Council replaces and changes the name of the previous Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), after consultation with the General Services Administration, is re-establishing the Council charter for 2 years. The Council will provide recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture, regarding the establishment and implementation of existing and proposed policies and authorities with regard to wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that benefit wildlife resources; encourage partnership among the public, sporting conservation organizations, and Federal, State, Tribal, and Territorial governments; benefit hunting and the shooting sports; and increase public access to hunting and the shooting sports.

DATES: Comments regarding the re-establishment of this Council must be submitted no later than April 28, 2026. Nominations for the Council must be submitted by *May 21, 2026*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and nominations via email to *doug_hobbs@fws.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Hobbs, by telephone at (703) 358-2336, or by email at *doug_hobbs@fws.gov*. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is re-established under the authority of the Secretary and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10). The Council’s duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to,

(a) Assessing the implementation of current and future Executive Orders, Secretary’s Orders, Secretarial memos, and Director’s Orders that pertain to the objective of the Council, and providing recommendations to enhance and expand their implementation;

(b) Conducting a review of public lands to identify any areas currently unreachable or unavailable for public hunting opportunities and recommending solutions or options to increase access;

(c) Making recommendations regarding policies and programs that:

1. conserve and restore wetlands, grasslands, forests, and other important wildlife habitats, and improve management and restoration of rangelands and agricultural lands to benefit wildlife and enhance hunting and wildlife-associated recreation;

2. promote opportunities for hunting and/or expand access to hunting, shooting sports and wildlife-associated recreation on public lands;

3. improve and enhance agency infrastructure that benefit wildlife and their habitats, that enhance public access to hunting and shooting sports opportunities on public lands and other related and lawful uses in accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814) and the Great American Outdoors Act (P.L. 115-162);

4. encourage hunting and shooting sports safety, including through development of ranges on public lands;

5. recruit and retain new hunters and shooting sports enthusiasts whose participation helps support wildlife conservation and increased access and opportunities through the North American Model of Conservation;

6. increase public awareness of the importance of wildlife conservation and the social and economic benefits of hunting and the shooting sports; and

7. encourage coordination among the public; the hunting and shooting sports communities; wildlife conservation groups; and Federal, State, Tribal and Territorial governments to better utilize natural resources while providing for conservation.

(d) When requested by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) in consultation with the Council Chairperson, performing a variety of assessments or reviews of policies, programs, and efforts through the Council's designated subcommittees or workgroups for consideration and approval of full Council.

The Council will meet at least two times per year. The Secretary will appoint members and alternates to the Council to serve up to a 3-year term. The Council will not exceed 18 primary representative members, up to 18 alternate representative members, and 4 ex officio members. Ex officio members will include:

- Secretary of the Interior or designated Department of the Interior representatives;
- Secretary of Agriculture or designated Department of Agriculture representative; and
- Executive Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

The Secretary will select remaining members from among, but not limited to, the organization/interests listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organization and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituencies.

- State fish and wildlife management agencies;
- Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;
- Shooting sports interests;
- Gamebird hunting organizations;
- Waterfowl hunting organizations;
- Big game hunting organizations;
- U.S hunters actively engaged in domestic and/or international hunting conservation;
- The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;
- Archery interests;
- Wildlife-associated recreation interests;
- Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide businesses related to hunting and/or wildlife conservation;

- Tribal resource management organizations;
- Agriculture interests;
- Ranching interest; and
- Veterans service organizations.

Member Terms and Vacancies To Fill

Each representative member is appointed to serve up to a 3-year term. Nominations are sought to fill 18 primary representative member positions and up to 18 alternate representative member positions. We are requesting nominations to fill vacancies to represent all organizations/interests listed above.

Nomination Method and Information

Nominations should include a cover letter and resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable DOI to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Council and the national interest potentially represented, and to permit DOI to contact a potential member.

Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Council and subcommittee members engaged in Council or subcommittee business that the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) approves may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

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 review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Public Interest Determination: Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 102–3.60(a) to establish, renew, reestablish, or merge a discretionary (agency discretion) advisory committee, an agency must first consult with the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat (the Secretariat) and, as part of the consultation, provide a written public interest determination approved by the head of the agency to the Secretariat with a copy to the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 102–3.35, an agency shall follow the same

consultation process and document in writing the same determination of need before creating a subcommittee under a discretionary committee that is not made up entirely of members of a parent advisory committee.

Information on the following factors for the committee is provided to the Secretariat to demonstrate that establishing the committee is in the public interest:

1. *Annual budget:* Up to \$80,000 (per the committee charter).

a. *Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis:* Up to 0.5 FTE.

b. *Other Federal internal costs:* Approximately \$63,000.

c. *Proposed payments to members:* \$0.

d. *Proposed number of members:* 4 Ex officio members, 18 primary members, and up to 18 alternate members.

e. *Reimbursable costs:* Approximately \$17,000.

2. *If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the fiscal year:* N/A.

3. *Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary expertise and fairly balanced membership:*

Council membership, balance, and individual perspective and expertise are in large part dictated by the committee charter. To ensure balance, appointees will be selected from among, but not limited to, the national interest groups listed in the charter. Additionally, committee members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituency. The membership make-up of the Council assures a range of perspectives and expertise reflecting the breadth of its responsibilities as identified in the charter.

4. *List of all other Federal advisory committees of the agency:*

- Acadia National Park Advisory Commission
- Advisory Committee on Landslides
- Alaska Resource Advisory Council
- Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
- Arizona Resource Advisory Council
- Avi Kwa Ame National Monument Advisory Committee
- Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni-Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument Advisory Committee
- Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee
- Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council
- Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

California Desert District Advisory Council
 Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission
 Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission
 Central California Resource Advisory Council
 Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council
 Committee for the Preservation of the White House
 Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council
 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee
 Geologic Mapping Advisory Committee
 Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission
 Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee
 Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
 Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee
 Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council
 Idaho Resource Advisory Council
 Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Advisory Commission
 John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council
 Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission
 Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission
 McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council
 Missouri Basin Resource Advisory Council
 Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
 National Geospatial Advisory Committee
 National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Aniakchak National Monument
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Cape Krusenstern National Monument
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Denali National Park
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Gates of the Arctic National Park
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Kobuk Valley National Park
 National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Lake Clark National Park

National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Wrangell-St. Elias National Park
 National Volcano Early Warning System Advisory Committee
 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee
 North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel
 North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Northern California District Resource Advisory Council
 Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council
 Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Northwest Resource Advisory Council
 Preservation Technology and Training Board
 Rio Puerco Management Committee
 Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council
 San Rafael Swell Recreation Advisory Council
 Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee
 Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee
 Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Sierra Front Northern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
 Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council
 Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council
 Southwest Resource Advisory Council
 Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council
 Steens Mountain Advisory Council
 Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee
 The Wyoming Resource Advisory Council
 Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Advisory Council
 Utah Resource Advisory Council
 Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee
 Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 Western Montana Resource Advisory Council
 Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council
 Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board
 Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
 5. *Justification that the information or advice provided by the Federal advisory committee or subcommittee is not available from another Federal advisory*

committee, another Federal Government source, or any other more cost-effective and less burdensome source:

Because of the professional affiliations, expertise, and experiences of members of the Council, it is uniquely positioned to provide consensus advice to the Departments related to hunting, recreational shooting, and wildlife conservation.

Members of the committee typically have years of professional experience as managers, advocates, and participants in the wildlife conservation and recreation field, or as leaders within the recreation associated industries. There is no equivalent body of advisers empaneled to address the specific set of issues the committee is tasked with, or to assist the Departments with the specific subject matter by providing consensus, group advice. Empaneling the committee serves efficiency and cost-effective bureau operations through the time and cost savings realized by having a group of advisers meet to offer expert advice versus multiple individual meetings to receive stakeholder input. Cost-effectiveness is increased by limiting the number of in-person meetings, and the increased utilization of on-line meeting platforms to conduct business. Lastly, implementation of the committee's consensus recommendations frequently negates the need to proceed through additional public comment and other public input processes, thereby saving time and money.

6. *If the consultation is a committee renewal, a summary of the previous accomplishments of the committee and the reasons it needs to continue: N/A.*

7. *Explanation of why the committee/subcommittee is essential to the conduct of agency business:*

Members of the Council typically have years of experience as managers, advocates, and participants in the wildlife conservation and wildlife-associated recreation fields, or in the wildlife-associated recreation industries. There is no equivalent body of advisers empaneled to assist the Departments in improving the development and implementation of policies that benefit wildlife and their habitats, as well as policies to increase opportunities for hunting, recreational shooting, and other wildlife-associated recreation. Given the Council member knowledge of government conservation law, policy, and processes, the committee can provide actionable advice and recommendations to the Federal Government on creating, expanding, and maintaining hunting, recreational shooting sports, and wildlife-associated recreational opportunities on Federal lands and

waters. The Council also provides advice to maintain and increase the conservation and economic benefits derived from these recreational activities.

The Council serves the public interest by offering actionable recommendations to improve the Federal Government's efforts to implement laws and policies that maximize the core functions and purposes of Federal agency efforts to conserve and sustain wildlife populations and their habitats, and to provide access to and recreational opportunity on public lands. Because of the professional affiliations, expertise, and experiences of committee members, it is uniquely positioned to provide consensus advice to the Departments related to hunting, recreational shooting, and wildlife conservation.

In conclusion, this public interest determination documents that establishing the committee is in the public interest, essential to the conduct of agency business, and that the information to be obtained is not already available through another advisory committee or source within the Federal Government.

Certification Statement: I hereby certify that the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation and Access Council is necessary, in the public interest, and is in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture under 43 U.S.C. 1457 and provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701), the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd), Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act (16 U.S.C. 8401 *et seq.*), other Acts applicable to specific bureaus, and Executive Order 13443 (August 17, 2007), "Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation."

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10.

Doug Burgum,

Secretary, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199;
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Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Alabama Beach Mouse; Baldwin County, AL; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Stillwater Capital Assets, LLC (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed threatened Alabama beach mouse incidental to the construction of a single-family home in Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plans (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, both of which are also available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before May 21, 2026.

To ensure your comment is received and considered, you must submit it using one of the methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The documents this notice announces, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: All submissions must include the docket number [FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199] for this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0199; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered. We will not accept comments via email, fax, or hand delivery. We are not required to consider comments that are submitted after the comment period ends or that are submitted via a method outside of these instructions. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate content will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Lentz, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), by telephone at 1-251-298-3853, or via email at erin_lentz@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Stillwater Capital Assets LLC (applicant) for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed Alabama beach mouse (ABM; *Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*), incidental to the construction, maintenance and operation of a single-family home in Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act regulations (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the DOI's NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (DM; 516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, both of which are also available for public review.

Proposed Project

Stillwater Capital Assets LLC (applicant) requests a 50-year ITP to take ABM via the conversion of 0.05 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering ABM habitat incidental to the construction of a single-family home on a 0.381-ac parcel located at 11068 Mobile Street West, Gulf Shores, Alabama. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of ABM through an in-lieu fee of \$4,813.90 to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Fund.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that reasonably foreseeable effects of the applicant's proposed project, including the construction of a single-family home and infrastructure (e.g., deck, pool, stairs, and driveway), would have a minor effect on ABM and the human environment, and no extraordinary circumstances in 43 CFR 46.215 apply. Reasonably foreseeable effects encompass effects of implementation of the action including effects of the action in addition to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future effects. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a low-effect ITP that may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion (516 DM 5.8(C)(2)), pursuant to NEPA, the DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI DM. A low-effect ITP is one that would result in (1) negligible or minor effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) no significant effects on the human environment; and (3) reasonably foreseeable effects that would not result in significant effects to the human environment.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue ITP number PER23578321 to Stillwater Capital Assets, LLC.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made

available to the public. If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, 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.

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 46).

Jeffrey Powell,

Acting Field Supervisor, Alabama Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Natural Resources Revenue

[Docket No. ONRR-2011-0008; OMB Control Number 1012-0006; DS63636400 DRT000000.CH7000 267D1113RT]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Suspensions Pending Appeal and Bonding

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), ONRR is proposing to renew an information collection. Through this Information Collection Request renewal (ICR), ONRR seeks renewed authority to collect information related to the paperwork requirements necessary to post a surety or bond or demonstrate financial solvency.

DATES: Your written comments must be received on or before May 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: All comment submissions must (1) reference "Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1012-0006" in the subject line; (2) be sent to ONRR before the close of the comment period listed under **DATES**; and (3) be sent using the following methods:

- *Electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Please visit <https://www.regulations.gov>. Enter the Docket ID Number for this ICR renewal ("ONRR-2011-0008") and click "Search" to view the publications associated with the docket folder. Locate the document with an open comment period and click the "Comment" button. Follow the prompts to submit your comment prior to the close of the comment period.

- *Email Submissions:* Please submit your comments to ONRR_regulationsmailbox@onrr.gov with the OMB Control Number ("OMB Control No. 1012-0006") listed in the subject line of your email. Email submissions must be postmarked on or before the close of the comment period.

Docket: To access the docket folder to view the ICR **Federal Register** publications, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search "ONRR-2011-0008" to view renewal notices recently published in the **Federal Register**, publications associated with prior renewals, and applicable public comments received for this ICR. ONRR will make the comments submitted in response to this notice available for public viewing at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

OMB ICR Data: OMB also maintains information on ICR renewals and approvals. You may access this information at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>. Please use the following instructions: Under the "OMB Control Number" heading enter "1012-0006" and click the "Search" button located at the bottom of the page. To view the ICR renewal or OMB approval status, click on the latest entry based on the most recent date. On the "View ICR—OIRA Conclusion" page, check the box next to "All" to display all available ICR information provided by OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Polacek, Financial Services, ONRR, by telephone at (303) 231-3070 or email to Jessica.Polacek@onrr.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*, and 5 CFR 1320.5, all information collections, as defined in 5 CFR 1320.3, require approval by OMB. ONRR may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of ONRR's continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, ONRR is inviting the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information in accordance with the PRA and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1). This helps ONRR to assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand ONRR's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

ONRR is especially interested in public comments addressing the following:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of ONRR's estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency 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 response.

ONRR published a 60-day notice on September 18, 2023 (88 FR 63973) to renew this ICR and expand the covered information collections to Osage lands. In the 60-day notice, ONRR included content from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) proposed rule "Mining of the Osage Mineral Estate for Oil and Gas," published on January 13, 2023 (88 FR 2430). The proposed rule would set forth an appeals process for a lessee of the Osage Mineral Estate, which was previously accounted for in the 60-day notice for this ICR renewal. However, the BIA did not publish a final rule. ONRR is therefore publishing this 30-day notice without Osage content to ensure a timely renewal of the existing collections. Accordingly, this 30-day notice seeks authority to collect information related to the paperwork requirements at 30 CFR part 1243 to

post a surety or bond or demonstrate financial solvency.

ONRR did not receive any comments in response to the **Federal Register** 60-day notice available at www.regulations.gov. ONRR reached out to less than ten members of industry soliciting comments and received no responses.

Comments that you submit in response to this 30-day notice are a matter of public record. ONRR will include or summarize each comment in its request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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 ONRR in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, ONRR cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

(a) *General Information:* The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to "establish a comprehensive inspection, collection and fiscal and production accounting and auditing system to provide the capability to accurately determine oil and gas royalties, interest, fines, penalties, fees, deposits, and other payments owed, and to collect and account for such amounts in a timely manner." 30 U.S.C. 1711. ONRR performs these and other mineral revenue management responsibilities for the Secretary. See U.S. Department of the Interior Departmental Manual, 112 DM 34.1 (December 9, 2020).

For Federal lands only, Section 4(l), "Stay of Payment Obligation Pending Review," of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA) requires ONRR to evaluate any person, ordered by the Secretary or a delegated State to pay any obligation (other than an assessment) subject to RSFA, to determine whether that person is entitled to a stay of the order without bond or other surety instrument, pending an administrative or judicial proceeding, based on the financial solvency of that person.

ONRR regulations at 30 CFR part 1243 govern the suspension of orders or decisions pending administrative appeal for Federal and Indian leases. For Federal leases, these regulations allow an appellant to submit information demonstrating financial solvency in lieu of providing a surety. For appellants who are not financially solvent or for appeals involving Indian leases, ONRR requires appellants to post a surety

instrument to secure the financial interest of the public and Indian lessors during the entire administrative or judicial appeal process.

(b) *Information Collections:*

Regulations at 30 CFR part 1243 govern the submission of appropriate surety instruments to suspend compliance with an order or decision, and to stay the accrual of civil penalties (if the Office of Hearings and Appeals grants a lessee's petition to stay accrual of civil penalties) pending administrative appeal for Federal and Indian leases. For Federal oil and gas leases, pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 1724(l) and its implementing regulations at 30 CFR part 1243, an appellant requesting a suspension without providing a surety must submit information to demonstrate financial solvency. This ICR covers the burden hours associated with submitting financial statements and surety instruments required to stay an ONRR order, decision, or accrual of civil penalties as follows:

(1) *Stay of Payment Pending Appeal:* 30 CFR 1243.1 states that lessees or recipients of ONRR orders may suspend compliance with an order if they appeal at 30 CFR part 1290. Pending appeal, ONRR may suspend the payment requirement if the appellant submits a formal agreement of payment in the case of default, such as a bond or other surety. For Federal oil and gas leases, the appellant may alternatively demonstrate financial solvency. If the Office of Hearings and Appeals grants a recipient of a notice of noncompliance or civil penalty notice's request to stay the accrual of civil penalties at 30 CFR 1241.55(b)(2) and 1241.63(b)(2), the recipient must post a bond or other surety. For Federal oil and gas leases, the appellant may alternatively demonstrate financial solvency.

ONRR accepts the following surety types:

(i) Form ONRR-4435, *Administrative Appeal Bond*;

(ii) Form ONRR-4436, *Letter of Credit*;

(iii) Form ONRR-4437, *Assignment of Certificate of Deposit*;

(iv) *Self-bonding (Federal leases only)*; and

(v) U.S. Treasury Securities.

When an appellant selects one of the surety types and puts it in place, the appellant must maintain the surety until the appeal's resolution. If the appeal is decided in favor of the appellant, ONRR will return the surety to the appellant. If the appeal is decided in favor of ONRR, then ONRR will take action to collect the total amount due or draw down on the surety. ONRR will draw down on a surety if the appellant fails to comply with requirements relating to

the amount due, timeframe, or surety submission or resubmission. Whenever ONRR draws down on a surety, it reduces the total amount due, which is defined as the unpaid principal plus the interest accrued to the projected receipt date of the surety payment. Appellants may refer to the Surety Instrument Posting Instructions, available on our website at <https://onrr.gov/references/forms?tabs=appeal-surety>.

(2) *Forms and Other Surety Types:*

A. Form ONRR-4435, Administrative Appeal Bond: An appellant may file form ONRR-4435, *Administrative Appeal Bond*, which ONRR uses to secure the financial interests of the public and Indian lessors during the entire administrative and judicial appeal processes. Under 30 CFR 1243.4, an appellant is required to submit its contact and surety amount information on the bond to obtain the benefit of suspension of an obligation to comply with an order. The bond must be issued by a qualified surety company that the U.S. Department of the Treasury approves. See Department of the Treasury Circular No. 570, revised periodically in the **Federal Register**. ONRR's Director, or the delegated bond-approving officer, maintains the bonds in a secure facility. After an appeal's conclusion, ONRR may release and return the bond to the appellant or collect payment on the bond. If collection is necessary for a remaining balance, ONRR will issue a demand for payment to the surety company with a notice to the appellant. ONRR will also include all interest accrued on the affected receivable.

B. Form ONRR-4436, Letter of Credit: An appellant may choose to file form ONRR-4436, *Letter of Credit*, with no modifications. Requirements at 30 CFR 1243.4 continue to apply. ONRR's Director, or the delegated bond-approving officer, maintains the Letter of Credit (LOC) in a secure facility. The appellant is responsible for verifying that the bank provides a current Fitch rating to ONRR. After the appeal's resolution, ONRR may release and return the LOC to the appellant or collect payment on the LOC. If collection is necessary for a remaining balance, ONRR will issue a demand for payment that includes the principal amount plus the interest assessed on the receivable, to the bank with a notice to the appellant.

C. Form ONRR-4437, Assignment of Certificate of Deposit: An appellant may choose to secure a debt by requesting to use a Certificate of Deposit (CD) from a bank with the required minimum rating and submitting form ONRR-4437, *Assignment of Certificate of Deposit*.

Requirements at 30 CFR 1243.4 continue to apply. The appellant must file the request with ONRR prior to the invoice due date. ONRR will accept a book-entry CD that explicitly assigns the CD to ONRR's Director. If collection of the CD is necessary for an unpaid balance, ONRR will return unused CD funds to the appellant after total settlement of the appealed issues, including applicable interest charges.

D. Self-bonding (Federal leases only, not applicable to Indian leases): For Federal oil and gas leases, regulations at 30 CFR 1243.201 provide that no surety instrument is required when a person representing the appellant periodically demonstrates, to the satisfaction of ONRR, that the guarantor or appellant is financially solvent or otherwise able to pay the obligation. The appellant must submit a written request to "self-bond" every time a new appeal is filed. To evaluate the financial solvency and exemption from requirements of appellants to maintain a surety related to an appeal, ONRR requires appellants to submit a consolidated balance sheet, subject to annual audit. In some cases, ONRR also requires copies of the most recent tax returns (up to three years) filed by the appellant.

In addition, an appellant must annually submit financial statements, subject to audit, to support its net worth. ONRR uses the consolidated balance sheet or business information supplied to evaluate the financial solvency of a lessee, designee, or payor seeking a stay of payment obligation pending review. If the appellant does not have a consolidated balance sheet documenting its net worth, or if it does not meet the \$300 million net worth requirement, ONRR will select a business information or credit reporting service to provide information concerning the appellant's financial solvency. ONRR charges the appellant a \$56 fee each time it reviews data from a business information or credit reporting service. The fee covers ONRR's cost to determine an appellant's financial solvency.

E. U.S. Treasury Securities: An appellant may choose to secure its debts by requesting to use a U.S. Treasury Security (TS). The appellant must file the letter of request with ONRR prior to the invoice due date. The TS must be a U.S. Treasury note or bond with maturity equal to or greater than one year. The TS must equal 120 percent of the appealed amount plus one year of estimated interest (necessary to protect ONRR against interest rate fluctuations). ONRR only accepts book-entry TS.

Title of Collection: Suspensions Pending Appeal and Bonding.

OMB Control Number: 1012-0006.
Form Number: Forms ONRR-4435, ONRR-4436, and ONRR-4437.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Businesses.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 275 Federal or Indian appellants.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 110.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 2 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 220.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Frequency of Collection: Annual and on occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: There are no additional recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, ONRR estimates three appellants per year will pay a \$56 fee to obtain credit data from a business information or credit reporting service, which is a total "non-hour" cost burden of \$168 per year (3 appellants per year × \$56 = \$168).

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.

The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

April Lockler,

Acting Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-522 and 731-TA-1258 (Second Review)]

Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck (PVL) Tires From China; Scheduling of Expedited Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of expedited reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders on passenger vehicle and light truck (PVL) tires from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time.

DATES: April 7, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurel Schwartz-(202) 205–2398), 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 this proceeding may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On April 7, 2026, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (91 FR 159, January 2, 2026) of the subject five-year reviews was adequate and that the domestic interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission did not find any other circumstances that would warrant conducting full reviews.¹ Accordingly, the Commission determined that it would conduct expedited reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(3)).²

For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews 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, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

Staff report.—A staff report containing information concerning the subject matter of the reviews has been placed in the nonpublic record, and will be made available to persons on the Administrative Protective Order service list for these reviews on June 2, 2026. A public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.62(d)(4) of the Commission's rules.

Written submissions.—As provided in § 207.62(d) of the Commission's rules, interested parties that are parties to the reviews and that have provided individually adequate responses to the notice of institution,³ and any party

other than an interested party to the reviews may file written comments with the Secretary on what determination the Commission should reach in the reviews. Comments are due on or before June 9, 2026 and may not contain new factual information. Any person that is neither a party to the five-year reviews nor an interested party may submit a brief written statement (which shall not contain any new factual information) pertinent to the reviews by June 9, 2026. However, should the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) extend the time limit for its completion of the final results of its reviews, the deadline for comments (which may not contain new factual information) on Commerce's final results is three business days after the issuance of Commerce's results. If comments contain business proprietary information (BPI), they must conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's *Handbook on Filing Procedures*, available on the Commission's website at https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf, elaborates upon the Commission's procedures with respect to filings.

In accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews must be served on all other parties to the reviews (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.

Determination.—The Commission has determined these reviews are extraordinarily complicated and therefore has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(B).

Authority. These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: April 16, 2026.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL–CIO, CLC to be individually adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (*see* 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 1205–14]

Recommended Modifications in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Commission recommendations to the President and invitation to interested federal agencies and the public to submit written comments on such proposed recommendations.

SUMMARY: The Commission is seeking comments from interested Federal agencies and the public regarding proposed Commission recommendations to the President with respect to modifications to the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS). The modifications would conform the HTS to recommended amendments adopted by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and that are scheduled to enter into force on January 1, 2028.

DATES:

August 15, 2025: Publication in the **Federal Register** of notice of institution of this investigation.

April 17, 2026: Posting of the Commission's proposed recommendations on the Commission's website.

May 18, 2026: Deadline for interested federal agencies and the public to file written views with the Commission on the Commission's proposed recommendations.

December 2026 (actual date to be announced later): Transmittal of the Commission's report to the President.

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 to the Commission, U.S. 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 Information System (EDIS) at <http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel P. Shepherdson, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements ((202) 205–2598, or Daniel.Shepherdson@usitc.gov) or Edward Petronzio, Nomenclature Analyst, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements ((202) 205–1493, or Edward.Petronzio@usitc.gov). The

¹ A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website.

² Commissioner David S. Johanson voted to conduct full reviews.

³ The Commission has found the response submitted on behalf of the United Steel, Paper and

media should contact Jennifer Andberg, Office of External Relations ((202) 205–3404, or Jennifer.Andberg@usitc.gov). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information about the Commission is available by accessing the Commission website at 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) 205–2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Section 1205(a) of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (the 1988 Act) (19 U.S.C. 3005(a)) requires that the Commission keep the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (Harmonized Tariff Schedule or HTS) under continuous review and periodically, at such times as amendments are recommended for adoption, and as other circumstances warrant, recommend to the President such modifications to the HTS as the Commission considers necessary or appropriate to conform the HTS with amendments made to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Convention), which contains the Harmonized System in the Annex to the Convention.

On June 28, 2025, the World Customs Organization (WCO) adopted recommended amendments to the Harmonized System, and these amendments are scheduled to enter into force on January 1, 2028. The Commission has posted a copy of the WCO amendments on its website at https://www.usitc.gov/harmonized_tariff_information/section_1205. On August 15, 2025, the Commission instituted Investigation No. 1205–14 to prepare recommendations for such modifications to the HTS as it considers necessary or appropriate to conform the HTS with such amendments to the Harmonized System.

As part of this investigation, the Commission will also consider whether it is necessary or appropriate to recommend a modification to the HTS that would subdivide a subheading for medicaments. Currently, HTS subheading 3004.90.92 has more than 70 subordinate statistical provisions for specific medicaments. Given that each statistical provision is assigned a unique 10-digit number (e.g., 3004.90.9201, 3004.90.9202, 3004.90.9203, etc...), there are limits to how many more statistical provisions for medicaments can be established in the future. In

anticipation of a continuing demand from the private sector for statistical provisions for specific medicaments, the Commission is recommending that HTS subheading 3004.90.92 be subdivided into nine new HTS subheadings. The creation of nine new HTS subheadings will allow the establishment of additional statistical provisions for specific medicaments under the new subheadings.

An up-to-date copy of the HTS, which incorporates the current Harmonized System in its overall structure, is available on the Commission’s website at <https://hts.usitc.gov/>.

Proposed Recommendations, Opportunity to Comment: The Commission’s proposed recommendations relating to Investigation No. 1205–14 have been posted on the Commission’s website at https://www.usitc.gov/harmonized_tariff_information/section_1205/investigation_1205-14. Interested federal agencies and the public are invited to submit written comments on the proposed recommendations by May 18, 2026. To assist the public in understanding the proposed changes and in developing comments, the Commission has included, with the proposed recommendations, non-authoritative concordance tables linking the proposed tariff codes to the corresponding current tariff codes. Persons using the concordance tables should be aware that the cross-references shown are subject to change during the course of the investigation.

Written Submissions: Interested federal agencies and the public are invited to file written submissions concerning the proposed recommendations. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, and should be received not later than 5:15 p.m., May 18, 2026. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of § 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. Submissions should refer to the docket number (“Docket No. 1205–014”) in a prominent place on the cover page and/or the first page. (See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, Electronic Filing Procedures). Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary (202–205–2000). Any submissions that contain confidential business information (CBI) must also conform with the requirements of § 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 confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested parties. The Commission may include some or all of the confidential business information submitted in the report it sends to the President and the U.S. Trade Representative. The Commission will otherwise not publish any confidential business information in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

Recommendations to the President: The Commission will submit its recommended modifications to the President in the form of a report that will include a summary of the information on which the recommendations were based, together with a statement of the probable economic effect of each recommended change on any industry in the United States. The report also will include a copy of all written views submitted by interested federal agencies and a copy or summary, prepared by the Commission, of the views of all other interested parties. The Commission expects to submit that report in December 2026.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: April 17, 2026.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–636 and 731–TA–1470 (Review)]

Wood Mouldings and Millwork Products From China, Scheduling of Expedited Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of expedited reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on wood mouldings and millwork products from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material

injury within a reasonably foreseeable time.

DATES: April 7, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexis Yim (202–708–1446), 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 this proceeding may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On April 7, 2026, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (91 FR 151, January 2, 2026) of the subject five-year reviews was adequate and that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission did not find any other circumstances that would warrant conducting full reviews.¹ Accordingly, the Commission determined that it would conduct expedited reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(3)).

For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews 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, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

Staff report.—A staff report containing information concerning the subject matter of the reviews has been placed in the nonpublic record, and will be made available to persons on the Administrative Protective Order service list for these reviews on May 22, 2026. A public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.62(d)(4) of the Commission's rules.

Written submissions.—As provided in § 207.62(d) of the Commission's rules, interested parties that are parties to the reviews and that have provided individually adequate responses to the

notice of institution,² and any party other than an interested party to the reviews may file written comments with the Secretary on what determination the Commission should reach in the reviews. Comments are due on or before 5:15 p.m. on May 29, 2026 and may not contain new factual information. Any person that is neither a party to the five-year reviews nor an interested party may submit a brief written statement (which shall not contain any new factual information) pertinent to the reviews by May 29, 2026. However, should the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") extend the time limit for its completion of the final results of its reviews, the deadline for comments (which may not contain new factual information) on Commerce's final results is three business days after the issuance of Commerce's results. If comments contain business proprietary information (BPI), they must conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's *Handbook on Filing Procedures*, available on the Commission's website at https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf, elaborates upon the Commission's procedures with respect to filings.

In accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews must be served on all other parties to the reviews (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.

Determination.—The Commission has determined these reviews are extraordinarily complicated and therefore has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(B).

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: April 16, 2026.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA–1707]

Bulk Manufacturer of Controlled Substances Application: AJNA Biosciences

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: AJNA Biosciences has applied to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of basic class(es) of controlled substance(s). Refer to Supplementary Information listed below for further drug information.

DATES: Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic class(es), and applicants, therefore, may submit electronic comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before June 22, 2026. Such persons may also file a written request for a hearing on the application on or before June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The Drug Enforcement Administration requires that all comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, which provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Please go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments. Upon submission of your comment, you will receive a Comment Tracking Number. Please be aware that submitted comments are not instantaneously available for public view on <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you have received a Comment Tracking Number, your comment has been successfully submitted and there is no need to resubmit the same comment.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.33(a), this is notice that on March 23, 2026, AJNA Biosciences, 8022 Southpark Circle, Suite 500, Littleton, Colorado 80120–5659, applied to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the following basic class(es) of controlled substance(s):

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Psilocybin	7437	I
Psilocyn	7438	I

The company plans to bulk manufacture mushrooms containing Psilocybin (7437) and Psilocyn (7438) to support internal research, clinical trials, and analytical purposes as well as to distribute to their customers conducting

¹ A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website.

² The Commission has found the response submitted on behalf of the Coalition of American Millwork Producers to be individually adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (see 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).

schedule I clinical research. No other activities for these drug codes are authorized for this registration.

Thomas Prevoznik,
Deputy Assistant Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA-1705]

**Importer of Controlled Substances
Application: VA Cooperative Studies
Program**

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Justice.
ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: VA Cooperative Studies Program has applied to be registered as an importer of basic class(es) of controlled substance(s). Refer to **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** listed below for further drug information.
DATES: Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic class(es), and applicants, therefore, may submit electronic comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before May 21, 2026. Such persons may also file a written request for a hearing on the application on or before May 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The Drug Enforcement Administration requires that all comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, which provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Please go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments. Upon submission of your comment, you will receive a Comment Tracking Number. Please be aware that submitted comments are not instantaneously available for public view on <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you have received a Comment Tracking Number, your comment has been successfully submitted and there is no need to resubmit the same comment. All requests for a hearing must be sent to: (1) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Hearing Clerk/OALJ, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; and (2) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152. All requests for a hearing should also be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Administrator,

8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34(a), this is notice that on April 9, 2026, VA Cooperative Studies Program, 2401 Centre Avenue Southeast, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106, applied to be registered as an importer of the following basic class(es) of controlled substance(s):

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Marihuana Extract	7350	I
Tetrahydrocannabinols	7370	I

The company plans to import finished dosage unit products containing the above listed controlled substances for research and clinical trial studies only. No other activities for these drug codes are authorized for this registration.
Approval of permit applications will occur only when the registrant's business activity is consistent with what is authorized under 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(2). Authorization will not extend to the import of Food and Drug Administration-approved or non-approved finished dosage forms for commercial sale.

Thomas Prevoznik,
Deputy Assistant Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA-1706]

**Importer of Controlled Substances
Application: Leading Pharma LLC**

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Justice.
ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Leading Pharma LLC has applied to be registered as an importer of basic class(es) of controlled substance(s). Refer to **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** listed below for further drug information.
DATES: Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic class(es), and applicants, therefore, may submit electronic comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before May 21, 2026. Such persons may also file a written request for a hearing on the application on or before May 21, 2026.
ADDRESSES: The Drug Enforcement Administration requires that all

comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, which provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Please go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments. Upon submission of your comment, you will receive a Comment Tracking Number. Please be aware that submitted comments are not instantaneously available for public view on <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you have received a Comment Tracking Number, your comment has been successfully submitted and there is no need to resubmit the same comment. All requests for a hearing must be sent to: (1) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Hearing Clerk/OALJ, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; and (2) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152. All requests for a hearing should also be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Administrator, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34(a), this is notice that on March 25, 2026, Leading Pharma LLC, 3 Oak Road, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004, applied to be registered as an importer of the following basic class(es) of controlled substance(s):

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Diphenoxylate	9170	II

The company plans to import the listed controlled substance as an active pharmaceutical ingredient for research and development toward manufacturing a finished dosage product for Food and Drug Administration approval. No other activity for this drug code is authorized for this registration.
Approval of permit applications will occur only when the registrant's business activity is consistent with what is authorized under 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(2). Authorization will not extend to the import of Food and Drug Administration-approved or non-approved finished dosage forms for commercial sale.

Thomas Prevoznik,
Deputy Assistant Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records****AGENCY:** Department of Labor.**ACTION:** Notice of modified systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-108 require that each agency publish notice of a new or modified system of records that it maintains. In compliance with Executive Order 14249, Protecting America's Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-25-32, Preventing Improper Payments and Protecting Privacy Through Do Not Pay, the Department of Labor (DOL) is modifying eight Privacy Act systems of records by adding a new routine use to permit the disclosure of records to the Department of the Treasury. Additionally, in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-17-12, Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information, DOL is adding two model routine uses to the eight systems of records to permit the disclosure of records in response to a breach.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than May 21, 2026. This modified SORN is effective upon publication of this Notice. If no public comments are received, the new routine uses will be effective beginning May 21, 2026. If the DOL receives public comments, the DOL will review the comments to determine whether any changes to the notice are necessary.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by the following method:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov> or <https://www.federalregister.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

All comments will be made public and will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To submit general questions about the system, contact Mara S. Blumenthal, DOL Privacy Program, by telephone at 202-693-3181, or by email at privacy@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and in compliance with Executive Order 14249, Protecting America's Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and

Abuse (E.O. 14249), and Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-25-32, Preventing Improper Payments and Protecting Privacy Through Do Not Pay, DOL is modifying eight Privacy Act systems of records by adding a new routine use to permit the disclosure of records to the U.S. Department of the Treasury to review payments through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping fraud and improper payments, to the extent permissible by law.

The systems of records include:
OCFO-2, New Core Financial Management System (NCFMS): The system uses these records to keep track of all commitments, obligations, and payments to individuals, exclusive of salaries and wages.

OMBUDSMAN-1, Office of the Ombudsman for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) File: This system fulfills the duties of the Ombudsman under the EEOICPA as specified by Congress. The EEOICPA establishes a program for compensating certain individuals for covered illnesses related to exposure to toxic substances.

OWCP-2, Office of Workers' Compensation, Black Lung Benefits Claim File: This system maintains records that are utilized to manage all aspects of claims for black lung benefits, specifically for pneumoconiosis, in accordance with the Black Lung Benefits Act and its amendments.

OWCP-3, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) Case Files: This system maintains records of the actions taken by insurance carriers, employers, and injured workers concerning injuries reported under the LHWCA and related legislation. This is done to ensure that eligible claimants receive the benefits to which they are entitled under the Act.

OWCP-4, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Special Fund System: This system provides a record of payments to claimants, their qualified dependents, or providers of services to claimants from the Special Fund established pursuant to Section 44 of the Act.

OWCP-5, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Investigation (LHWCA) Files: This system maintain records for the purpose of assisting in determinations of possible violations of Federal law, whether civil or criminal, in connection with reported injuries under the LHWCA.

OWCP-9, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Black Lung Automated Support Package: This system maintains data on claimants, beneficiaries and their dependents; attorneys representing claimants; medical service providers; coal mine operators and insurance carriers.

OWCP-11—Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act File: The system maintains records on individuals who file claims with the Department under EEOICPA, which establishes a program for compensating certain individuals for covered illnesses related to exposure to beryllium, radiation, silica, and other toxic substances. A "routine use" means, with respect to the disclosure of a Privacy Act record, the use of such record for a purpose which is compatible with the purpose for which it is collected. 5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(7). All agency systems of records must have a system of records notice (SORN) published in the **Federal Register** and the SORN must describe "each routine use of the records contained in the system, including the categories of users and the purposes of such use." 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)(D). The new routine use required by E.O. 14249 and OMB Memorandum M-25-32 is the following:

To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payment to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

DOL has reviewed its SORNs and determined, in accordance with the mandate in E.O. 14249 and the guidance in M-25-32, to modify eight of DOL's SORNs to include the required routine use:

DOL is also adding to all eight SORNs two model routine uses in OMB Memorandum M-17-12, Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information, for Federal agencies to prepare for and respond to a breach of personally identifiable information (PII). One permits the disclosure of information related to breaches of an agency's own records, and the second permits the disclosure of agency records to assist other agencies in their efforts to respond to a breach. To date, DOL has been adding these routine uses to individual

SORNs when they otherwise require modification. The routine uses are:

To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) the Department suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records, (2) the Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, the Department (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the Department determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (1) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (2) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

OCFO-2

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

New Core Financial Management System (NCFMS), DOL/OCFO-2.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The information is accessed from the following locations:

- a. All Departmental component offices in Washington, DC;
- b. All Departmental component offices in the Regions and the Areas.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Associate Deputy CFO of Financial Systems, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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h. To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an

applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

i. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) DOL suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) DOL has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOL (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DOL's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

j. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when DOL determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

HISTORY:

81 FR 25765 (April 29, 2016).

OMBUDSMAN-1

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Office of the Ombudsman for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) File, DOL/OMBUDSMAN-1.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Ombudsman for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Ombudsman, Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite N-2454, Washington, DC 20210.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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c. To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

d. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) DOL suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) DOL has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOL (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DOL's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

e. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when DOL determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

HISTORY:

81 FR 25765 (April 29, 2016).

OWCP-2

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Office of Workers' Compensation, Black Lung Benefits Claim File, DOL/OWCP-2.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Department of Labor Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210,

and district offices (see addresses in the Appendix to this document).

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Director, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Department of Labor Building, Room C-3520, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, and district office directors.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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i. To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

m. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) DOL suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) DOL has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOL (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DOL's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

n. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when DOL determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

HISTORY:

81 FR 25765 (April 29, 2016).

OWCP-3

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Longshore and Harbor

Workers' Compensation Act Case Files, DOL/OWCP-3.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Washington, DC 20210, and district offices of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs set forth in the Appendix to this document.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Director for Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; and District Directors.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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i. To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

j. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) DOL suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) DOL has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOL (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DOL's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

k. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when DOL determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information

systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

HISTORY:

81 FR 25765 (April 29, 2016).

OWCP-4

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Special Fund System, DOL/OWCP-4.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Director for Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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i. To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

j. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) DOL suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) DOL has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOL (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DOL's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

k. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when DOL determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

HISTORY:

81 FR 25765 (April 29, 2016).

OWCP-5

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Investigation Files, DOL/OWCP-5.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Washington, DC 20210, and district offices of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs set forth in the Appendix to this document.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Director for Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, and District Directors in the district offices of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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b. To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

c. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) DOL suspects or has confirmed that there has been a

breach of the system of records; (b) DOL has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOL (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DOL's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

d. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when DOL determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

HISTORY:

81 FR 25765 (April 29, 2016).

OWCP-9

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Black Lung Automated Support Package, DOL/OWCP-9.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor Building, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210, and district offices (see addresses in the Appendix to this document).

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Director, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-3520, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210, and district office director (see addresses in The Appendix to this document).

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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1. To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the

purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

m. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) DOL suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) DOL has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOL (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DOL's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

n. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when DOL determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

HISTORY:

81 FR 25765 (April 29, 2016).

OWCP-11

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act File, DOL/OWCP-11.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

At component agency national, district, and contractor offices.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Director for Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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o. To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

p. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) DOL suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) DOL has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOL (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DOL's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

q. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when DOL determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

HISTORY:

81 FR 25765 (April 29, 2016).

Braye Cloud,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations,
Department of Labor.*

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-26-0199; NARA-2026-015]

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). We publish notice in the **Federal Register** and on *regulations.gov* for records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on such records schedules.

DATES: We must receive responses on the schedules listed in this notice by June 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To view a records schedule in this notice, or submit a comment on one, use the following address: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NARA-26-0199/document>.

This is a direct link to the schedules posted in the docket for this notice on *regulations.gov*. You may submit comments by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov>. On the website, enter either of the numbers cited at the top of this notice into the search field. This will bring you to the docket for this notice, in which we have posted the records schedules open for comment. Each schedule has a 'comment' button so you can comment on that specific schedule. For more information on *regulations.gov* and on submitting comments, see their FAQs at <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>.

If you are unable to comment via *regulations.gov*, you may email us at request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your comment. You must cite the control number of the schedule you wish to comment on. You can find the control number for each schedule in parentheses at the end of each schedule's entry in the list at the end of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Eidson, Records Management Operations, by email at matthew.eidson@nara.gov or at 301-837-3109. For information about records schedules, contact Records Management Operations by email at

request.schedule@nara.gov or by phone at 301-837-3109.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comment Procedures

We are publishing notice of records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on these records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a), and list the schedules at the end of this notice by agency and subdivision requesting disposition authority.

In addition, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or states that the schedule has agency-wide applicability. It also provides the control number assigned to each schedule, which you will need if you submit comments on that schedule. We have uploaded the records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda to the *regulations.gov* docket for this notice as "other" documents. Each records schedule contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their proposed disposition. The appraisal memorandum for the schedule includes information about the records.

We will post comments, including any personal information and attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the *regulations.gov* portal, you may contact request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments, we may or may not make changes to the proposed records schedule. The schedule is then sent for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. After the schedule is approved, we will post on *regulations.gov* a "Consolidated Reply" summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we made to the proposed schedule. You may elect at *regulations.gov* to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. If you have a question, you can submit it as a comment, and can also submit any concerns or comments you would have

to a possible response to the question. We will address these items in consolidated replies along with any other comments submitted on that schedule.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives or to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking continuing administrative, legal, research, or other value. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records' administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value. Public review and comment on these records schedules is part of the Archivist's consideration process.

Schedules Pending:

1. Department of Homeland Security, SAFETY ACT (DAA-0563-2026-0001).
2. Bureau of Prisons, Discipline and Administrative Reintegration Tracking (DARTS) System Records (DAA-0129-2025-0010).
3. Bureau of Prisons, Federal Nutrition System (FNS) Records (DAA-0129-2025-0006).
4. Bureau of Prisons, Medication Dispensing System Records (DAA-0129-2024-0007).
5. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Electric Quarterly Reports (DAA-0138-2026-0003).

6. International Trade Administration, Public Affairs and website Information (DAA-0489-2024-0002).

7. National Archives and Records Administration, Requests for Disposition Authority and Associated Data (DAA-0064-2025-0005).

William P. Fischer,

Acting Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2025-0046]

Information Collection: NRC Form 314, Certificate of Disposition of Materials

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, NRC Form 314, "Certificate of Disposition of Materials."

DATES: Submit comments by May 21, 2026. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0856; email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2025-0046 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this

action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2025-0046.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin ADAMS Public Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML25171A011. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26012A139.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC's Acting Clearance Officer, Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0856; email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

B. Submitting Comments

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. All comment submissions are posted at <https://www.regulations.gov> and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for

submission to the OMB, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to OMB for review entitled, NRC Form 314, "Certificate of Disposition of Materials." The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on December 11, 2025, 90 FR 57492.

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 314, Certificate of Disposition of Materials.

2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0028.

3. *Type of submission:* Extension.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* NRC Form 314.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Form 314 is required when NRC licensees wish to terminate their license.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Respondents are firms, institutions, and individuals holding a NRC license to possess and use radioactive materials who do not wish to renew those licenses.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 110.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 110.

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 55 hours (110 × 0.5 hour).

10. *Abstract:* NRC Form 314 is submitted by a materials licensee who wishes to terminate its license. The form provides information needed by NRC to determine whether the licensee has radioactive materials on hand which must be transferred or otherwise disposed of prior to expiration or termination of the license.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*)

Dated: April 16, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Heather Dempsey,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Project No. 99902094; NRC-2026-1717]

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Construction Permit Application

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; receipt.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing public notice of receipt and availability of an application for a construction permit from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (U. of I.). The construction permit application is dated March 27, 2026.

DATES: April 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-1717 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 <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-1717. Address questions about Docket IDs in [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@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 <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin ADAMS Public Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 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:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please

send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward Helvenston, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-4067; email: Edward.Helvenston@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

By letter dated March 27, 2026, U. of I. filed, pursuant to Section 104c. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and part 50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," an application for a construction permit for a single-unit research reactor proposed to be located on the U. of I. campus in Champaign, Illinois. The reactor is to be identified as the U. of I. KRONOS™ Micro Modular Reactor and would be based on a high-temperature gas-cooled design that utilizes solid tri-structural isotropic fuel.

The construction permit application is available in ADAMS under Package Accession No. ML26090A463. Along with other documents, the ADAMS package includes the transmittal letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML26090A464), the preliminary safety analysis report (ADAMS Accession No. ML26090A467), and the environmental report (ADAMS Accession No. ML26090A468). The information submitted by the applicant includes certain administrative information such as financial qualifications submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.33, technical information submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.34, and the environmental report submitted pursuant to 10 CFR part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions."

The NRC staff is currently undertaking its acceptance review of the construction permit application. If the application is accepted for docketing, subsequent **Federal Register** notices will be issued that address the acceptability of the application for docketing and provisions for participation of the public in the permitting process.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*)

Dated: April 16, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Edward Helvenston,

Senior Project Manager, Non-Power Production and Utilization Facility Licensing Branch, Division of Advanced Reactors and Non-Power Production and Utilization Facilities, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2026-1420]

Applications for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment request; notice of opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene; order imposing procedures.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received and is considering approval of three amendment requests. The amendment requests are for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; and Callaway Plant, Unit No. 1. For each amendment request, the NRC proposes to determine that it involves no significant hazards consideration (NSHC). Because each amendment request contains sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information (SUNSI), an order imposes procedures to obtain access to SUNSI for contention preparation by persons who file a hearing request or petition for leave to intervene.

DATES: Comments must be filed by May 21, 2026. A request for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by June 22, 2026. Any potential party as defined in section 2.4 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) who believes access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Safeguards Information (SUNSI) is necessary to respond to this notice must request document access by May 1, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic

comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website.

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-1420. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the “For Further Information Contact” section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-5-A85, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Lent, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-1365; email: Susan.Lent@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-1420, facility name, unit number(s), docket number(s), application date, and subject when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-1420.
- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin ADAMS Public Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 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.

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send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC-2026-1420, facility name, unit number(s), docket number(s), application date, and subject, in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

Pursuant to section 189a.(1)-(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the NRC is publishing this notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued or proposed to be issued and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves NSHC, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This notice includes notices of amendments containing SUNSI.

III. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating License(s), Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve NSHC. Under the Commission’s

regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendments would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown as follows.

The Commission is seeking public comments on these proposed determinations. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendments until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue any of these license amendments before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration. In addition, the Commission may issue any of these amendments prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period if circumstances change during the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility. If the Commission takes action on any of these amendments prior to the expiration of either the comment period or the notice period, it will publish a notice of issuance in the **Federal Register**. If the Commission makes a final no significant hazards consideration determination for any of these amendments, any hearing on those amendments will take place after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

A. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by any of these actions may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to that 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 10 CFR 2.309. If a petition is filed, the Commission or a presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of a hearing will be issued.

Petitions must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in accordance with the filing instructions in the "Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)" section of this document. 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).

If a hearing is requested, and the Commission has not made a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which will serve to establish when the hearing is held. If the final determination is that the license amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing would take place after issuance of the amendment. If the final determination is that the license amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, then any hearing held would take place before the issuance of the amendment unless the Commission finds an imminent danger to the health or safety of the public, in which case it will issue an appropriate order or rule under 10 CFR part 2.

A State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h) no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

For information about filing a petition and about participation by a person not a party under 10 CFR 2.315, see ADAMS Accession No. ML20340A053 (<https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML20340A053>) and the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html#participate>).

B. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including documents filed by an interested State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof that requests to

participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302. 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, unless an exemption permitting an alternative filing method, as further discussed, is granted. Detailed guidance on electronic submissions is located in the "Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC" (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A056), and on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>).

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 at Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov, or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to: (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate which allows the participant (or their 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 petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or their counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the 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 (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html>). After a digital ID certificate is obtained and a docket is created, the participant must submit adjudicatory documents in the Portable Document Format. Guidance on submissions is available on the NRC's public website (<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. ET on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email 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 in order to 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 (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.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., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Participants who believe that they have 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 in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b)-(d). Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving their documents on all other participants. Participants granted an exemption under 10 CFR 2.302(g)(2) must still meet the electronic formatting requirement in 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1), unless the participant also seeks and is granted an exemption from 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1).

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket, which is publicly available on the NRC's public website (<https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd>), unless otherwise excluded pursuant to an order of the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as previously described, click "cancel" when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing docket 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. 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 should not include copyrighted materials in their submission.

The following table provides the plant names, docket numbers, date of application, ADAMS accession number, and location in the application of the licensee's proposed NSHC determination. For further details with respect to these license amendment applications, see the applications for amendment, publicly available portions of which are available for public inspection in ADAMS. For additional direction on accessing information related to this document, see the "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" section of this document.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; York County, SC; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Mecklenburg County, NC

Docket Nos	50-413, 50-414, 50-369, 50-370.
Application Date	December 22, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25356A517.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 4-6 of the Enclosure.
Brief Description of Amendments	The proposed amendments would approve the changes set forth in Revision 2 of DPC-NE-3001-P, "Multidimensional Reactor Transients and Safety Analysis Physics Parameters Methodology." The amendments would update methodologies to Regulatory Guide 1.236, Revision 0, "Pressurized-Water Reactor Control Rod Ejection and Boiling-Water Reactor Control Rod Drop Accidents," June 2020 (ML20055F490).
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Tracey Mitchell LeRoy, Deputy General Counsel, Duke Energy Corporation, 525 S Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	John Klos, 301-415-5136.

PSEG Nuclear LLC; Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Salem County, NJ

Docket Nos	50-272, 50-311.
Application Date	December 31, 2025, as supplemented by letter dated February 6, 2026.
ADAMS Accession Nos	ML26002A031, ML26037A270.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 6-8 of Enclosure 1.
Brief Description of Amendments	The proposed amendments would allow the licensee to use a data validation and reconciliation methodology as the primary means of measurement uncertainty recapture at Salem Nuclear Generating Station (Salem), Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The proposed amendments would also make other changes to the license and technical specifications for the Salem units.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Francis Romano, PSEG—Services Corporation, 80 Park Plaza, T-10, Newark, NJ 07102.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Blake Purnell, 301-415-1380.

Union Electric Company; Callaway Plant, Unit No. 1; Callaway County, MO

Docket No	50-483.
Application Date	January 28, 2026.
ADAMS Accession No	ML26029A397 (Package).
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 137-142 of Enclosure 1.

Brief Description of Amendment	The proposed amendment would revise the plant's technical specifications (TS) regarding transition to an upgraded fuel assembly design with improved materials, adoption of improved analysis methods, an incremental increase in allowable fuel burnup, and adoption of TS Task force (TSTF)-51, "Revise containment requirements during handling irradiated fuel and core alterations"; TSTF-471, "Eliminate use of term CORE ALTERATIONS in Actions and Notes"; and TSTF-571, "Revise Actions for Inoperable Source Range Neutron Flux Monitor." The fuel assembly-related changes include transition from VANTAGE+ fuel to VANTAGE+ fuel with an enhanced PRIME™ fuel assembly skeleton, use of ADOPT™ fuel pellets, and transition to AXIOM® cladding.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Jay E. Silberg, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, 1200 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Mahesh Chawla, 301-415-8371.

Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; York County, SC; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Mecklenburg County, NC; PSEG Nuclear LLC; Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Salem County, NJ; Union Electric Company; Callaway Plant, Unit No. 1; Callaway County, MO

A. This Order contains instructions regarding how potential parties to this proceeding may request access to documents containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI).

B. Within 10 days after publication of this notice of hearing or opportunity for hearing, any potential party who believes access to SUNSI is necessary to respond to this notice may request access to SUNSI. A "potential party" is any person who intends to participate as a party by demonstrating standing and filing an admissible contention under 10 CFR 2.309. Requests for access to SUNSI submitted later than 10 days after publication of this notice will not be considered absent a showing of good cause for the late filing, addressing why the request could not have been filed earlier.

C. The requestor shall submit a letter requesting permission to access SUNSI to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and provide a copy to the Deputy General Counsel for Licensing, Hearings, and Enforcement, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The expedited delivery or courier mail address for both offices is: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The email addresses for the Office of the Secretary and the Office of the General Counsel are

Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov and *RidsOgcMailCenter.Resource@nrc.gov*, respectively.¹ The request must include the following information:

(1) A description of the licensing action with a citation to this **Federal Register** notice;

(2) The name and address of the potential party and a description of the potential party's particularized interest that could be harmed by the action identified in C.(1); and

(3) The identity of the individual or entity requesting access to SUNSI and the requestor's basis for the need for the information in order to meaningfully participate in this adjudicatory proceeding. In particular, the request must explain why publicly available versions of the information requested would not be sufficient to provide the basis and specificity for a proffered contention.

D. Based on an evaluation of the information submitted under paragraph C, the NRC staff will determine within 10 days of receipt of the request whether:

(1) There is a reasonable basis to believe the petitioner is likely to establish standing to participate in this NRC proceeding; and

(2) The requestor has established a legitimate need for access to SUNSI.

E. If the NRC staff determines that the requestor satisfies both D.(1) and D.(2), the NRC staff will notify the requestor in writing that access to SUNSI has been granted. The written notification will contain instructions on how the requestor may obtain copies of the requested documents, and any other conditions that may apply to access to those documents. These conditions may include, but are not limited to, the signing of a Non-Disclosure Agreement or Affidavit, or Protective Order² setting

¹ While a request for hearing or petition to intervene in this proceeding must comply with the filing requirements of the NRC's "E-Filing Rule," the initial request to access SUNSI under these procedures should be submitted as described in this paragraph.

² Any motion for Protective Order or proposed Non-Disclosure Affidavit or Agreement for SUNSI must be filed with the presiding officer or the Chief

forth terms and conditions to prevent the unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure of SUNSI by each individual who will be granted access to SUNSI.

F. Filing of Contentions. Any contentions in these proceedings that are based upon the information received as a result of the request made for SUNSI must be filed by the requestor no later than 25 days after receipt of (or access to) that information. However, if more than 25 days remain between the petitioner's receipt of (or access to) the information and the deadline for filing all other contentions (as established in the notice of hearing or opportunity for hearing), the petitioner may file its SUNSI contentions by that later deadline.

G. Review of Denials of Access.

(1) If the request for access to SUNSI is denied by the NRC staff after a determination on standing and requisite need, the NRC staff shall immediately notify the requestor in writing, briefly stating the reason or reasons for the denial.

(2) The requestor may challenge the NRC staff's adverse determination by filing a challenge within five days of receipt of that determination with: (a) the presiding officer designated in this proceeding; (b) if no presiding officer has been appointed, the Chief Administrative Judge, or if this individual is unavailable, another administrative judge, or an Administrative Law Judge with jurisdiction pursuant to 10 CFR 2.318(a); or (c) if another officer has been designated to rule on information access issues, with that officer.

(3) Further appeals of decisions under this paragraph must be made pursuant to 10 CFR 2.311.

H. Review of Grants of Access. A party other than the requestor may challenge an NRC staff determination granting access to SUNSI whose release would harm that party's interest

Administrative Judge if the presiding officer has not yet been designated, within 30 days of the deadline for the receipt of the written access request.

independent of the proceeding. Such a challenge must be filed within 5 days of the notification by the NRC staff of its grant of access and must be filed with: (a) the presiding officer designated in this proceeding; (b) if no presiding officer has been appointed, the Chief Administrative Judge, or if this individual is unavailable, another administrative judge, or an Administrative Law Judge with jurisdiction pursuant to 10 CFR 2.318(a); or (c) if another officer has been designated to rule on information access issues, with that officer.

If challenges to the NRC staff determinations are filed, these procedures give way to the normal process for litigating disputes concerning access to information. The availability of interlocutory review by the Commission of orders ruling on such NRC staff determinations (whether granting or denying access) is governed by 10 CFR 2.311.³

I. The Commission expects that the NRC staff and presiding officers (and any other reviewing officers) will consider and resolve requests for access to SUNSI, and motions for protective

orders, in a timely fashion in order to minimize any unnecessary delays in identifying those petitioners who have standing and who have propounded contentions meeting the specificity and basis requirements in 10 CFR part 2. The attachment to this Order summarizes the general target schedule for processing and resolving requests under these procedures.

It is so ordered.

Dated: April 17, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carrie Safford,

Secretary of the Commission.

ATTACHMENT 1—GENERAL TARGET SCHEDULE FOR PROCESSING AND RESOLVING REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO SENSITIVE UNCLASSIFIED NON-SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION IN THIS PROCEEDING

Day	Event/activity
0	Publication of Federal Register notice of hearing or opportunity for hearing, including order with instructions for access requests.
10	Deadline for submitting requests for access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) with information: (i) supporting the standing of a potential party identified by name and address; and (ii) describing the need for the information in order for the potential party to participate meaningfully in an adjudicatory proceeding.
60	Deadline for submitting petition for intervention containing: (i) demonstration of standing; and (ii) all contentions whose formulation does not require access to SUNSI (+25 Answers to petition for intervention; +7 petitioner/requestor reply).
20	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff informs the requestor of the staff's determination whether the request for access provides a reasonable basis to believe standing can be established and shows need for SUNSI. (NRC staff also informs any party to the proceeding whose interest independent of the proceeding would be harmed by the release of the information.) If NRC staff makes the finding of need for SUNSI and likelihood of standing, NRC staff begins document processing (preparation of redactions or review of redacted documents).
25	If NRC staff finds no "need" or no likelihood of standing, the deadline for petitioner/requestor to file a motion seeking a ruling to reverse the NRC staff's denial of access; NRC staff files copy of access determination with the presiding officer (or Chief Administrative Judge or other designated officer, as appropriate). If NRC staff finds "need" for SUNSI, the deadline for any party to the proceeding whose interest independent of the proceeding would be harmed by the release of the information to file a motion seeking a ruling to reverse the NRC staff's grant of access.
30	Deadline for NRC staff reply to motions to reverse NRC staff determination(s).
40	(Receipt +30) If NRC staff finds standing and need for SUNSI, deadline for NRC staff to complete information processing and file motion for Protective Order and proposed Non-Disclosure Agreement or Affidavit. Deadline for applicant/licensee to file proposed Non-Disclosure Agreement or Affidavit for SUNSI.
A	If access is granted: issuance of presiding officer or other designated officer decision on motion for Protective Order for access to sensitive information (including schedule for providing access and submission of contentions) or decision reversing a final adverse determination by the NRC staff.
A + 3	Deadline for filing executed Non-Disclosure Agreements or Affidavits. Access provided to SUNSI consistent with decision issuing the Protective Order.
A + 28	Deadline for submission of contentions whose development depends upon access to SUNSI. However, if more than 25 days remain between the petitioner's receipt of (or access to) the information and the deadline for filing all other contentions (as established in the notice of hearing or notice of opportunity for hearing), the petitioner may file its SUNSI contentions by that later deadline.
A + 53	(Contention receipt +25) Answers to contentions whose development depends upon access to SUNSI.
A + 60	(Answer receipt +7) Petitioner/Intervenor reply to answers.
>A + 60	Decision on contention admission.

³Requestors should note that the filing requirements of the NRC's E-Filing Rule (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007, as amended at 77 FR

46562; August 3, 2012, 78 FR 34247, June 7, 2013) apply to appeals of NRC staff determinations (because they must be served on a presiding officer

or the Commission, as applicable), but not to the initial SUNSI request submitted to the NRC staff under these procedures.

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[NRC-2025-0048]

Information Collection: NRC Form 790, Classification Record**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget; request for comment.**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, NRC Form 790, "Classification Record."**DATES:** Submit comments by May 21, 2026. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0856; email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments****A. Obtaining Information**

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2025-0048 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2025-0048.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at

<https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin ADAMS Public Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML13083A332. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26020A256.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC's Acting Clearance Officer, Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0856; email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

B. Submitting CommentsWritten comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. All comment submissions are posted at <https://www.regulations.gov> and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the OMB, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to OMB for review entitled, NRC Form 790, "Classification Record." The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on December 11, 2025, 90 FR 57491.1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 790, Classification Record.2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0052.3. *Type of submission:* Extension.4. *The form number, if applicable:* NRC Form 790.5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* On occasion. NRC Form 790 is required each time an authorized classifier makes a classification determination to classify, declassify, or downgrade a document.6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* NRC licensees, licensees' contractors, and certificate holders who classify and declassify NRC information.7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 60.8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 2.9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 5 hours.10. *Abstract:* Completion of the NRC Form 790 is a mandatory requirement for NRC licensees, licensees' contractors, and certificate holders who classify and declassify NRC information in accordance with Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information," the Atomic Energy Act, and implementing directives. The NRC uses the information on the form to report statistics related to its security classification program on an annual basis to the Information Security Oversight Office.(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*)

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated: April 16, 2026.

Heather Dempsey,*Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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[Docket Nos. STN 50–456, STN 50–457, 72–73, STN 50–454, STN 50–455, 72–68, 50–373, 50–374, and 72–70; CEQ ID: EAXX–429–00–000–1774341782; NRC–2026–1651]

Constellation Energy Generation, LLC; Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of exemptions in response to the November 7, 2025, request from Constellation Energy Generation, LLC (the licensee) related to Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2 (Braidwood), Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Byron), and LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2 (LaSalle), located in Will County, Ogle County, and LaSalle County, respectively, in Illinois. The exemptions would allow the licensee to transfer certain earnings from the Braidwood, Byron, and LaSalle nuclear decommissioning trusts (NDTs) to subaccounts within the NDTs that may then be used to pay for activities related to the larger decommissioning process and during operations. The NRC staff is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) associated with the proposed exemptions.

DATES: The EA and FONSI referenced in this document are available on April 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2026–1651 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 <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2026–1651. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301–415–1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the “For Further Information Contact” section of this document.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luis O. Cruz Rosado, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–4106; email: Luis.CruzRosado@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is considering issuance of exemptions from the requirements in paragraphs 50.82(a)(8)(i), 50.82(a)(8)(ii), and 50.75(h)(1)(iv) of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) to the licensee for Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–72, NPF–77, NPF–37, NPF–66, NPF–11, and NPF–18 for Braidwood, Byron, and LaSalle, respectively. By letter dated November 7, 2025 (ADAMS Accession No. ML25311A143), and pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, “Specific exemptions,” the licensee requested exemptions to allow the licensee to transfer certain earnings from the Braidwood, Byron, and LaSalle NDTs to subaccounts within the NDTs that could then be used for activities related to the larger decommissioning process (not just to radiological decommissioning activities) and during operations, including spent fuel management activities associated with the onsite independent spent fuel storage installations under the general licenses in 10 CFR part 72.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.21 and 10 CFR 51.30, the NRC prepared the following EA that analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed action. Based on the results of this EA, which is provided in section II of this document, and in accordance with 10 CFR 51.31(a), the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action and is issuing a FONSI.

II. Environmental Assessment

Description of the Proposed Action

Exemptions from 10 CFR 50.82(a)(8)(i) and 10 CFR 50.75(h)(1)(iv) would allow the licensee to use funds from the NDT subaccounts for activities that are not exclusively consistent with the NRC’s definition of decommissioning in 10 CFR 50.2, such as spent fuel management and site restoration. Exemptions from 10 CFR 50.82(a)(8)(ii) would allow the licensee to use these funds for these activities prior to the facilities’ permanent cessations of operations. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee’s application dated November 7, 2025. The NRC determination of whether to approve the proposed action will be documented separately from this assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposed action.

Need for the Proposed Action

As required by 10 CFR 50.82(a)(8)(i), NDTs may be used by licensees if, in part, the withdrawals are for expenses for legitimate decommissioning activities consistent with the definition of decommissioning in 10 CFR 50.2. These activities are referred to as “radiological decommissioning” activities and have to do with removing a facility or site safely from service and reducing residual radioactivity and do not include other parts of the larger decommissioning process, such as spent fuel management and site restoration. Similarly, the regulation at 10 CFR 50.75(h)(1)(iv) restricts NDT disbursements (other than for payment of ordinary administrative costs and other incidental expenses of the trust in connection with the operation of the trust) to radiological decommissioning expenses until final radiological decommissioning has been completed. The provisions of 10 CFR 50.82(a)(8)(ii) generally restrict the use of NDTs until after the permanent cessation of operations. Therefore, partial exemptions from these regulations would be needed to allow the licensee to transfer certain earnings from the Braidwood, Byron, and LaSalle NDTs to subaccounts within the NDTs that could then be used for activities related to the larger decommissioning process (not just to radiological decommissioning activities) and during operations.

In its exemption request, the licensee stated that the ability to use excess NDT earnings for activities related to the larger decommissioning process and during operations would help reduce overall decommissioning costs and would minimize long-term risks and uncertainties. Thus, the exemptions

would not impact the principal required to provide reasonable assurance that adequate funds will be available for the radiological decommissioning of the facilities while also enabling overall more efficient, timely, and cost-effective site decommissioning and restoration.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The proposed action involves exemptions from regulatory requirements that are of a financial nature and that do not have an impact on the environment. The proposed action does not introduce new operational activities at Braidwood, Byron, or LaSalle beyond actions covered under the current licensing bases and the current environmental impact statements. The proposed action would only allow the licensee to transfer certain earnings from the NDTs into subaccounts within the NDTs that could then be used for activities related to the larger decommissioning process and during operations, while maintaining the required principal for radiological decommissioning activities. Therefore, there would be no decrease in safety or environmental protection as a result of the proposed action, and the adequacy of radiological decommissioning funding would not be affected. Section 50.75 of 10 CFR requires a licensee to certify that radiological decommissioning financial assurance has been provided in the required amount, to adjust that amount annually, and to cover that amount. Since the proposed action would allow the licensee to use funds from the Braidwood, Byron, and LaSalle NDTs that are in excess of those required for radiological decommissioning and for activities that are part of the larger decommissioning process, the adequacy of the funds dedicated to the decommissioning process would not be affected by the proposed action.

Due to the proposed action being financial in nature, it would not significantly increase the probability or consequences of radiological accidents and would have no direct radiological impacts. The proposed action would not authorize any changes to plant operations or physical structures, systems, or components, and would not affect the types or amounts of radiological effluents that may be released from the site. Therefore, there would be no change in occupational or public radiation exposure as a result of the proposed action. No new materials or chemicals would be introduced, and the operation of waste processing systems would remain unchanged. The design and function of all structures,

systems, and components that limit or monitor effluent releases would not be altered and would continue to meet applicable requirements. As such, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological environmental impacts, the proposed action would have no direct impacts on land use or water resources, including terrestrial and aquatic biota, as it involves no new construction or modification of plant operational systems. There would be no changes to the quality or quantity of non-radiological effluents. In addition, there would be no noticeable effect on socioeconomic conditions in the region, no air quality impacts, and no impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed action. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the “no-action” alternative). Denial of the proposed action would result in the licensee either (1) postponing non-radiological decommissioning activities until the completion of radiological decommissioning activities, or (2) using other funding sources for non-radiological decommissioning activities prior to the completion of radiological decommissioning activities. In either case, there would be no change in the environmental impacts as compared to the proposed action, since the proposed action does not authorize any physical changes or new site activities. Therefore, the no-action alternative would have similar environmental impacts to those of the proposed action.

Alternative Use of Resources

There are no unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources under the proposed action.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

No additional agencies or persons were consulted regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The exemptions from 10 CFR 50.82(a)(8)(i), 10 CFR 50.82(a)(8)(ii), and 10 CFR 50.75(h)(1)(iv) would allow the

licensee to transfer certain earnings from the Braidwood, Byron, and LaSalle NDTs to subaccounts within the NDTs that could then be used for activities related to the larger decommissioning process and during operations. The proposed action would not significantly affect plant safety, would not have a significant adverse effect on the probability of an accident occurring, and would not have any significant radiological or non-radiological environmental impacts. The proposed action involves exemptions from requirements that are of a financial nature and that would not have an impact on the human environment. Consistent with 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC conducted an EA for the proposed action, and this FONSI incorporates by reference the EA included in section II of this document. Therefore, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

Other than the licensee’s letter dated November 7, 2025, there are no other environmental documents associated with this review.

Previous considerations regarding the environmental impacts of operating Braidwood, Byron, and LaSalle are described in: (1) NUREG–1437, Supplement 55, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants Regarding Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, Final Report,” dated November 2015 (ML15314A814); (2) NUREG–1026, “Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2,” dated June 1984 (ML14090A132); (3) NUREG–1437, Supplement 54, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants Regarding Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, Final Report,” dated July 2015 (ML15196A263); (4) NUREG–0848, “Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of Byron Station, Units 1 and 2,” dated April 1982 (ML13269A184); (5) NUREG–1437, Supplement 57, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants Regarding LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, Final Report,” dated August 2016 (ML16238A029); and (6) NUREG–0486, “Final Environmental Statement Related to Operation of LaSalle County Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2,” dated November 1978 (ML14353A388).

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

Dated: April 16, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket Nos. 72-1031, 50-413, and 50-414;
CEQ ID: EAXX-429-00-000-1775697562;
NRC-2026-1486]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) and a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for an exemption request submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke) that would permit Catawba Nuclear Station (CNS) to maintain one loaded and to load nine transportable storage canisters (TSCs) in the MAGNASTOR® storage system at the Catawba Units 1 and 2 independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI), beginning July 6, 2026, in a storage condition where the terms, conditions, and specifications in the Certification of Compliance (CoC) No. 1031, Amendment No. 15, are not met.

DATES: The EA and FONSI referenced in this document are available on April 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-1486 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 <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-1486. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT section of this document.

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ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin ADAMS Public Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the "Availability of Documents" section.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John-Chau Nguyen, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; telephone: 301-415-0262; email: John-Chau.Nguyen@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is reviewing an exemption request from Duke, dated March 19, 2026. Duke is requesting an exemption, pursuant to section 72.7 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), in paragraphs 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), 72.214, 72.154(b), and 72.174 that require CNS to comply with the terms, conditions, and specifications of CoC No. 1031, Amendment No. 15. If approved, Duke's exemption request would accordingly allow CNS to maintain one loaded and to load nine TSCs in the MAGNASTOR® storage system, beginning July 6, 2026, in a storage condition where the terms, conditions, and specifications in CoC No. 1031, Amendment No. 15, are not met.

II. Environmental Assessment

Background

CNS is located on 391 acres in York County, South Carolina, approximately 18 miles southwest of Charlotte, North Carolina. Rock Hill, South Carolina, the nearest city, is about 6 miles south of the site. Catawba is situated on a peninsula that protrudes into Lake Wylie, a man-made lake created by the Wylie Dam on the Catawba River. Units 1 and 2 began operating in 1985 and 1986, respectively. Duke has been storing spent fuel in an ISFSI at CNS under a general license as authorized by

10 CFR part 72, subpart K, "General License for Storage of Spent Fuel at Power Reactor Sites." Duke currently uses the MAGNASTOR® storage system under CoC No. 1031, Amendment No. 15 for dry storage of spent nuclear fuel in the TSCs at the CNS ISFSI.

Description of the Proposed Action

The CoC is the NRC approved design for each dry cask storage system. The proposed action would exempt the applicant from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), 72.214, 72.154(b), and 72.174 only as these requirements pertain to the use of the TSC in the MAGNASTOR® storage system for the one already loaded and the planned loading of nine TSC beginning July 6, 2026. The proposed exemption would allow the already loaded TSC in the MAGNASTOR® storage system to remain in storage at the Catawba ISFSI and would authorize future use of the nine affected TSCs in planned loading campaigns, beginning July 6, 2026, in storage conditions where the terms, conditions, and specifications in CoC No. 1031, Amendment No. 15, are not met.

The MAGNASTOR® storage system CoC provides the requirements, conditions, and operating limits necessary for use of the system to store spent fuel. The MAGNASTOR® storage system uses three qualified neutron absorber materials—borated aluminum alloy, borated MMC, and Boral®—to ensure subcriticality in spent nuclear fuel storage and transport casks under all conditions. These materials, containing boron-10 (¹⁰B), are critical for the Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) fuel basket design, which holds up to 37 assemblies and includes 68 absorber panels. Specifications require minimum effective areal density (75 percent for Boral, 90 percent for borated aluminum/MMC) and ¹⁰B loading of 0.040 g/cm², verified through testing and inspections.

On September 10, 2025, NAC International (NAC) reported a fabrication deficiency and provided an update on December 30, 2025, regarding neutron absorber panels supplied by 3M: test coupons were cut from non-approved sheet areas, causing some to fail ¹⁰B density requirements. This affected 39 panels linked to ten TSCs at Duke's Catawba site, including one already loaded. NAC notified Duke, tagged affected TSCs, and initiated corrective actions under its Quality Assurance (QA) program. Engineering evaluations confirmed that the impact on reactivity is negligible (<2 Δk/σ), and other safety functions remain intact. Despite the deficiency, analyses show

the MAGNASTOR® storage system continues to meet safety requirements for spent fuel storage.

Duke has previously loaded one TSC and plans to load nine TSC in the MAGNASTOR® storage system beginning July 6, 2026. This exemption considers the storage of the one already loaded TSC and the planned loading of the nine TSC.

Need for The Proposed Action

Duke requested this exemption because Duke is currently out of compliance with NRC requirements, resulting from the previous loading of spent fuel into a storage system with non-compliance TSC, and has a planned, future loading campaign for nine additional impacted TSCs. This exemption would allow one already loaded TSC in the MAGNASTOR® storage system to remain in storage at the CNS ISFSI. The exemption would also allow Duke to load nine new TSC in MAGNASTOR® storage system at the CNS ISFSI for the future loading campaign scheduled to begin on July 6, 2026.

Approval of the exemption request would allow Duke to effectively and safely manage the spent fuel pool margin and capacity to enable refueling and offloading fuel from the reactor. It would also allow Duke to effectively manage the availability of the specialized workforce and equipment needed to support competing fuel loading and continued, safe operational activities at CNS and other Duke sites.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

This EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts of granting an exemption from the terms, conditions, and specifications in CoC No. 1031, Amendment No. 15. The exemption would allow continued storage of one already loaded TSC, and future loading of nine TSC beginning on July 6, 2026, at the CNS ISFSI.

The potential environmental impacts of storing spent nuclear fuel in NRC approved storage systems have been documented in previous assessments. On July 18, 1990 (55 FR 29181), the NRC amended 10 CFR part 72 to provide for the storage of spent fuel under a general license in cask designs approved by the NRC. The EA for the 1990 final rule analyzed the potential environmental impacts of using NRC-approved storage casks. The EA for the MAGNASTOR® storage system, CoC No. 1031, Amendment No. 15, (90 FR 13047), published in 2025, tiers off of

the EA issued for the July 18, 1990, final rule. “Tiering” off earlier EAs is a standard process encouraged by the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) that entails the use of impact analyses of previous EAs to bound the impacts of a proposed action where appropriate. The MAGNASTOR® storage system is designed to mitigate the effects of design basis accidents that could occur during storage. Considering the specific design requirements for the accident conditions, the design of the cask would prevent loss of containment, shielding, and criticality control. If there is no loss of containment, shielding, or criticality control, the environmental impacts would not be significant.

The exemption requested by Duke at the CNS site for the MAGNASTOR® storage system (CoC No. 1031, Amendment No. 15) is limited to the use of the TSCs where neutron absorber panels were fabricated outside the special process instructions required by Appendix A of the MAGNASTOR® storage system CoC No. 1031. In some cases, test coupons had results below the required minimum ¹⁰B areal density. This exemption applies only to the one previously loaded TSC and the planned loading of nine additional TSCs in the MAGNASTOR® storage system at the CNS ISFSI for the future loading campaign scheduled to begin on July 6, 2026. The staff has determined that this change in the TSC will not result in either radiological or non-radiological environmental impacts that significantly differ from the environmental impacts evaluated in the environmental assessment supporting the issuance of CoC No. 1031, Amendment No. 15. If the exemption is granted, there will be no significant change in the types or amounts of any effluents released, no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure, and no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there would be no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

The staff considered the no-action alternative. The no-action alternative (denial of the exemption request) would require Duke to unload and reload the spent fuel into a new TSC to bring it in compliance with the CoC terms, conditions, and specifications in the CoC No. 1031, Amendment No. 15. Duke has scheduled its loading

campaign on July 6, 2026, and further delay in the loading of this spent fuel into other casks could affect CNS’s ability to effectively manage the spent fuel pool capacity and reactor fuel offloading. Not allowing the planned future loading campaign could affect CNS’s ability to manage pool capacity, reactor fuel offloading, and refueling. It could also pose challenges to spent fuel heat removal and impact the availability of the specialized resources and equipment needed to support competing fuel loading and operational activities at CNS, including spent fuel pool clean-up and refueling outages. The NRC has determined that the no-action alternative would result in undue potential human health and safety impacts that could be avoided by proceeding with the proposed exemption.

Agencies Consulted

The NRC provided the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) a copy of this draft EA for review by an email dated April 1, 2026. On April 14, 2026, SCDES provided its concurrence by email.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The environmental impacts of the proposed action have been reviewed in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR part 51, which implement NEPA. Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, the NRC finds that the proposed action of granting the exemption from the regulations in 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), 72.214, 72.154(b), and 72.174, which require the licensee to comply with the terms, conditions, and specifications of the CoC, in this case limited to the one past loading and nine future loading of TSCs with neutron absorber panels fabricated outside the special process instructions required by Appendix A of the MAGNASTOR® storage system CoC, would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined that a FONSI is appropriate, and an environmental impact statement is not warranted.

IV. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through ADAMS, as indicated.

Document description	ADAMS accession No. or Federal Register notice
Duke's request for exemption, dated March 19, 2026	ML26078A372
Certificate of Compliance No. 1031, Amendment 15, dated April 25, 2025	ML25112A096 (Package)
10 CFR 72.242 Reportable Licensing Basis Fabrication Deficiency for MAGNASTOR® Dry Cask Storage System 3M Neutron Absorber Panels, dated September 10, 2025.	ML25253A488
Follow-up to 10 CFR 72.242 Reportable Licensing Basis Fabrication Deficiency on MAGNASTOR® Dry Cask Storage System 3M Neutron Absorber Panels, dated December 30, 2025.	ML25364A119
10 CFR part 72 amendment to allow spent fuel storage in NRC-approved casks, published July 18, 1990 ..	55 FR 29181
EA for part 72 amendment to allow spent fuel storage in NRC-approved casks, dated March 8, 1989	ML051230231
Direct Final Rule for approval of MAGNASTOR® System CoC No. 1031, Amendment 15, published March 20, 2025.	90 FR 13047
NRC email, "South Carolina Review of Draft EA for Exemption Request," dated April 1, 2026	ML26097A213
South Carolina email, "South Carolina Review of draft EA for exemption request—response from state," dated April 14, 2026.	ML26097A232

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

Dated: April 17, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Haimanot Yilma,

Acting Chief, Storage and Transportation Branch, Division of Fuel Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2025-0052]

Information Collection: NRC Form 313, Application for Materials License and NRC Forms 313A (RSO), 313A (AMP), 313A (ANP), 313A (AUD), 313A (AUT), and 313A (AUS)

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, "NRC Form 313, Application for Materials License and NRC Forms 313A (Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)), 313A (AMP), 313A (Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist (ANP)), 313A (Authorized User Training, Experience and Preceptor Attestation (AUD)), 313A (Authorized User Training, Experience, and Preceptor Attestation (AUT)), and 313A (Authorized User Training, Experience and Preceptor Attestation (AUS))."

DATES: Submit comments by June 22, 2026. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

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

however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website:

- *Federal rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2025-0052. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T-6 A10M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0856; email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2025-0052 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2025-0052. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC-2025-0052 on this website.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin ADAMS Public Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession Nos. ML25338A230, ML25338A231, ML25338A232, ML25338A233, ML25338A234, ML25338A235, and ML25338A236. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML25338A228.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC's Acting Clearance Officer, Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0856; email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC-2025-0052, in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in

comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. All comment submissions are posted at <https://www.regulations.gov> and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized as follows.

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 313, Application for Materials License and NRC Forms 313A (RSO), 313A (AMP), 313A (ANP), 313A (AUD), 313A (AUT), and 313A (AUS).

2. *OMB approval number:* 3150–0120.

3. *Type of submission:* Extension.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* NRC Form 313, Application for Materials License and NRC Forms 313A (RSO), 313A (AMP), 313A (ANP), 313A (AUD), 313A (AUT), and 313A (AUS).

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* There is a one-time submittal of the NRC Form 313 (which may include the NRC Form 313A series of forms) with information to receive a license. Once a specific license has been issued, there is a 15-year resubmittal of the NRC Form 313 (which may include the NRC Form 313A series of forms) with information for renewal of the license. Amendment requests are submitted as needed by the licensee. There is a one-time submittal for all limited specific medical use applicants of a NRC Form 313A series form to have each new individual identified as a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) or Associate Radiation Safety Officer (ARSO) [NRC Form 313A (RSO)], authorized medical physicist or ophthalmic physicist [NRC Form 313A (AMP)], authorized nuclear pharmacist [NRC Form 313A (ANP)], or authorized user [NRC Form 313A (AUD), NRC Form 313A (AUS), or NRC Form 313A (AUT)] or a subsequent submittal of

additional information for one of these individuals to be identified with a new authorization on a limited specific medical use license. NRC Form 313A (RSO) is also used by medical broad scope licensees when identifying a new individual as an RSO, a new individual as an ARSO, adding an additional RSO authorization, or adding an additional ARSO authorization for the individual. This submittal may occur when applying for a new license, amendment, or renewal. NRC Form 313A (ANP) is also used by commercial nuclear pharmacy licensees when requesting an individual be identified for the first time as ANP. This submittal may occur when applying for a new license, amendment, or renewal.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* All applicants requesting a license, amendment or renewal of a license for byproduct or source material.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* NRC response ~1,810 (Agreement state respondents = NRC × 7).

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* NRC respondents ~1,292 (Agreement state respondents = NRC × 7).

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* NRC = 4,208 hrs., Agreement state = 45,550 hrs., 3rd party = 1,171 hrs.

10. *Abstract:* Applicants must submit NRC Form 313, which may include the six forms in the 313A series, to obtain a specific license to possess, use, or distribute byproduct or source material. These six forms in the 313A series are: (1) NRC Form 313A (RSO), "Radiation Safety Officer or Associate Radiation Safety Officer Training, Experience and Preceptor Attestation [10 CFR 35.57, 35.50]"; (2) NRC Form 313A (AMP), "Authorized Medical Physicist or Ophthalmic Physicist, Training, Experience and Preceptor Attestation [10 CFR 35.51, 35.57(a)(3), and 35.433]"; (3) NRC Form 313A (ANP), "Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist Training, Experience, and Preceptor Attestation 10 CFR 35.55"; (4) NRC Form 313A (AUD), "Authorized User Training, Experience and Preceptor Attestation (for uses defined under 35.100, 35.200, and 35.500) 10 CFR 35.57, 35.190, 35.290, and 35.590"; (5) NRC Form 313A (AUT), "Authorized User Training, Experience, and Preceptor Attestation (for uses defined under 35.300) 10 CFR 35.57, 35.390, 35.392, 35.394, and 35.396"; and (6) NRC Form 313A (AUS), "Authorized User Training, Experience and Preceptor Attestation (for uses defined under

35.400 and 35.600) 10 CFR 35.57, 35.490, 35.491, and 35.690." The NRC Form 313A series of forms requires preceptor attestations for certain individuals. The preceptor attestation is provided by a third party and not an applicant or licensee. The information is reviewed by the NRC to determine whether the applicant is qualified by training and experience, and has equipment, facilities, and procedures which are adequate to protect the public health and safety and minimize danger to life or property.

III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility? Please explain your answer.

2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate? Please explain your answer.

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

Dated: April 17, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Heather Dempsey,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2025–0874]

Information Collection: NRC Form 361, Reactor Plant Event Notification Worksheet; NRC Form 361A, Fuel Cycle and Materials Event Notification Worksheet; NRC Form 361N, Non-Power Reactor (NPR) Event Notification Worksheet

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, "NRC Form 361, Reactor

Plant Event Notification Worksheet; NRC Form 361A, Fuel Cycle and Materials Event Notification Worksheet; NRC Form 361N, Non-Power Reactor (NPR) Event Notification Worksheet.”

DATES: Submit comments by June 22, 2026. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods, however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2025–0874. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301–415–1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T–6 A10M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–0856; email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2025–0874 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2025–0874. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC–2025–0874 on this website.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the

ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin ADAMS Public Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, at 301–415–4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession Nos. ML25266A110, ML25266A108, ML25266A107, and ML25266A106. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML25266A105.

- *NRC’s PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *NRC’s Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC’s Acting Clearance Officer, Heather Dempsey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–0856 email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC–2025–0874, in your comment submission.

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If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB’s approval for the information collection summarized as follows.

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 361, Reactor Plant Event Notification Worksheet; NRC Form 361A, Fuel Cycle and Materials Event Notification Worksheet; NRC Form 361N, Non-Power Reactor (NPR) Event Notification Worksheet.

2. *OMB approval number:* 3150–0238.

3. *Type of submission:* Extension.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* NRC Form 361, NRC Form 361A, NRC Form 361N.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* On occasion. NRC licensee events are reportable when they occur.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Holders of NRC licenses for commercial nuclear power plants, fuel cycle facilities, NRC material licensees, and nonpower reactors.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 563.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 2,105.

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 281.5.

10. *Abstract:* The NRC requires its licensees to report by telephone certain events and emergencies that have potential impact to public health and safety. In order to efficiently process the information received through such reports from licensees, the NRC created Forms 361, 361A, and 361N to provide a worksheet for licensees to record the information for the report. NRC licensees are not required to fill out or submit the form, but the form describes the order in which data about the event will be requested to enable a licensee to efficiently make the telephonic notification. Without the format provided by the NRC Forms 361, 361A, and 361N, the information exchange between licensees and NRC Headquarters Operations Officers via telephone could result in delays in completing the notification as the licensee answers questions from the NRC staff taking the report.

III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility? Please explain your answer.

2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate? Please explain your answer.

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*)

Dated: April 16, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Heather Dempsey,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-7513; NRC-2021-0193]

Kairos Power LLC; Hermes Test Reactor; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the Kairos Power LLC (Kairos or the licensee) request to amend Construction Permit No. CPTR-6 for the Hermes test reactor facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The amendment request seeks NRC approval to extend the latest date for completion of the construction of the Hermes test reactor facility from December 31, 2026, to April 30, 2029.

DATES: The EA and FONSI referenced in this document are available on April 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2021-0193 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 <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2021-0193. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cayetano Santos Jr., Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-7270; email: Cayetano.Santos@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is considering issuance of an amendment to Construction Permit No. CPTR-6, issued to Kairos for the construction of the Hermes test reactor facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Kairos requested the amendment by letter dated March 24, 2026, in accordance with section 50.90 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Application for amendment of license, construction permit, or early site permit," and 10 CFR 50.55(b). The amendment would extend the latest date for completion of the construction of the Hermes test reactor facility from December 31, 2026, to April 30, 2029.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.21, "Criteria for and identification of licensing and regulatory actions requiring environmental assessments," the NRC prepared an EA, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.30, "Environmental assessment," that analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed amendment and alternatives, as appropriate. Based on the results of this EA, which is set forth in section II of this document, and in accordance with 10 CFR 51.31(a), the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed amendment and is issuing a

FONSI, which is set forth in section III of this document.

II. Environmental Assessment

Description of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would amend Construction Permit No. CPTR-6 to extend the latest date for completion of the construction of the Hermes test reactor facility from December 31, 2026, to April 30, 2029. The proposed action was requested in the licensee's application dated March 24, 2026.

The proposed action would not allow any work to be performed that is not already authorized by the construction permit. The proposed action would grant Kairos more time to complete the construction of the Hermes test reactor facility in accordance with the construction permit.

Need for the Proposed Action

Kairos performed a review of the Hermes test reactor facility construction schedule and determined that construction will not be completed by December 31, 2026, the latest date for completion of construction prescribed in Construction Permit No. CPTR-6. Kairos stated that delays have occurred due to two factors. First, Kairos stated in its amendment request that it has performed non-nuclear demonstrations of first-of-a-kind construction techniques and design features prior to performing them on the Hermes nuclear facility for the purpose of identifying construction challenges and lessons learned in the construction processes for the Hermes test reactor facility. Kairos further stated that performing these non-nuclear demonstration activities has extended the construction timeline. Second, Kairos stated that site preparation work, including removal of legacy structures from the Hermes test reactor footprint, required extensive coordination with other organizations such as the Department of Energy and required significantly more work than originally planned. Kairos now expects the construction of the Hermes test reactor facility to be completed in 2028. To accommodate this construction schedule and to incorporate conservatism, Kairos is requesting to extend the latest date for completion of the construction of the Hermes test reactor facility to April 30, 2029.

The NRC regulation in 10 CFR 50.55(b) states that upon good cause shown, the Commission will extend the completion date for a reasonable period of time and that the Commission will recognize, among other things, "developmental problems attributable to the experimental nature of the facility or

fire, flood, explosion, strike, sabotage, domestic violence, enemy action, an act of the elements, and other acts beyond the control of the permit holder,” as a basis for extending the completion date.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its environmental review of the proposed action and concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action would only extend the period of construction activities already authorized by Construction Permit No. CPTR-6 and would not authorize any new construction activities, any additional land disturbance, or any modifications to the facility from the terms in the construction permit.

In 2023, the NRC evaluated the environmental impacts associated with constructing, operating, and decommissioning the Hermes test reactor facility in NUREG-2263, “Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction Permit for the Kairos Hermes Test Reactor Final Report.” NUREG-2263 concluded that the potential impacts from the facility would be small for each potentially affected environmental resource.

In May 2025, Kairos commenced safety-related construction activities at the Hermes test reactor site in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Kairos has completed construction of the foundation drilled piers and is making progress in the design and construction of the facility. Since the proposed action would only extend the period of already-authorized construction activities, it does not involve any different impacts or significant changes to those impacts described and analyzed in the previous environmental documents. Therefore, there would be no significant non-radiological or radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. Specifically:

- The proposed action would not result in a change in the types or quantity of radioactive materials in effluents, wastes, and products of the facility. Therefore, there is no impact on occupational or public radiation exposure and the proposed action would not result in changes to radiological human health previously assessed in NUREG-2263.
- The proposed action would not result in new land disturbance or in changes to land use and visual resources from what was previously assessed in NUREG-2263.

- The proposed action would not result in changes to the types or quantity of non-radiological waste and effluents previously assessed in NUREG-2263 and the proposed action would not result in changes to nonradiological human health previously assessed in NUREG-2263.

- The proposed action would not result in changes to ecological resources previously assessed in NUREG-2263.

- The proposed action would not result in changes to hydrogeology or water resources previously assessed in NUREG-2263.

- The proposed action would not result in changes to air quality or noise previously assessed in NUREG-2263.

- The proposed action would not result in changes to historic or cultural resources previously assessed in NUREG-2263.

- The proposed action would not result in changes to socioeconomic conditions previously assessed in NUREG-2263.

- The proposed action would not have a significant adverse effect on the probability of an accident occurring.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the “no-action” alternative). Denial of the amendment request would result in the licensee being unable to complete construction and begin operation of the Hermes test reactor facility. However, because the remaining construction, operating, and decommissioning impacts would generally be small as evaluated in NUREG-2263, the environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

There are no unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources under the proposed action. The proposed action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in NUREG-2263.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

No additional agencies or persons were consulted regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The NRC staff determined that the proposed action would have no effect on Federally listed threatened or endangered species or critical habitat that could occur on or near the Hermes test reactor facility site and would have no effect on any historic properties. Therefore, consultation was not

required under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, or under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. On April 14, 2026, the NRC notified the Tennessee Division of Radiological Health representative of the EA and FONSI.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The proposed action is the issuance of an amendment to Kairos Construction Permit No. CPTR-6 to extend the latest date for completion of the construction of the Hermes test reactor facility from December 31, 2026, to April 30, 2029. Consistent with 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC prepared an EA to determine the impacts of the proposed action. On the basis of the EA included in section II of this document and incorporated by reference in this finding, the NRC concludes that the proposed action would not have a significant adverse effect on the probability of an accident occurring and would not have any significant radiological or non-radiological impacts. Therefore, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.31(a).

Other than the application dated March 24, 2026, the related environmental document is NUREG-2263, “Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction Permit for the Kairos Hermes Test Reactor Final Report,” which provides the latest environmental review of the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Hermes test reactor facility and description of the environmental conditions at the facility site.

This EA and FONSI and other related documents are accessible online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC’s PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.

IV. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through ADAMS, as indicated.

Document	ADAMS accession No.
NUREG-2263, "Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction Permit for the Kairos Hermes Test Reactor Final Report," dated August 2023.	ML23214A269.
Construction Permit No. CPTR-6 for the Hermes 1 Test Reactor Facility, dated December 14, 2023	ML23338A258.
Kairos Power LLC Hermes Test Reactor Construction Permit CPTR-6 Amendment Request, dated March 24, 2026.	ML26083A275 (Package).

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

Dated: April 16, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joshua Borroneo,

*Chief, Advanced Reactor Licensing Branch
1, Division of Advanced Reactors and Non-Power Production and Utilization Facilities,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2026-3 and MC2026-211;
Order No. 9527]

Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates)

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is recognizing a recent Postal Service filing of a change in rates not of general applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at Universal Postal Union rates) to be effective January 1, 2027, along with related proposed changes to the *Mail Classification Schedule* (MCS), also effective January 1, 2027. This document informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* April 23, 2026.

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.

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I. Introduction

On April 15, 2026, the Postal Service filed notice of changes in rates not of general applicability for Inbound Parcel

Post (at Universal Postal Union (UPU) Rates) and rates for Inbound International Proof of Delivery, effective January 1, 2027.¹ The Postal Service also gave notice of related proposed changes to the *Mail Classification Schedule* (MCS), also effective January 1, 2027. Notice at 1.

II. Contents of Filing

The Postal Service states that because of amendments made in Article 33 of the Universal Postal Convention (Convention) by the UPU Dubai Congress in September 2025, beginning in calendar year (CY) 2027 designated operators such as the Postal Service can establish self-declared "Inward Land Rates" for inbound parcel post, with certain exceptions. *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service also states that because of related amendments made in Convention Articles 18.3.3 and 33.8 by the UPU Dubai Congress, beginning in CY 2027 designated operators will be required to provide an ancillary international proof of delivery for inbound parcel post. *Id.* at 4. For such ancillary service, designated operators can either use the rate fixed by the Convention or the equivalent domestic charge for proof of delivery. *Id.* The Postal Service further states that it is required to give notice to the UPU International Bureau (IB) by May 1, 2026, of its self-declared rates for inbound parcel post and its elected rate for international proof of delivery that would take effect on January 1, 2027. *Id.*

Therefore, the Postal Service submits its self-declared rates for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU rates) and its elected rate for Inbound International Proof of Delivery for CY 2027 for review with the Commission. The Postal Service states that the supporting financial workpapers show that the rates comply with 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.* at 6. The Postal Service also proposes the following classification changes to the MCS so that the MCS will more accurately represent the Postal Service's offering as of January 1, 2027 and be consistent

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates) and Inbound International Proof of Delivery, and Modification of Mail Classification Schedule, and Application for Non-Public Treatment, April 15, 2026, at 1 (Notice).

with the amended Convention: deleting "Single-Piece" from the name of Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU rates) and changing "Parcel Post Regulations" to "Convention Regulations" in MCS section 2310.1; deleting outdated reference to International Insurance in MCS section 2310.5; changing the descriptions of remuneration for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU rates) in MCS section 2310.6; and adding a new MCS subsection 2615.3 for International Proof of Delivery, under the International Ancillary Services product in MCS section 2615. *Id.* at 8-9. The Postal Service asserts that the proposed changes are minor (instead of material) in nature. *See id.* at 9-11.

With the Notice, the Postal Service filed: an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal, self-declared rates for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU rates) and the rate elected for Inbound International Proof of Delivery, a certification required under 39 CFR 3035.105(c)(2), Governors' Decision No. 19-1, and proposed changes to the MCS in legislative format. *Id.* at 4-5; *see id.* Attachments 1-5. The Postal Service also filed Excel versions of financial workpapers. Notice at 5-6. The Postal Service publicly filed redacted copies of the rates, Governors' Decision No. 19-1, and financial workpapers, and filed unredacted copies of these materials under seal. *Id.* at 4-5.

III. Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. CP2026-6 and MC2026-211 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice. Pursuant to 39 CFR 3010.101(q)(3) and 3040.191(d), the Commission appoints Jana Slovinská to serve as Public Representative in these dockets. The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filing is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3633 and other applicable policies and criteria of chapter 36 of Title 39 of the United States Code, 39 CFR 3035.105 and .107, 3040.190-192, and any applicable Commission directives and orders.

Comments are due no later than April 23, 2026. The public portions of the filing can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2026–6 and MC2026–211 for consideration of the matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 CFR 3010.101(q)(3) and 3040.191(d), Jana Slovinská is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments are due no later than April 23, 2026.

4. This Order, or abstract thereof, shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Ashley Demchak,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2024–309; MC2026–208 and K2026–207; MC2026–210 and K2026–209; MC2026–212 and K2026–210; MC2026–213 and K2026–211]

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 a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* April 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://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.

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I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

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 3011.301.¹

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such 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 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive

products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. *See* 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests. The comment due date discussed above does not apply to Section III proceedings (Docket Nos. MC2026–208 and K2026–207; MC2026–210 and K2026–209; MC2026–212 and K2026–210; MC2026–213 and K2026–211).

II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* CP2024–309; *Filing Title:* Request of the United States Postal Service Concerning Modification One to International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International & Priority Mail International Contract 9, Which Includes an Extension of That Agreement; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 15, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3041.505 and 3041.515; *Public Representative:* Maxine Bradley; *Comments Due:* April 23, 2026.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* MC2026–208 and K2026–207; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add New Fulfillment Standardized Distinct Product, PM–GA Contract 961, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 15, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

2. *Docket No(s):* MC2026–210 and K2026–209; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add New Mid-Market Standardized Distinct Product, PM–GA Contract 962, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 15, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

3. *Docket No(s):* MC2026–212 and K2026–210; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add New Fulfillment Standardized Distinct Product, PM–GA Contract 963, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 15, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

4. *Docket No(s):* MC2026–213 and K2026–211; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add New Fulfillment Standardized Distinct Product, PM–GA Contract 964, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 15,

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).

2026; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Danielle LeFlore,

Legal Assistant.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. K2025-1344; MC2026-214 and K2026-212; MC2026-215 and K2026-213]

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 a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* April 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://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.

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with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such 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 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

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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).

II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s).*: K2025-1344; *Filing Title*: Request of the United States Postal Service Concerning Modification One to Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service Contract 68, Which Includes an Extension of That Agreement; *Filing Acceptance Date*: April 16, 2026; *Filing Authority*: 39 CFR 3041.505 and 3041.515; *Public Representative*: Jennaca Upperman; *Comments Due*: April 24, 2026.

2. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026-215 and K2026-213; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 954 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: April 16, 2026; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Kenneth Moeller; *Comments Due*: April 24, 2026.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026-214 and K2026-212; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add New Fulfillment Standardized Distinct Product, PM-GA Contract 965, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: April 16, 2026; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Danielle LeFlore,

Legal Assistant.

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POSTAL SERVICE

International Product Change- International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add an International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Competitive Product List in the Mail Classification Schedule.

DATES: Date of notice: April 21, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher C. Meyerson, (202) 268-7820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on April 14, 2026, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service Contract 19 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2026-207 and CP2026-206.

Colleen Hibbert-Kapler,

Attorney, Ethics and Legal Compliance.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-105257; File No. SR-NasdaqTX-2026-015]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq Texas, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Equity 4, Rule 4759 (Data Feeds Utilized) To Establish a Primary and Secondary Source of Quotation Data of a New Market Center

April 16, 2026.

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 April 6, 2026, Nasdaq Texas, LLC (“Nasdaq Texas” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, 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 amend Equity 4, Rule 4759 (Data Feeds Utilized) to establish a primary and secondary source of quotation data of a new market center in the list of proprietary and network processor feeds that the Exchange utilizes for the handling, routing, and execution of orders, as well as regulatory compliance processes related to those functions.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaqtx/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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

The Exchange proposes to update and amend the data feeds table in Equity 4, Rule 4759, which sets forth on a market-by-market basis the specific proprietary and network processor feeds that the Exchange utilizes for the handling, routing, and execution of orders, and for performing the regulatory compliance processes related to each of those functions. Specifically, the table would be amended to reflect that the Exchange will receive a direct feed from the new Texas Stock Exchange (“TXSE”) as its primary quotation data source for TXSE, and the Exchange will use CQS/UQDF as the secondary data source for TXSE. Additionally, the table will be updated to reflect the current name of an exchange that was recently renamed (*i.e.*: NYSE Texas).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁴ in particular, 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.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market because updating its data feeds table to

add a new market center for which the exchange will consume quotation data through direct and secondary feeds will provide clarity to market participants. Additionally, it is necessary and consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors to update the Exchange’s table of market centers in Equity 4, Rule 4759 in order to provide transparency with respect to all the direct proprietary and network processor feeds from which the Exchange obtains market data. Finally, it will promote just and equitable principles of trade and protect investors and the public interest to update the table in Equity 4, Rule 4759, to reflect the current name of a recently-renamed exchange.

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. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issue; instead, its purpose is to enhance transparency with respect to the operation of the Exchange and its use of market data feeds.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁵ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁶

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-NasdaqTX-2026-015 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-NasdaqTX-2026-015. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NasdaqTX-2026-015 and should be submitted on or before May 12, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Vanessa A. Countryman,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235-0578]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Form N-Q

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) ("Paperwork Reduction Act"), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval. The title for the collection of information is "Form N-Q—Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings of Registered Management Investment Company."

The Commission is seeking to reinstate the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA") information request for Form N-Q (17 CFR 249.332 and 274.130) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) ("Investment Company Act") and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act") pursuant to OMB control number 3235-0578 for the purpose of discontinuing this information collection. The last Commission request for OMB approval under this control number was submitted in November 2018. Form N-Q was a form used by registered management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 ("SBICs"), under section 30(b) of the Investment Company Act and Sections 13(b) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, to file reports at the end of the first and third quarters each fiscal year of portfolio holdings pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). Effective August 1, 2019, the Commission rescinded Form N-Q and rescinded and reserved rule 30b1-5.¹

As detailed in the Reporting Modernization Release, the Commission rescinded Form N-Q because the portfolio information contained in

¹ See Investment Company Reporting Modernization, Investment Company Act Release No. 32314 (Oct. 13, 2016) [81 FR 81870 (Nov. 18, 2016)] ("Reporting Modernization Release").

reports on Form N-Q is also included in a different form, Form N-PORT. As a result, Form N-PORT rendered reports on Form N-Q unnecessarily duplicative. Form N-PORT is a form used by registered management investment companies, other than money market funds and SBICs, under section 30(b) of the Investment Company Act and sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act to file monthly reports of portfolio holdings pursuant to rule 30b1-9 of the Investment Company Act (17 CFR 270.30b1-9). Specifically, rule 30b1-9 requires a registered management investment company or exchange traded fund organized as a unit investment trust, other than registered open-end management investment company that is regulated as money market fund or a SBIC to file a report of portfolio holdings on Form N-PORT, current as of the last business day, or last calendar day, of the month. The burden associated with the information request outlined within rule 30b1-9 is contained within the information request for Form N-PORT under OMB control number 3235-0730. Thus, there has been no lapse in reporting the burden associated with the rescinded and reserved rule 30b1-5 and rescinded Form N-Q. Since the burden is being reported under an alternative information collection request ("ICR"), the Commission is seeking to reinstate the Form N-Q ICR under control number 3235-0578 to have it properly discontinued as the regulation that required the Form N-Q ICR has changed by the Commission's rescinding Form N-Q and related rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act.

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.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the SEC, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the SEC's estimate of the burden imposed by the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the 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 automated, electronic collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please direct your written comments on this 60-Day Collection Notice to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg via email to PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov by June 22, 2026. There will be a second opportunity to comment on this SEC request following the **Federal Register** publishing a 30-Day Submission Notice.

Dated: April 17, 2026.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-105259; File No. SR-IEX-2026-09]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend IEX Rule 11.240 (Trade Execution, Reporting, and Dissemination of Quotations) To Conform With Amendments to Rules 600 and 603 of Regulation NMS Recently Approved by the Commission That Concern the Reporting and Dissemination of Odd-Lot Information

April 16, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on April 10, 2026, the Investors Exchange LLC (“IEX” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Act,⁴ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁵ the Exchange is filing with the Commission a proposed rule change to amend IEX Rule 11.240, Trade Execution, Reporting, and Dissemination of Quotations, to conform with amendments to Rules 600 and 603 of Regulation NMS recently approved by the Commission that concern the reporting and dissemination of odd-

information.⁶ The Exchange has designated this proposal as non-controversial and provided the Commission with the notice required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.⁷

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s website at <https://www.iexexchange.io/resources/regulation/rule-filings> and at the principal office of the Exchange.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 self-regulatory organization 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend IEX Rule 11.240, Trade Execution, Reporting, and Dissemination of Quotations, to conform with amendments to Rules 600 and 603 of Regulation NMS recently approved by the Commission, which are to be implemented on May 1, 2026.⁸ Specifically, the Exchange proposes to adopt subparagraph (c)(3) under IEX Rule 11.240 to address the Exchange’s odd-lot reporting obligations under Rules 600 and 603 of Regulation NMS.

In February 2020, the SEC proposed several changes to Regulation NMS through its Market Data Infrastructure Rules (“MDIR”) Proposal.⁹ In the MDIR Proposal, the Commission discussed the increasing importance of odd-lot quotations in modern equity markets and observed that odd-lot quotations were frequently priced at or better than round-lot quotations, particularly in higher-priced securities.¹⁰ However, such odd-lot quotation information was

generally excluded from SIP data feeds and instead available primarily through proprietary data products. The Commission concluded that this created a significant information asymmetry between market participants with access to proprietary feeds and those relying on consolidated data.¹¹

Thus, the SEC added to Regulation NMS the concept of “odd-lot information”,¹² which it included in the definition of “core data” that must be included in the “consolidated market data” disseminated by the exclusive Securities Information Processor (“SIPs”) pursuant to Rule 603(b)(3) of Regulation NMS.¹³ The MDIR Final Rule defined odd-lot information as:

- (i) odd-lot transaction information;¹⁴ and
- (ii) odd-lot quotations that are at a price greater than or equal to the NBB¹⁵ and less than or equal to the NBO,¹⁶ aggregated at each price level at each securities exchange and FINRA;¹⁷

The MDIR Final Rule set the compliance date for the exchanges and SIPs to include odd-lot information in the core data disseminated through the SIPs as 180 calendar days after the Commission’s approval of certain amendments to the SIP Plans required by the MDIR Final Rule.¹⁸ Because the Commission disapproved those amendments to the SIP Plans in September 2022, the compliance date for disseminating odd-lot information through the SIPs was not set at that time.¹⁹

Thus, on September 18, 2024, in the Adopting Release, the Commission set a compliance date of the first business day of May 2026 for the addition of odd-lot information to the core data

¹¹ See MDIR Proposal, *supra* note 9 at 16733.

¹² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 90610 (December 9, 2020), 86 FR 18596 (April 9, 2021) (File No. S7-03-20) (“MDIR Final Rule”).

¹³ See MDIR Final Rule, *supra* note 12 at 18610-15. Rule 603(b)(3) of Regulation NMS, among other things, requires the national securities exchanges and national securities associations to make available to the exclusive Securities Information Processor (“SIPs”) all data necessary to generate odd-lot information, and require the exclusive SIPs to collect, consolidate and disseminate odd-lot information.

¹⁴ 17 CFR 242.600(b)(69)(i). The SIPs already collect, consolidate and disseminate odd-lot transaction information, but it was not required under Regulation NMS until the MDIR Final Rule.

¹⁵ See IEX Rule 1.160(u).

¹⁶ See IEX Rule 1.160(u).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 242.600(b)(69)(ii).

¹⁸ See MDIR Final Rule, *supra* note 12 at 18700 n. 1355.

¹⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95849, 87 FR 58592 (September 21, 2022) (File No. S7-24-89) (Order disapproving the UTP Plan amendment) and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95851 (September 21, 2022), 87 FR 58613 (SR-CTA/CQ-2021-03) (Order disapproving the CTA/CQ Plan amendment).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁶ See Regulation NMS: Minimum Pricing Increments, Access Fees and Transparency of Better Priced Orders, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101070 (September 18, 2024), 89 FR 81620 (October 8, 2024) (File No. S7-30-22) (“Adopting Release”).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁸ See Adopting Release, *supra* note 6 at 81681.

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88216 (February 14, 2020), 85 FR 16726 (Mar. 24, 2020) (File No. S7-03-20) (“MDIR Proposal”).

¹⁰ See MDIR Proposal, *supra* note 9 at 16732-33.

disseminated by the SIPs, as required by Rule 603(b) of Regulation NMS.²⁰

Additionally, the Commission expanded the definition of odd-lot information to include the “best odd-lot order to buy and best odd-lot order to sell”, which it defined as follows:

(iii) Best odd-lot order to buy and best odd-lot order to sell (collectively the “BOLO”). Best odd-lot order to buy is the highest-priced odd-lot order to buy that is priced higher than the NBB, and Best odd-lot order to sell is the lowest-priced odd-lot order to sell that is priced lower than the NBO. The BOLO to buy/sell is calculated and disseminated on a continuing basis by the SIP Plans.²¹

The Commission recently issued an Exemptive Order allowing the exclusive SIPs to defer implementation of the reporting and dissemination of depth of book odd-lot information required by Rule 600(b)(69)(ii) for two years until May 2028.²² Thus, starting on May 1, 2026, the SIPs will begin disseminating the BOLO and the best odd-lot bid and offer priced at or better than the NBBO from each exchange and FINRA.²³ And the SIPs will disseminate odd-lot quotations priced between each exchange’s and FINRA’s best odd-lot bid or offer and the NBBO for each NMS stock on or before May 2028.²⁴ The Exchange will provide the required odd-lot information to the SIPs in accordance with the above implementation dates.

Thus, the Exchange proposes to amend IEX Rule 11.240, Trade Execution, Reporting, and Dissemination of Quotations, to adopt subparagraph (b)(3) to address the Exchange’s odd-lot reporting obligations under Rules 600 and 603 of Regulation NMS. As proposed, subparagraph (b)(3) to IEX Rule 11.240 would provide that “[p]ursuant to Rule 603 of Regulation NMS under the Exchange Act and the January 15, 2026 Exemptive Order issued by the Commission, the Exchange will transmit for display to the appropriate network processor the data necessary to generate ‘odd-lot

information’, as the term is defined in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS for each NMS Stock.”

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,²⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(1),²⁶ in particular, in that it enables the Exchange to be so organized as to have the capacity to be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its exchange members and person associated with the exchange members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange. The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5)²⁷ of the Act in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and 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.

As described in the Purpose section, the proposed change to IEX Rule 11.240 is being made solely to conform the Exchange’s dissemination of consolidated market data to the SIPs with the reporting obligations set forth in Rules 600 and 603 of Regulation NMS.²⁸ Specifically, the change will codify in the IEX’s rules its obligations under Rule 603(b) of Regulation NMS, which requires it to report to the exclusive SIPs all data necessary to generate odd-lot information.²⁹ Thus, IEX believes that the proposed rule change would reduce potential investor and market participant confusion and therefore remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system by ensuring that the Exchange’s rules properly reflect the requirements of Rule 603(b)(3) of Regulation NMS. The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market by ensuring that persons subject to the Exchange’s jurisdiction, regulators, and the investing public can more easily navigate and understand the Exchange’s rules. The proposed rule change would be consistent with the public interest

and the protection of investors because investors will not be harmed and in fact would benefit from the increased transparency and clarity, thereby reducing potential confusion.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes the proposed rule changes do not impose any burden on intramarket or intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. This proposed rule change is not intended to address competitive issues but rather is concerned solely with amending the Exchange’s Rules to address the Exchange’s odd-lot reporting obligations under Rules 600 and 603 of Regulation NMS.³⁰

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A)³¹ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)³² thereunder. Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.³³

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)³⁴ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),³⁵ the

³⁰ See Adopting Release, *supra* note 6.

³¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

³² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

³³ In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange’s intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

³⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

³⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

²⁰ 17 CFR 242.603(b)(3).

²¹ 17 CFR 242.600(b)(69)(iii).

²² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 104612 (January 15, 2026), 91 FR 2577 (January 21, 2026) (Order Granting Temporary Exemptive Relief Pursuant to Section 36(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from Compliance with Rule 600(b)(69)(ii) of Regulation NMS).

²³ See Press Release, SEC Grants Request for Exemption Related to Dissemination of Odd-Lot Depth of Book, dated January 22, 2026, available at <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/sec-grants-request-for-exemption-related-to-dissemination-of-odd-lot-depth-of-book-302668045.html#:~:text=NEW%20YORK%2C%20Jan.%2022%2C,quotation%20for%20each%20NMS%20stock>.

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(1).

²⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²⁸ See Adopting Release, *supra* note 6.

²⁹ 17 CFR 242.603(b)(3).

Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay period. The Commission believes that the proposal would allow the Exchange to comply with the odd-lot reporting obligations under Rules 600 and 603 of Regulation NMS that are to be implemented on May 1, 2026. For these reasons, the Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, and designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing with the Commission.³⁶

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.³⁷ If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-IEX-2026-09 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-IEX-2026-09. 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

³⁶For purposes only of waiving the operative delay for this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

³⁷15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-IEX-2026-09 and should be submitted on or before May 12, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³⁸

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 36092; 812-16001]

Man ETF Series Trust and Man Solutions LLC

April 17, 2026.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC").

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act, as well as from certain disclosure requirements in rule 20a-1 under the Act, Item 19(a)(3) of Form N-1A, Items 22(c)(1)(ii), 22(c)(1)(iii), 22(c)(8) and 22(c)(9) of Schedule 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and sections 6-07(2)(a), (b), and (c) of Regulation S-X ("Disclosure Requirements").

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: The requested exemption would permit Applicants to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements with subadvisers without shareholder approval and would grant relief from the Disclosure Requirements as they relate to fees paid to the subadvisers.

APPLICANTS: Man ETF Series Trust and Man Solutions LLC

FILING DATES: The application was filed on March 4, 2026.

³⁸17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) and (59).

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at Secretarys-Office@sec.gov and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. The email should include the file number referenced above. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m., Eastern time, on May 12, 2026, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: The Commission: Secretarys-Office@sec.gov. Applicants: Lisa Muñoz, Man ETF Series Trust, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10105, with a copy to: Clair E. Pagnano, Esq., K&L Gates LLP, One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02114.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Loko, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551-6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants' application, dated March 4, 2026, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field on the SEC's EDGAR system. The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at <https://www.sec.gov/search-filings>. You may also call the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at (202) 551-8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–105254; File No. SR–CBOE–2026–031]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Fees Schedule With Respect to Certain Standard Transaction Fees, Floor Broker Permit Fees, the SPX and VIX Floor Broker Trading Surcharges, the Floor Broker ADV Discount, Market-Maker Tier Appointment Fees, Floor Jacket Stipends, and SPXW Excessive Complex Instrument Creation Charges

April 16, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2026, Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “Cboe Options”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III 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

Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “Cboe Options”) proposes to amend certain standard transaction fees, amend Floor Broker permit fees, amend the SPX and VIX Floor Broker trading surcharges, amend the Floor Broker ADV discount, amend Market-Maker tier appointment fees, adopt two floor jacket stipends, and adopt SPXW excessive complex instrument creation charges. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Commission’s website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>), the Exchange’s website (https://www.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/rule_filings/bzx/), and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fees Schedule, effective April 1, 2026.

Standard Transaction Fee Changes XSP, MRUT, and DJX

The Exchange proposes to apply certain fee codes currently applicable to transactions in Mini-SPX Index options (“XSP”) to transactions in each of Mini-Russell 2000 Index options (“MRUT”) and options on the Dow Jones Industrial Average (“DJX”). Specifically, the proposed rule change amends certain fees for XSP in the Rate Table for All Products Excluding Underlying Symbol List A, as follows:³

- Amends fee code XC, appended to all Customer (capacity “C”) orders in XSP that are for less than 10 contracts and provides a rebate of \$0.30 per contract, to apply to all Customer (capacity “C”) orders in XSP, MRUT, or DJX that are for less than 10 contracts.
- Amends fee code CC, appended to all Customer (capacity “C”) orders in XSP that are for greater than or equal to 10 contracts and assesses a fee of \$0.07 per contract, to apply to all Customer (capacity “C”) orders in XSP, MRUT, or DJX that are for greater than or equal to 10 contracts.
- Amends fee code XN, appended to all Clearing Trading Permit Holders (“TPHs”) (capacity “F”), Non-Clearing TPH Affiliates (capacity “L”), Broker-Dealer (capacity “B”), Joint Back-Office (capacity “J”), Non-TPH Market-Maker (capacity “N”), and Professional (capacity “U”) (collectively, “Non-Market Maker, Non-Customer”) orders in XSP that are executed manually (*i.e.*, open outcry) and assesses a fee of \$0.30 per contract, to apply to all Non-Market Maker, Non-Customer orders in XSP, MRUT, or DJX that are executed manually (*i.e.*, open outcry).
- Amends fee code XF, appended to all Non-Market Maker, Non-Customer orders in XSP contra to a customer or contra to a non-customer that add

liquidity and that are executed electronically and assesses a fee of \$0.30 per contract, to apply to all Non-Market Maker, Non-Customer orders in XSP, MRUT, or DJX contra to a customer or contra to a non-customer that add liquidity and that are executed electronically.

- Amends fee code XB, appended to all Non-Market Maker, Non-Customer orders in XSP contra to a non-customer that remove liquidity and assesses a fee of \$0.50 per contract, to apply to all Non-Market Maker, Non-Customer orders in XSP, MRUT, or DJX contra to a non-customer that remove liquidity.
 - Amends fee code MP, appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in XSP that are executed manually (*i.e.*, open outcry) and assesses a fee of \$0.15 per contract, to apply to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in XSP, MRUT, or DJX that are executed manually (*i.e.*, open outcry).
 - Amends fee code MC, appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in XSP that are contra customer and that are executed electronically and assesses a fee of \$0.15 per contract, to apply to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in XSP, MRUT, or DJX that are contra customer and that are executed electronically.
 - Amends fee code MX, appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in XSP contra to non-customers that add liquidity and that are executed electronically and assesses a fee of \$0.09 per contract, to apply to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in XSP, MRUT, or DJX contra to non-customers that add liquidity and that are executed electronically.
 - Amends fee code MY, appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) in XSP contra to non-customers that remove liquidity and assesses a fee of \$0.50 per contract, to apply to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) in XSP, MRUT, or DJX contra to non-customers that remove liquidity.
- As part of the proposed changes, the Exchange proposes to delete the following fee codes, which are currently appended to MRUT orders. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to delete:
- Fee code CQ, appended to Customer orders in MRUT and assesses a fee of \$0.02 per contract.
 - Fee code FM, appended to Clearing TPH (capacity “F”) and Non-Clearing TPH Affiliates (capacity “L”) orders in MRUT and assesses a fee of \$0.02 per contract.
 - Fee code MM, appended to Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in MRUT and assesses a fee of \$0.03 per contract.
 - Fee code BM, appended to Broker-Dealer (capacity “B”), Joint Back-Office

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ As part of the proposed changes, the Exchange proposes to amend Footnote 9 to reflect the changes to fee code XC and CC described herein.

(capacity “J”), Non-TPH Market-Maker (capacity “N”), and Professional (capacity “U”) orders in MRUT and assesses a fee of \$0.04 per contract.

As part of the proposed changes, the Exchange proposes to add DJX to Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale⁴ and Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale Adjustment Program (as described within Footnote 44).

SPESG and SPEQX

The Exchange proposes to adopt certain fees related to transactions in S&P 500 Scored & Screened Index options (“SPESG”) and S&P 500 Equal Weight Index options (SPEQX”). Specifically, the proposed rule change adopts certain fees for SPESG and SPEQX in the Rate Table for All Products Excluding Underlying Symbol List A, as follows:

- Adopts fee code G1, appended to Customer (capacity “C”) orders in SPESG and SPEQX options and assesses a fee of \$0.10 per contract.
- Adopts fee code G2, appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in SPESG and SPEQX that are executed manually (*i.e.*, open outcry) and assesses a fee of \$0.15 per contract.
- Adopts fee code G3, appended to Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in SPESG and SPEQX contra to non-customers that remove liquidity and that are executed electronically and assesses a fee of \$0.50 per contract.
- Adopts fee code G4, appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in SPESG and SPEQX contra to non-customers that add liquidity and that are executed electronically and provides a rebate of \$0.25 per contract.
- Adopts fee code G5, appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in SPESG and SPEQX contra to customers and that are executed electronically and assesses a fee of \$0.15 per contract.
- Adopts fee code G6, appended to Non-Market Maker, Non-Customer orders in SPESG and SPEQX that are executed manually (*i.e.*, in open outcry) and assesses a fee of \$0.20 per contract.
- Adopts fee code G7, appended to Non-Market Maker, Non-Customer orders in SPESG and SPEQX contra to a customer or contra to a non-customer that add liquidity, and that are executed electronically, and assesses a fee of \$0.20 per contract.

As part of the proposed changes, the Exchange proposes to delete the below fee codes, which are currently appended to certain SPEQX orders. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to delete:

- Fee code E1, appended to Customer orders in SPEQX and assesses a fee of \$0.05 per contract.

- Fee code E2, appended to Non-Customer orders in SPEQX and assesses a fee of \$0.25.

As part of the proposed changes, the Exchange also proposes to amend the below fee codes, which are currently appended to certain SPESG orders. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend:

- Fee code CS, appended to Customer (capacity “C”) premium orders for less than \$1.00 in SPW (including SPXW) and SPESG and assesses a fee of \$0.36 per contract, to apply to Customer (capacity “C”) premium orders for less than \$1.00 in SPW (including SPXW).

- Fee code CT, appended to Customer (capacity “C”) premium orders for greater than or equal to \$1.00 in SPX (including SPXW) and SPESG and assesses a fee of \$0.40 per contract, to apply to Customer (capacity “C”) premium orders for greater than or equal to \$1.00 in SPX (including SPXW).

- Fee code BT, appended to Broker-Dealer (capacity “B”), Joint Back-Office (capacity “J”), Non-TPH Market-Maker (capacity “N”), and Professional (capacity “U”) orders in SPX (including SPXW) and SPESG and assesses a fee of \$0.42 per contract, to apply only to Broker-Dealer (capacity “B”), Joint Back-Office (capacity “J”), Non-TPH Market-Maker (capacity “N”), and Professional (capacity “U”) orders in SPX (including SPXW).

- Fee code MS, appended to Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in SPX (including SPXW) and SPESG and assesses a fee of \$0.28 per contract, to apply only to Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in SPX (including SPXW).

- Fee code FH, assesses a fee of \$0.26 per contract and is appended to Broker-Dealer (capacity “B”), Joint Back-Office (capacity “J”), Non-TPH Market-Maker (capacity “N”), and Professional (capacity “U”) orders in Underlying Symbol List A, under which SPESG is currently listed and to which the Exchange proposes to remove SPESG.⁵

The Exchange also proposes to exclude SPESG from certain surcharges applicable to certain Non-Market-Maker orders. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to exclude SPESG from the Execution Surcharge (\$0.21 per contract), AIM Response Surcharge (\$0.05 per contract), AIM Contra Surcharge (\$0.10 per contract), and the AIM Agency/Primary Surcharge (\$0.10

per contract).⁶ The Exchange proposes to list SPESG to the FLEX Surcharge Fee under “Rate Table—All Products Excluding Underlying Symbol List A”, which assesses a charge of \$0.10 per contract (capped at \$250 per trade).⁷

As a result of the removal of SPESG from Underlying Symbol List A, the Exchange also proposes to update certain fee program descriptions set forth within the Fees Schedule to specifically reference SPESG. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend the SPX/SPXW Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale,⁸ Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale Adjustment Table, Volume Incentive Program, Break-up Credits, Marketing Fees, Floor Broker Sliding Scale Rebate Program, Floor Broker Slide Scale Supplemental Rebate Program, Order Router Subsidy Program (“ORS”), Complex Order Router Subsidy Program (“CORS”), Floor Brokerage Fees, and the Floor Brokerage Fees Discount Scale to list SPESG as program exclusions.⁹ These are not substantive changes, as SPESG was previously excluded via its inclusion in Underlying Symbol List A.

CBTX

The Exchange proposes to amend and adopt certain fees related to transactions in Cboe Bitcoin U.S. ETF Index options (“CBTX”). Specifically, the proposed rule change amends and adopts certain fees for CBTX in the Rate Table for All Products Excluding Underlying Symbol List A, as follows:

- Amends fee code B2, currently appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”), Clearing TPHs (capacity “F”), Non-Clearing TPH Affiliates (capacity “L”), Broker-Dealer (capacity “B”), Joint Back-Office (capacity “J”), Non-TPH Market-Maker (capacity “N”), and

⁶ The Exchange also proposes to amend Footnote 12 appended to the Execution Surcharge, AIM Response Surcharge, AIM Contra Surcharge, and the AIM Agency/Primary Surcharge, to remove reference to SPESG, and to amend Footnote 21 appended to the Execution Surcharge to remove reference to SPESG.

⁷ Currently, SPESG falls under the FLEX Surcharge Fee under Rate Table—Underlying Symbol List A, which assesses the same charge of \$0.10 per contract (capped at \$250 per trade); thus there is no substantive change to the fee assessed as a result of this change.

⁸ As part of the proposed change, the Exchange proposes to amend Footnote 33 to reflect the changes to the SPX/SPXW Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale.

⁹ As part of the proposed changes, the Exchange proposes to amend Footnotes 6, 10, 11, 22, 29, 30, 35, 36, and 44, to include SPESG. The Exchange notes that SPESG was previously included in such footnotes via inclusion in Underlying Symbol List A; as a result of the change to remove SPESG from Underlying Symbol List A, the Exchange now proposes to separately list SPESG within these footnotes.

⁴ The Exchange also proposes to amend Footnote 10 to reflect inclusion of DJX in the Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale program.

⁵ As part of the proposed change, the Exchange also proposes to amend Footnote 34 to remove SPESG from Underlying Symbol List A.

Professional (capacity “U”) (collectively, “Non-Customer”) orders in CBTX and assesses a fee of \$1.00 per contract, to apply to all Non-Customer orders in CBTX that are executed manually (*i.e.*, open outcry).

- Adopts fee code B3, appended to all Non-Customer orders in CBTX contra to non-customers that remove liquidity and that are executed electronically and assesses a fee of \$1.00 per contract.

- Adopts fee code B4, appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in CBTX contra to non-customers that add liquidity and that are executed electronically and provides a rebate of \$0.75 per contract.

- Adopts fee code B5, appended to all Non-Customer orders in CBTX contra to customers and all Non-Customer, Non-Market Maker orders in CBTX contra to non-customers that add liquidity, and that are executed electronically and assesses a fee of \$1.00 per contract.

MBTX

The Exchange proposes to amend and adopt certain fees related to transactions in Cboe Mini Bitcoin U.S. ETF Index options (“MBTX”). Specifically, the proposed rule change amends and adopts certain fees for MBTX in the Rate Table for All Products Excluding Underlying Symbol List A, as follows:

- Amends fee code M2, currently appended to all Non-Customer orders in CBTX and assesses a fee of \$0.50 per contract, to apply to all Non-Customer orders in MBTX that are executed manually (*i.e.*, open outcry).

- Adopts fee code M3, appended to all Non-Customer orders in MBTX contra to non-customers that remove liquidity and that are executed electronically and assesses a fee of \$1.00 per contract.

- Adopts fee code M4, appended to all Market-Maker (capacity “M”) orders in MBTX contra to non-customers that add liquidity and that are executed

electronically and provides a rebate of \$0.50 per contract.

- Adopts fee code M5, appended to all Non-Customer orders in MBTX contra to customers and all Non-Customer, Non-Market Maker orders in MBTX contra to non-customers that add liquidity, and that are executed electronically and assesses a fee of \$0.50 per contract.

LMM Program Updates

The Exchange propose to eliminate the MRUT, RTH SPESG, RTH MBTX/MBTXW, RTH CBTX/CBXTW, and RTH SPEQX LMM Incentive Programs (the “LMM Incentive Programs”), set forth in the Fees Schedule. By way of background, each LMM Incentive Program provides a rebate to TPHs with LMM appointments to the respective incentive program that meet certain quoting standards in the applicable series in a month. Meeting or exceeding the quoting standards in each of the LMM Incentive Program products to receive the applicable rebate is optional for an LMM appointed to a program. Rather, an LMM appointed to an incentive program is eligible to receive the corresponding rebate if it satisfies the applicable quoting standards.

The Exchange is not required to offer these LMM Incentive Programs and no longer desires to do so, as of April 1, 2026. As such, the Exchange proposes deleting each of the LMM Incentive Program details set forth in the Fees Schedule.

Floor Fee Changes

Floor Broker Permit Fee Change

By way of background, a Floor Broker Permit (“FB Permit”) entitles the holder to act as a Floor Broker on the floor of the exchange. The Exchange currently maintains a Floor Trading Permit Sliding Scale, which allows Floor Brokers to pay reduced rates for a higher

quantity of FB Permits. Particularly, Floor Brokers pay \$7,500 for the first FB Permit, \$5,700 per permit for the 2nd and 3rd FB Permits, \$4,500 per permit for the 4th and 5th FB permits and \$3,200 for each additional FB Permit thereafter. The Exchange now proposes to eliminate the current fee structure and introduce a flat per-permit FB Permit fee structure. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to assess a fee of \$750 per FB Permit.¹⁰ The Exchange believes the proposed change may incentivize new market participants to become Floor Brokers on the Exchange and help offset initial costs of operation as Floor Brokers. The Exchange also notes the proposed structure is consistent with the flat per-permit rates charged by another Exchange to Floor Broker participants.¹¹

Floor Broker Trading Surcharge

The Exchange proposes to amend its Floor Broker Trading Surcharge Program for SPX and VIX. Currently, the Exchange assesses a monthly fee of \$3,000 per month for any Floor Broker TPH that executes more than 20,000 SPX (including SPXW) contracts during the month (“FB SPX Surcharge”) and a monthly fee of \$3,000 per month for any Floor Broker TPH that executes more than 20,000 VIX contracts during the month (“FB VIX Surcharge”). First, the Exchange proposes to amend the Floor Broker Trading Surcharge Program to assess a monthly fee for any Floor Broker TPH that executes more than 1,000 SPX (including SPXW) or 1,000 VIX contracts during the month. Further, the Exchange proposes to amend its Floor Broker Trading Surcharge Program to establish a tiered structure, wherein Floor Broker TPHs will be assessed applicable FB SPX and VIX Surcharges based on their quantity of FB Permits. The proposed structure is as follows for SPX/SPXW:

Criteria	Floor trading permit quantity	Monthly fee
FB Trading Permit Holder executes ≥1,000 contracts in SPX/SPXW	1	\$7,500
	2 to 3	6,750
	4 to 5	4,000
	6 to 10	2,500
	>10	2,000

The proposed structure is as follows for VIX:

¹⁰ As part of the proposed changes, the Exchange proposes to remove language regarding reduced Floor Broker Permit fees for any new TPH or

existing TPH that has not held an active Floor Broker Permit in at least 12 months, as such discount will no longer be available.

¹¹ See NYSE American Options Fees Schedule, Section III (Monthly Trading Permit, Rights, Floor Access and Premium Product Fees).

Criteria	Floor trading permit quantity	Monthly fee
FB Trading Permit Holder executes ≥1,000 contracts in VIX	1	\$3,000
	2 to 5	2,500
	>5	2,000

For each of the FB SPX Surcharge and the FB VIX Surcharge, the volume executed by all Floor Brokers associated with a particular Floor Broker Trading Permit in a given month, will be aggregated for purposes of determining if the Floor Broker Trading Surcharge will be charged.

Floor Broker ADV Discount Change
 Next, the Exchange proposes to modify¹² its discount for Floor Broker Trading Permit fees. Currently, as set forth in the Floor Broker ADV Discount table, any Floor Broker that executes a certain average of Customer (capacity “C”) open-outcry contracts per day over

the course of a calendar month in all underlying symbols, will receive a rebate on that TPH’s Floor Broker Trading Permit Fees.¹³ Such rebate amount is a percentage of the TPH’s FB Permit total costs; the criteria and corresponding percentage rebates are noted below.

Floor broker ADV discount tier	ADV	Floor broker permit rebate (%)
1	0 to 99,999	0
2	100,000 to 174,999	15
3	>174,999	25

The Exchange proposes to modify the discount so TPHs will also receive the applicable discount on their Floor Broker Trading Surcharge fees (both SPX and VIX).

Market-Maker Tier Appointment Fee Changes

The Exchange proposes to amend its Market-Maker Tier Appointment Fees for VIX and RUT. Currently, these fees are assessed to any Market-Maker TPH that has the respective VIX or RUT appointment at any time during a calendar month and trades a specified number of contracts. The Exchange assesses separate Tier Appointment Fees for each type of Market-Maker Trading Permit (*i.e.*, Market-Maker Floor Permit and Market-Maker Electronic Access Permit (“EAP”)). Specifically, as it relates to Market-Maker Floor Permits, the \$2,000 per month VIX Tier Appointment is assessed to any Market-Maker TPH that executes at least 1,000 contracts in VIX and the \$1,000 per month RUT Tier Appointment is assessed to any Market-Maker TPH that executes at least 1,000 contracts in RUT; both are applied per Market-Maker

Floor Permit. As it relates to Market-Maker EAP, the \$2,000 per month VIX Tier Appointment is assessed to any Market-Maker TPH that executes at least 1,000 contracts in VIX and the \$1,000 per month RUT Tier Appointment is assessed to any Market-Maker TPH that executes at least 1,000 contracts in RUT; both are applied per TPH.

The Exchange proposes to amend the Tier Appointment Fee amounts. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to increase the VIX Tier Appointment fee to \$2,500 (for both Market-Maker Floor Permits and Market-Maker EAP) and to increase the RUT Tier Appointment Fee to \$1,500 (for both Market-Maker Floor Permits and Market-Maker EAP).

Floor Jacket Stipends

The Exchange proposes to adopt two stipends to assist with the cost of floor jackets. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to adopt a \$275 stipend for new trading floor jackets, to be issued every three years, and a \$100 stipend for the cleaning of trading jackets, to be issued annually. The Exchange will provide the initial stipends to all active floor badge holders as of April 1, 2026,

with subsequent stipends issued according to the established issuance schedule, based on applicable frequency. Floor participants who receive their badge after a scheduled issuance date will receive both stipends upon badge activation and will then follow the established issuance schedule for subsequent stipends.

SPXW Excessive Complex Instrument Creation Charges

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend its Fees Schedule to adopt SPXW Excessive Complex Instrument Creation Charges (the “Excessive CIC Fee”).

The proposed Excessive CIC Fee is calculated as follows: (i) a TPH’s (and its Affiliate’s, if applicable) daily number of complex instrument¹⁴ creations¹⁵ are added together to determine the Daily Charge based on the below Table 1 and (ii) the Daily Charge is then multiplied by the Daily Multiplier, based on the ratio of the TPH’s SPXW Complex Instruments Traded to SPXW Complex Instruments Created in SPXW, shown in the below Table 2.

TABLE 1

Tier	SPXW complex instrument creations	Daily charge
Tier 1	<20,000	\$0

¹² As part of the proposed change, the Exchange proposes to remove outdated language referring to discounts applicable in June 2020.

¹³ The Floor Broker ADV Discount will be available for all Floor Broker Trading Permits held by affiliated TPHs and TPH organizations.

¹⁴ For purposes of the SPXW Excessive Complex Instrument Creation Charges, a “complex

instrument” shall have the same meaning as “complex strategy” as defined in Cboe Options Rule 5.33. See proposed Footnote 54, which the Exchange proposes to append to the Excessive CIC Fee table.

¹⁵ Complex instruments created through the daily reloading of Good-til-Cancel (“GTC”) orders are included in a TPH’s complex instrument creation

total for that trading day. See proposed Footnote 54. For example, if a TPH’s GTC reload produces 13,000 complex instrument creations and the TPH creates an additional 19,000 complex instruments during the same session, the TPH’s total for that day would be 32,000 complex instrument creations.

TABLE 1—Continued

Tier	SPXW complex instrument creations	Daily charge
Tier 2	≥20,000 ≤29,999	500
Tier 3	≥30,000 ≤34,999	2,000
Tier 4	≥35,000	4,000

TABLE 2

Tier	SPXW complex instruments traded/SPXW complex instruments created	Daily multiplier
Tier 1	≥0% <15%	2.00
Tier 2	≥15% <30%	1.50
Tier 3	≥30% <50%	1.00
Tier 4	≥50% <70%	0.50
Tier 5	≥70%	0.00

The proposed Excessive CIC Fee will apply during all Exchange trading sessions.¹⁶ A TPH's volume in its complex instrument creation activity as well as its complex executed volume will be combined with any of its Affiliates.¹⁷ The Excessive CIC Fee will be calculated on a daily basis and will be assessed to TPHs at the end of the month.

The Exchange notes that market participants with incrementally higher numbers of complex instrument creations have the potential residual effect of exhausting System resources, bandwidth, and capacity. Higher numbers of complex instrument creations may therefore, in turn, create latency and impact other market participants' ability to receive timely executions.

In fact, the Exchange has recently seen an unprecedented increase in complex instruments creations in SPXW, specifically. The potential for significant price improvement through Legging has created incentives for market participants, particularly Professional and Public Customers, to routinely rest complex orders across thousands of instrument combinations in the Complex Order Book ("COB") with minimal genuine trading intent. Rather, these participants seek to trade in an opportunistic manner with a Customer order that is received inside the best bid or offer ("BBO"), exploiting

the Legging process with speculative behavior. This behavior does not contribute meaningfully to price discovery or liquidity provision, but instead creates operational burdens, reduces system latency, and degrades market quality. As a result, the Exchange has noticed increased strain on its System, particularly, as it relates to activity in SPXW. With this in mind, the Exchange has proposed this fee specifically for activity in SPXW in order to encourage more efficient behavior among its TPHs as it relates to their complex instrument creation activity.

The proposed fee structure has multiple thresholds, and the proposed fees are incrementally greater at complex instrument creation amounts because the potential impact on Exchange Systems, bandwidth and capacity becomes greater with increased complex instrument creations. The proposal contemplates that a TPH would have to exceed 20,000 complex instrument creations before that market participant would be charged a fee under the proposed respective tiers. The Exchange believes that it is in the interests of all market participants who access the Exchange to not allow other market participants to exhaust System resources, but to encourage efficient usage of network and System capacity. The Exchange also believes this proposal (and in particular the proposed fee amounts associated with higher complex instrument creation amounts without adequate executed volume) will reduce the incentive for market participants to engage in excessive complex instrument creation activity that will encourage such activity to be submitted in good faith for legitimate purposes.

The Exchange also represents that the proposed fees are not intended to raise revenue; rather, as noted above, it is

intended to encourage efficient behavior so that market participants do not exhaust System resources. This is demonstrated by the Exchange (i) targeting the offending behavior and (ii) limiting this to only be for SPXW (where the Exchange is noticing inefficient use of the System).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.¹⁸ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁹ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)²⁰ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,²¹ which requires that Exchange rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable

¹⁶ The Exchange proposes to append reference to Footnotes 37 and 42 to the Excessive CIC Fee table, to denote that, in addition to Regular Trading Hours, the fee applies during Global Trading Hours ("GTH") and Curb, respectively.

¹⁷ See proposed Footnote 54, which provides in relevant part, that the Exchange will aggregate the complex instrument creations and executed SPXW complex volume of affiliated TPHs for purposes of the determining SPXW Excessive Complex Instrument Creation Charges if there is at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A.

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

dues, fees, and other charges among its TPHs and other persons using its facilities.

Standard Transaction Fee Changes XSP, MRUT, and DJX

The Exchange believes that the proposal to apply certain XSP transaction fee codes to transactions in MRUT and DJX is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. Similar to XSP, MRUT and DJX are index options traded on the Exchange, based on a broad-market index, and they attract a similar mix of market participants and order types. Applying a unified fee structure across these products aligns the fee structure for similar products and simplifies the Fees Schedule. The proposal will result in slightly different fees for MRUT and DJX orders. For example, the current MRUT codes assess fees ranging from \$0.02 to \$0.04 per contract and current DJX codes (assessed under “All Other Index Products”) assess fees ranging from \$0.07 to \$1.05, whereas the corresponding XSP codes assess fees generally ranging from \$0.07 to \$0.50 per contract, and include a customer rebate of \$0.30 per contract for orders under 10 contracts. However, aligning MRUT and DJX with XSP fees creates a fee structure in which the fees assessed for MRUT and DJX transactions are consistent with the rates applicable to a comparable, similarly situated product, and better reflect the value of the Exchange’s services and the costs associated with facilitating such transactions.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fees for orders in MRUT and DJX are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the proposed fees will apply automatically and uniformly to all orders in MRUT and DJX, as applicable by capacity. All fee amounts applicable to Customers will be applied equally to all Customers, *i.e.*, all Customer orders will be assessed the same amount. All fee amounts applicable to Market-Makers will be applied equally to all Market-Makers, *i.e.*, all Market Maker orders will be assessed the same amount. Similarly, the Exchange notes that the fee amounts for each separate type of other market participant will be assessed equally to all such market participants, *i.e.*, all Non-Customer and Non-Market-Maker orders will be assessed the same amount.

The Exchange further believes it is reasonable to delete fee codes which currently apply to MRUT orders, as such codes are inapplicable as a result of the proposed fee change.

Additionally, the addition of DJX to the Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale and Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale Adjustment tables extends to DJX the same incentive structure already available to MRUT and XSP, further aligning the fee structure for the three index products and providing Market-Makers in DJX the opportunity to benefit from the same tiered pricing framework as those in MRUT and XSP. SPESG and SPEQX

The Exchange believes that the proposal to amend fee codes for transactions in SPEQX and SPESG is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. The proposed fees, in general, have minor distinctions based on execution method, capacity of the contra-party, and orders that add liquidity and those that remove liquidity, similar to other fees with the Fees Schedule.²² Further, other exchanges offer varying fees based on whether an order adds or removes liquidity.²³

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to provide a rebate for Market-Maker orders in SPESG and SPEQX that are contra to a non-customer and add liquidity, and are executed electronically, as such changes are designed to incentivize an increase in non-customer liquidity-adding volume in SPESG and SPEQX on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that incentivizing more non-customer orders in SPESG and SPEQX will create more trading opportunities, which, in turn attracts Market-Makers. A resulting increase in Market-Maker activity facilitates tighter spreads, which may lead to additional increase of order flow in SPESG and SPEQX from other market participants, further contributing to a deeper, more liquid market to the benefit of all market participants by creating a more robust and well-balanced market ecosystem.

Additionally, the Exchange believes that it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess lower fees to Market-Makers (*i.e.*, for all manual Market-Maker orders in SPESG and SPEQX and for all Market-Maker orders in SPESG and SPEQX contra to customers and that are executed electronically) as compared to other market participants other than Customers because Market-Makers, unlike other market participants, take on a number of obligations, including quoting obligations, that other market

participants do not have. Further, these lower fees offered to Market-Makers are intended to incent Market-Makers to quote and trade more on the Exchange, thereby providing more trading opportunities for all market participants.

The Exchange believes assessing a higher fee for SPESG and SPEQX orders contra a non-customer that remove liquidity and are executed electronically is reasonable because it provides an incentive to maintain non-customer liquidity at the Exchange, thereby promoting price discovery and enhancing order execution opportunities for all TPHs.

The Exchange also believes the proposed changes to the fee structure for Non-Customer, Non-Market Maker orders in SPESG and SPEQX are reasonable. As noted above, it is not novel to charge different fees based on capacity of contra-party, and other exchanges offer varying fees based on whether an order adds or removes liquidity.²⁴ The Exchange believes assessing higher fees in general for Non-Customer, Non-Market Maker orders is reasonable, equitable, and non-discriminatory because, as noted above, the obligations and circumstances between market participants differ. The Exchange believes assessing a lower fee for Non-Customer, Non-Market Maker SPESG and SPEQX orders contra to a customer or contra to a non-customer that add liquidity and are executed electronically is reasonable because it provides an incentive to add liquidity at the Exchange, including in customer volume, thereby promoting price discovery and enhancing order execution opportunities for all TPHs.

The Exchange believes the proposed fee for Customer SPESG and SPEQX orders is reasonable, as it is slightly higher than the fee currently assessed for SPEQX orders yet lower than the proposed Non-Customer, Non-Market Maker SPESG and SPEQX orders. Further, the fee is within the range of similar market participant fees associated with other index products.²⁵

The Exchange believes that the proposed fees for Customer, Market-Maker, and Non-Customer, Non-Market Maker orders in SPESG and SPEQX are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the proposed fees will apply automatically and uniformly to all Customer, Market-Maker, and Non-Customer, Non-Market

²² See Choe Fees Schedule, “Rate Table—All Products Excluding Underlying Symbol List A.”

²³ See EDGX Options Fees Schedule and BZX Options Fees Schedule.

²⁴ See EDGX Options Fees Schedule and BZX Options Fees Schedule.

²⁵ See Choe Fees Schedule, “Rate Table—All Products Excluding Underlying Symbol List A.”

Maker orders in SPESG and SPEQX, as applicable, based on capacity.

The Exchange further believes it is reasonable to delete fee codes which currently apply to SPEQX orders, as such codes are inapplicable as a result of the proposed fee change.

Additionally, the Exchange believes it is reasonable to amend the fee codes that are currently appended to certain SPESG orders, to remove SPESG from such fee codes, as such fee codes will no longer be applicable to SPESG orders as a result of the proposed fee change.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to exclude SPESG from the Execution Surcharge, AIM Response Surcharge, AIM Contra Surcharge, and AIM Agency/Primary Surcharge applicable to certain Non-Market-Maker orders. As part of the proposed changes. These changes are designed to further align the fee structure of SPESG with the fee structure of SPEQX. The Exchange also believes it is reasonable to exclude volume in SPESG from the SPX/SPXW Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale, Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale, Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale Adjustment Table, Volume Incentive Program, Break-up Credits, Marketing Fees, Floor Broker Sliding Scale Rebate Program, Floor Broker Slide Scale Supplemental Rebate Program, ORS/CORS, Floor Brokerage Fees, and the Floor Brokerage Fees Discount Scale. As noted above, these are not substantive changes, as SPESG was previously excluded via its inclusion in Underlying Symbol List A. Further, the Exchange believes it is reasonable to list SPESG in the FLEX Surcharge fee under Rate Table—Excluding Symbol List A, as SPESG is no longer listed within Underlying Symbol List A.

CBTX and MBTX

The Exchange believes that the proposal to amend fee codes for transactions in CBTX and MBTX is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. The proposed fees, in general, remain in line or slightly higher than current fees, with minor distinctions based on execution method, capacity of the contra-party, and orders that add liquidity and those that remove liquidity, similar to other fees with the Fees Schedule.²⁶ Further, other exchanges offer varying fees based on whether an order adds or removes liquidity.²⁷ Moreover, the Exchange believes that it is reasonable to assess lower fees for MBTX options orders (as

compared to CBTX options orders), because of the relation between MBTX options and CBTX options, wherein MBTX options overlie an index with 1/10th the value of the index that underlies CBTX options.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to provide a rebate for Market-Maker orders in CBTX and MBTX that are contra to a non-customer and add liquidity, and are executed electronically, as such changes are designed to incentivize an increase in non-customer liquidity-adding volume in CBTX and MBTX on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that incentivizing more non-customer orders in CBTX and MBTX will create more trading opportunities, which, in turn attracts Market-Makers. A resulting increase in Market-Maker activity facilitates tighter spreads, which may lead to additional increase of order flow in CBTX and MBTX from other market participants, further contributing to a deeper, more liquid market to the benefit of all market participants by creating a more robust and well-balanced market ecosystem.

The Exchange believes assessing a higher fee for CBTX and MBTX orders contra a non-customer that remove liquidity and are executed electronically is reasonable because it provides an incentive to maintain non-customer liquidity at the Exchange, thereby promoting price discovery and enhancing order execution opportunities for all TPHs.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fees for Market-Maker, Non-Customer, and Non-Customer, Non-Market Maker orders in CBTX and MBTX are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the proposed fees will apply automatically and uniformly to all Market-Maker, Non-Customer, and Non-Customer, Non-Market Maker orders in CBTX and MBTX, as applicable, based on capacity.

LMM Program Updates

Finally, the Exchange believes the proposed change to eliminate the LMM Incentive Programs is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. As noted above, the Exchange is not required to offer these LMM Incentive Programs and no longer desires to do so. The proposed change is reasonable, as the Exchange wishes to reallocate resources to its other pricing programs, as well as to developing other pricing programs that may benefit market participants.

The Exchange believes the proposed change is equitable and is not unfairly discriminatory, as the proposed change applies to all Market-Makers equally.

While no Market-Maker will be or continue to be eligible for the eliminated LMM Incentive Programs, all Market-Makers remain eligible to participate in the Exchange's other pricing programs, including other LMM Incentive Programs offered by the Exchange.

Floor Fee Changes

Floor Broker Permit Fee Change

The Exchange believes that the proposed fee change related to FB Permits is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. As noted above, the proposed structure is consistent with the flat per-permit rates charged by another Exchange to Floor Broker participants.²⁸ The Exchange believes the proposed change is reasonable as it may incentivize new market participants to become Floor Brokers on the Exchange and help offset initial costs associated with becoming a Floor Broker. The Exchange believes the proposed discount is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the change will apply to all Floor Brokers who currently hold a FB Permit or any new Floor Brokers who will hold a FB Permit. The Exchange further believes the lower rate is reasonable, as Floor Brokers serve an important function in facilitating the execution of orders via open outcry, which as a price-improvement mechanism, the Exchange wishes to encourage and support. Further, the proposed change is designed to further encourage the execution of orders via open outcry, which should increase volume, which would benefit all market participants.

Floor Broker Trading Surcharge

The Exchange believes its proposed change to amend its Floor Broker Trading Surcharge Program for SPX and VIX is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. First, the Exchange believes it is reasonable to lower the volume threshold at which the FB SPX Surcharge and FB VIX Surcharge are triggered, from 20,000 contracts per month to 1,000 contracts per month for each surcharge, as the Exchange believes the revised threshold better aligns the surcharge with the Exchange's costs of supporting floor-based trading activity across a broader range of active Floor Broker TPHs.

The Exchange further believes it is reasonable to establish a tiered fee structure for the FB SPX Surcharge and FB VIX Surcharge based on the number of Floor Broker Trading Permits held by

²⁶ See Cboe Fees Schedule, "Rate Table—All Products Excluding Underlying Symbol List A."

²⁷ See EDGX Options Fees Schedule and BZX Options Fees Schedule.

²⁸ See NYSE American Options Fees Schedule, Section III (Monthly Trading Permit, Rights, Floor Access and Premium Product Fees).

a TPH. Under the proposed structure, Floor Broker TPHs holding a greater number of permits are assessed a lower per-permit monthly surcharge, while those holding fewer permits are assessed a higher surcharge. The Exchange believes this tiered approach is reasonable because Floor Broker TPHs that hold more permits have a larger presence and potential related costs in the floor-based trading operations on the Exchange. Further, the changes may incentivize expanded participation in the Exchange's floor trading environment, which promotes liquidity to the benefit of all participants.

The Exchange believes the proposed tiered structure is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. All Floor Broker TPHs are subject to the same tiered schedule and are assessed fees based on the number of permits they hold and their trading volume in VIX or SPX. The Exchange also notes that the proposed rates for SPX and VIX reflect the trading characteristics of each product, with SPX and SPXW generally having greater volumes and therefore utilizing greater floor resources.

Floor Broker ADV Discount Change

The Exchange believes its proposal to modify its discount for Floor Broker Trading Permit fees is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory. The Exchange believes it is reasonable to extend the Floor Broker ADV Discount to apply to the FB SPX Surcharge and the FB VIX Surcharge as well as Floor Broker Trading Permit fees. The ADV Discount is designed to encourage the execution of Customer orders in all classes via open outcry, which may increase volume, which would benefit all market participants (including Floor Brokers who do not hit the ADV thresholds) trading via open outcry. TPHs that meet the applicable ADV thresholds and thus qualify for the 15% or 25% rebate are among the most active participants on the Exchange's trading floor. The Exchange believes it is equitable and consistent with the purpose of the discount program to extend its benefits to the FB SPX Surcharge and FB VIX Surcharge, as these surcharges represent part of the overall fees assessed to Floor Broker TPHs in connection with their floor-based trading activity.

The Exchange believes the proposed changes are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. The ADV Discount tiers and applicable rebate percentages remain unchanged; the proposed modification simply broadens the scope of fees to which the existing discount applies. All Floor Broker TPHs are eligible to receive the Floor Broker

Trading Permit and FB SPX and VIX Trading Surcharges fees rebates under Program.

Market-Maker Tier Appointment Fee Changes

The Exchange proposes its proposal to amend its Market-Maker Tier Appointment Fees for VIX and RUT is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory. The Exchange believes the increase from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for VIX and from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for RUT reflect the increased value that the Market-Makers receive from holding an appointment in these products in light of the continued growth and increased volumes of VIX and RUT options trading on the Exchange. The Exchange believes the proposed fees better align with the Exchange's current fee structure and the overall value of services and trading platform (in open outcry or electronic trading) that the Exchange provides to Market-Maker TPHs holding these appointments. The Exchange believes the fee increases are modest and proportionate relative to the current rates (*i.e.*, a 25% increase for VIX and a 50% increase for RUT). The Exchange notes that it operates in a competitive environment in which Market-Maker TPHs may evaluate the costs and benefits of maintaining appointments in particular products.

Further, the Exchange believes the proposed changes are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. The increased Market-Maker Tier Appointment Fees apply uniformly to all Market-Maker TPHs with a VIX or RUT appointment who meet the 1,000-contract execution threshold.

Floor Jacket Stipends

The Exchange believes the proposed change to adopt two stipends to assist with the cost of floor jackets is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory.

The Exchange believes such change is reasonable, as trading floor jackets are now required to be worn by floor participants at all times when on the Exchange's floor trading. The Exchange believes that providing financial assistance for the purchase and maintenance of these required jackets is a reasonable way of off-setting costs incurred by its floor trading community.

The Exchange believes the proposed stipends are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. Both stipends will be provided to all active floor badge holders on a uniform basis. Further, floor participants who receive their badge after a scheduled issuance date will receive both stipends upon badge activation and will thereafter follow the

established issuance schedule for subsequent stipends, ensuring that all floor participants, whether existing or new, are treated similarly. Further, the Exchange believes the proposed stipend amounts are reasonable. The \$275 jacket stipend and \$100 cleaning stipend are modest in amount and designed to provide meaningful assistance with the actual costs floor participants incur in connection with these required items.

Excessive CIC Fee Change

The Exchange believes the proposed Excessive CIC Fee will 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. The Exchange notes that the proposed fee structure is designed to protect the Exchange's matching engines from being adversely impacted from excessive complex instrument creations. The Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess higher fees when a TPH has higher complex instrument creation activity relative to the ratio of the TPH's SPXW Complex Instruments Traded to SPXW Complex Instruments Created in SPXW because the potential impact on Exchange Systems, bandwidth and capacity becomes greater with increased complex instrument creations. The Exchange believes the proposed fee amounts are reasonable as the Exchange believes them to be commensurate with the proposed thresholds. Particularly, the proposed fee amounts that correspond to higher complex instrument creation amounts are designed to incentivize TPHs to reduce excessive complex instrument creation activity that the Exchange believes can be detrimental to all market participants at the levels outlined and encourage such activity to be made in good faith and for legitimate purposes.

The Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable as TPHs that do not exceed the high SPXW complex instrument creation amount of 20,000 will not be charged any fee under the proposed tiers. As noted above, the Exchange believes that it is in the interests of all TPHs and market participants who access the Exchange to not allow TPHs to exhaust System resources, but to encourage efficient usage of network and System capacity. The Exchange therefore also believes that the proposed fees appropriately reflect the benefits to different firms of being able to engage in complex instrument creation and also believes the proposed fee is one method of facilitating the Commission's goal of

ensuring that critical market infrastructure has “levels of capacity, integrity, resiliency, availability, and security adequate to maintain their operational capability and promote the maintenance of fair and orderly markets.”²⁹

The Exchange believes adopting the proposed Excessive CIC Fee is reasonable as unfettered usage of System capacity and network resource consumption can have a detrimental effect on all market participants who access and use the Exchange. As discussed above, high complex instrument creations may adversely impact System resources, bandwidth, and capacity which may, in turn, create latency and impact other market participants’ ability to receive timely executions. The Exchange believes the proposed fee is therefore reasonable as they are designed to focus on activity that is truly disproportionate while fairly allocating fees to disincentivize the adverse behavior.

Further, the Exchange believes that the proposed Excessive CIC Fee is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will be assessed uniformly to similarly situated users in that all TPHs that exceed the thresholds in connection with the Excessive CIC Fee will be assessed the proposed rates. As noted above, the Exchange believes the proposed thresholds are appropriately high rates and have been set out given market behaviors recently observed. The Exchange also believes it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to aggregate a TPH’s order flow with its Affiliate to prevent TPHs from shifting their order flow and trading activity to their Affiliate in order to circumvent the proposed fees.

The Exchange believes it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess incrementally higher fees to TPHs that have higher complex instrument creation activity relative to the ratio of the TPH’s SPXW Complex Instruments Traded to SPXW Complex Instruments Created in SPXW because the potential impact on Exchange Systems, bandwidth and capacity becomes greater higher complex instrument creation activity.

The Exchange lastly believes that its proposal is reasonable, equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory because it is not intended to raise revenue for the Exchange; rather, it is intended to

encourage efficient behavior so that TPHs do not exhaust System resources. Specifically, the Exchange is limiting this to the offending behavior and to the specific asset class effected.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Standard Transaction Fee Changes

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes related to standard transaction fees for XSP, MRUT, DJX, SPESG, SPEQX, CBTX, or MBTX will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the fee amounts for each separate type of market participants will be assessed equally to all such market participants. While different fees are assessed to different market participants in some circumstances, the obligations and circumstances between these market participants differ, as discussed above. For example, Market-Makers have quoting obligations that are not applicable to other market participants. Further, the proposed fees structures are intended to encourage more trading of XSP, MRUT, DJX, SPESG, SPEQX, CBTX, and MBTX, which bring liquidity to the Exchange and benefits all market participants.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed fees assessed apply to Exchange proprietary products, which are traded exclusively on the Exchange.

LMM Program Updates

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed change to eliminate the LMM Incentive Programs applies to all Market-Makers equally. While no Market-Maker will be or continue to be eligible for the eliminated LMM Incentive Programs, all Market-Makers remain eligible to participate in the Exchange’s other pricing programs, including other LMM Incentive Programs offered by the Exchange.

The Exchange also does not believe that the proposed changes will impose any burden on intermarket competition

that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the Act. Further, in regard to the proposed changes to the the LMM Incentive Programs, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as the proposed changes apply only to programs applicable to transactions in products that are currently exclusively listed on the Exchange.

Floor Fee Changes

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change related to Floor Broker Permit fees will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because, while it is limited to Floor Brokers, Floor Brokers serve an important function in facilitating the execution of orders via open outcry, which as a price-improvement mechanism, the Exchange wishes to encourage and support. Further, the proposed change is designed to encourage more Floor Brokers which may further encourage more execution of orders via open outcry, which should increase volume, which would benefit all market participants trading via open outcry.

Further, the Exchange does not believe the proposed changes related to the Floor Broker Trading Surcharge will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed amendments apply uniformly to all Floor Broker TPHs that meet the applicable criteria. Further, while the tiered structure provides lower per-permit surcharge rates to TPHs holding a greater number of permits, the Exchange believes this tiered approach is reasonable because Floor Broker TPHs that hold more permits have a larger presence and potential related costs in the floor-based trading operations on the Exchange. Further, the changes may incentivize expanded participation in the Exchange’s floor trading environment, which promotes liquidity to the benefit of all participants.

The Exchange does not believe the proposed changes related to the Floor Broker ADV Discount will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. All Floor Broker TPHs are eligible to receive the Floor Broker Trading Permit and FB SPX and VIX Trading Surcharges fees rebates under Program As noted above, the ADV Discount is

²⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73639 (November 19, 2014), 79 FR 72251 (December 5, 2014) (File No. S7-01-13) (Regulation SCI Adopting Release).

designed to encourage the execution of Customer orders in all classes via open outcry, which may increase volume, which would benefit all market participants (including Floor Brokers who do not hit the ADV thresholds) trading via open outcry, and TPHs that meet the applicable ADV thresholds and thus qualify for the 15% or 25% rebate are active participants on the Exchange's trading floor. Thus, the Exchange believes that it is consistent with the purpose of the discount program to extend its benefits to the FB SPX Surcharge and FB VIX Surcharge, as these surcharges represent part of the overall fees assessed to Floor Broker TPHs in connection with their floor-based trading activity.

The Exchange does not believe the proposed changes related to the Market-Maker Tier Appointment Fees for VIX and RUT will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The increased Market-Maker Tier Appointment Fees apply uniformly to all Market-Maker TPHs with a VIX or RUT appointment who meet the 1,000-contract execution threshold. The Exchange believes the fee increases are modest and proportionate relative to the current rates and notes that it operates in a competitive environment in which Market-Maker TPHs may evaluate the costs and benefits of maintaining appointments in particular products.

The Exchange does not believe the proposed changes to adopt two stipends to assist with the cost of floor jackets will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Both stipends will be provided to all active floor badge holders on a uniform basis. Further, floor participants who receive their badge after a scheduled issuance date will receive both stipends upon badge activation and will thereafter follow the established issuance schedule for subsequent stipends, ensuring that all floor participants are treated similarly.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed floor fee changes will impose an unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition because they only apply to Cboe Options. To the extent that the changes prove attractive to market participants on other options exchanges, or its results prove attractive to market participants on other exchanges, such market participants may elect to become Floor Brokers or market participants at the Exchange.

Excessive CIC Fee Change

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change to adopt the Excessive CIC Fee will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because such fees will apply equally to all similarly situated TPHs. Particularly, the proposed Excessive CIC Fee applies uniformly to all TPH, in that any TPH who exceeds the thresholds will be subject to a fee under the proposed corresponding tiers. The Exchange believes that the proposed change neither favors nor penalizes one or more categories of market participants in a manner that would impose an undue burden on competition. Rather, the proposal seeks to reduce incentives for market participants to rest speculative SPXW complex orders in the COB. The Exchange expects such a reduction in non-bona fide order activity would decrease the total number of complex instruments the Exchange's matching engines must track and process, enhancing overall system performance. Such improved system efficiency benefits all market participants through more efficient order handling and reduced latency. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the proposed Excessive CIC Fee does not favor certain categories of market participants in a manner that would impose a burden on competition.

Finally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change to adopt the Excessive CIC Fee does not impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed rule change applies only to a product exclusively listed on the Exchange. As noted above, the Exchange is limiting this to the offending behavior and to the specific asset class effected. The fee is not intended to raise revenue for the Exchange; rather, it is intended to encourage efficient behavior so that TPHs do not exhaust System resources. The Exchange, along with other exchanges, have adopted various fee programs intended to disincentivize trading behaviors that may exhaust system resources, bandwidth, and capacity.³⁰

³⁰ See, e.g., Exchange Fees Schedule, "SPXW Excessive Mass Cancels and Purge Charges." See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 60102 (June 11, 2009), 74 FR 29251 (June 19, 2009) (SR-NYSEArca-2009-50) (adopting fees applicable to Members based on the number of orders entered compared to the number of executions received in a calendar month). It appears that Nasdaq assesses a penalty charge to its members that exceed certain "weighted order-to-trade ratios". See *Price List*—

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³¹ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4³² thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-CBOE-2026-031 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-CBOE-2026-031. This file

Trading Connectivity, NASDAQ, available at <https://www.nasdaqtrader.com/trader.aspx?id=pricelisttrading2>; and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 91406 (March 25, 2021), 86 FR 16795 (March 31, 2023) (SR-EMERALD-2021-10) (adopting an "Excessive Quoting Fee" to ensure that Market Makers do not over utilize the exchange's System by sending messages to the MIAx Emerald, to the detriment of all other Members of the exchange); and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97262 (March 29, 2023), 88 FR 22509 (April 13, 2023) (SR-CboeEDGX-2023-023) (adopting fees applicable to Market Makers based on the number of orders (including modification messages) entered compared to the number of orders traded in a calendar month).

³¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

³² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CBOE-2026-031 and should be submitted on or before May 12, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³³

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Add Class ETF Shares to the Definition of Exchange-Traded Product

April 16, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on April 7, 2026, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("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 amend Equity 1, Section 1(a)(15) by adding Class ETF Shares (as defined below) to

the definition of Exchange-Traded Product ("ETP") (as defined below).

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the definition of ETP⁴ in Equity 1, Section 1(a)(15) by adding a reference to Rule 5703, which are the listing rules for Class ETF Shares.⁵ The proposed changes would allow issuers of Nasdaq-listed Class ETF Shares to use an optional halt ("Initial ETP Open") on the launch day of the Class ETF Shares and open trading using the Nasdaq Halt Cross.⁶ Today, the Initial ETP Open is available only

⁴ As currently defined in Equity 1, Section 1(a)(15), the term "ETP" means a security listed on Nasdaq pursuant to Nasdaq Rules 5704, 5705, 5710, 5711, 5713, 5715, 5720, 5735, 5745, 5750 or 5760.

⁵ The term "Class ETF Shares" means shares of the ETF Class issued by a Multi-Class Fund. The term "ETF Class" means the class of exchange-traded shares of a Multi-Class Fund that (i) operates as an exchange-traded fund pursuant to exemptive relief granted by order under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Multi-Class Fund Exemptive Relief"), and (ii) is in compliance with the requirements of Rules 5703(d)(ii) and 5703(d)(2)(A)(i)(2) on an initial and continued listing basis. The term "Multi-Class Fund" means a registered open-end management company that (i) pursuant to Multi-Class Fund Exemptive Relief, issues Class ETF Shares and one or more classes of shares that are not exchange traded, and (ii) is in compliance with the conditions and requirements of the Multi-Class Fund Exemptive Relief. See Rule 5703(c)(1)-(3).

⁶ The "Nasdaq Halt Cross" is the process for determining the price at which Eligible Interest shall be executed at the open of trading for a halted security and for executing that Eligible Interest. See Rule 4753(a)(4). "Eligible Interest" shall mean any quotation or any order that has been entered into the system and designated with a time-in-force that would allow the order to be in force at the time of the Halt Cross. See Equity 4, Rule 4753(a)(5).

for equity securities that are designated as ETPs, as defined under Equity 1, Section 1(a)(15).

The Exchange received approval last year to generically list and trade Class ETF Shares pursuant to Rule 5703.⁷ Class ETF Shares are shares of the ETF Class issued by a Multi-Class Fund, a registered open-end management company that, pursuant to Multi-Class Fund Exemptive Relief, issues Class ETF Shares and one or more classes of shares that are not exchange traded (*i.e.*, mutual fund shares). Further, the ETF Class is required to operate as an exchange-traded fund pursuant to the terms of the Multi-Class Fund Exemptive Relief and must comply with the conditions and requirements of Rule 6c-11 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, except as noted in the Multi-Class Fund Exemptive Relief.⁸

In addition, the Exchange received approval last year to adopt the Initial ETP Open for ETPs.⁹ The Initial ETP Open is designed to operate similarly to Nasdaq's initial public offering opening process for corporate securities, with specified differences to account for the unique characteristics of ETPs. Under this functionality, an ETP issuer launching an ETP on the first day of trading has the option to delay the opening of the security pursuant to the Initial ETP Open process until Market Hours,¹⁰ rather than opening at the start of Pre-Market Hours¹¹ at 4:00 a.m. ET. As discussed in the Initial ETP Approval Order, this optional functionality is designed to support efficient price discovery by enabling ETP issuers to enter a halt on launch day, for a specified time period, after which the ETP can be opened using the Nasdaq Halt Cross process under Rule 4753.¹²

The Exchange now proposes to add Rule 5703 in the ETP definition. By including Rule 5703, Class ETF Shares would be able to use the Initial ETP Open process on an optional basis, giving issuers of Class ETF Shares the same flexibility currently available to

⁷ See Securities Exchange Release No. 104252, 90 FR 54781 (November 28, 2025) (SR-NASDAQ-2025-037) ("Class ETF Share Approval Order").

⁸ See Rule 5703(d).

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103085, 90 FR 22424 (May 27, 2025) (SR-NASDAQ-2025-011) ("Initial ETP Open Approval Order").

¹⁰ The term "Market Hours" means the period of time beginning at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time ("ET") and ending at 4:00 p.m. ET (or such earlier time as may be designated by Nasdaq on a day when Nasdaq closes early). See Equity 1, Section 1(a)(9).

¹¹ The term "Pre-Market Hours" means the period of time beginning at 4:00 a.m. ET and ending immediately prior to the commencement of Market Hours. See Equity 1, Section 1(a)(9).

¹² See Initial ETP Open Approval Order at 22425.

³³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

other ETP issuers. The Exchange believes that issuers of Class ETF Shares, like issuers of other ETPs, may benefit from the ability to delay the opening of their securities until Market Hours to take advantage of increased trading activity and potentially less volatile pricing conditions.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁴ in particular, 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.

The proposed rule change is designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market by including Class ETF Shares listed under Rule 5703 in the definition of ETP, thereby enabling such securities to utilize the Initial ETP Open process. The Exchange believes that issuers of Class ETF Shares, like issuers of other ETPs, may benefit from the ability to delay the opening of their securities until Market Hours to take advantage of increased trading activity and potentially less volatile pricing conditions.

The Exchange further believes that the proposed rule change promotes just and equitable principles of trade by treating Class ETF Shares consistently with other ETPs, including Exchange Traded Fund Shares¹⁵ listed pursuant to Rule 5704, Index Fund Shares¹⁶ listed

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁵ The term "Exchange Traded Fund Share" has the same meaning as it has in Rule 6c-11 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. See Rule 5704(a)(1)(B).

¹⁶ The term "Index Fund Share" means a security: (i) that is issued by an open-end management investment company based on a portfolio of stocks or fixed income securities or a combination thereof, that seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance or total return performance of a specified foreign or domestic stock index, fixed income securities index or combination thereof; (ii) that is issued by such an open-end management investment company in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of specified numbers of shares of stock and/or a cash amount, a specified portfolio of fixed income securities and/or a cash amount and/or a combination of the above, with a value equal to the next determined net asset value; and (iii) that, when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder's request by such open-end investment company which will pay to the redeeming holder the stock and/or cash, fixed income securities and/or cash and/or a combination thereof, with a value equal to the next determined net asset value. See Rule 5705(b)(1)(A).

pursuant to Rule 5705(b), and Managed Fund Shares¹⁷ listed pursuant to Rule 5735. The Exchange believes these are non-controversial changes meant only to subject Class ETF Shares to the same provisions currently applicable to other ETPs like Exchange Traded Fund Shares, Index Fund Shares, and Managed Fund Shares, so that the treatment of these open-end management investment companies is consistent under the Exchange's rules.

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. As discussed above, the proposed rule change would extend the same Initial ETP Open process to cover Class ETF Shares, which would align the treatment of these products with other open-end management investment companies listed on the Exchange such as Exchange Traded Fund Shares, Index Fund Shares, and Managed Fund Shares.

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁹ thereunder, the Exchange has designated this proposal as one that effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter

¹⁷ The term "Managed Fund Share" means a security that (a) represents an interest in a registered investment company ("Investment Company") organized as an open-end management investment company or similar entity, that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by the Investment Company's investment adviser consistent with the Investment Company's investment objectives and policies; (b) is issued in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of a specified portfolio of securities and/or a cash amount with a value equal to the next determined net asset value; and (c) when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder's request, which holder will be paid a specified portfolio of securities and/or cash with a value equal to the next determined net asset value. See Rule 5735(c)(1).

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.²⁰

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)²¹ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange represents that the proposed rule change does not alter the terms or conditions of the Initial ETP Open process or the listing standards applicable to Class ETF Shares under Nasdaq Rule 5703. The proposal seeks to extend the same existing functionality of Nasdaq's Initial ETP Open process, which already applies to other similar categories of ETPs, including Exchange Traded Fund Shares, Index Fund Shares, and Managed Fund Shares, to Class ETF Shares. As such, the proposal raises no novel legal or unique regulatory issues. Accordingly, waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will permit the Exchange to apply its Initial ETP Open to issuers of Class ETF Shares without unnecessary delay. The Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.²²

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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.

²⁰ In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. See *id.* The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

²¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

²² For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-NASDAQ-2026-029 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-2026-029. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASDAQ-2026-029 and should be submitted on or before May 12, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²³

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-105256; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2026-028]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Equity 4, Rule 4759 (Data Feeds Utilized) To Establish a Primary and Secondary Source of Quotation Data of a New Market Center

April 16, 2026.

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 April 6, 2026, 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, II, and III, 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 amend Equity 4, Rule 4759 (Data Feeds Utilized) to establish a primary and secondary source of quotation data of a new market center in the list of proprietary and network processor feeds that the Exchange utilizes for the handling, routing, and execution of orders, as well as regulatory compliance processes related to those functions.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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

The Exchange proposes to update and amend the data feeds table in Equity 4, Rule 4759, which sets forth on a market-by-market basis the specific proprietary and network processor feeds that the Exchange utilizes for the handling, routing, and execution of orders, and for performing the regulatory compliance processes related to each of those functions. Specifically, the table would be amended to reflect that the Exchange will receive a direct feed from the new

Texas Stock Exchange (“TXSE”) as its primary quotation data source for TXSE, and the Exchange will use CQS/UQDF as the secondary data source for TXSE. Additionally, the table will be updated to reflect the current names of two exchanges that were recently renamed (*i.e.*: Nasdaq Texas and NYSE Texas).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁴ in particular, 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.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market because updating its data feeds table to add a new market center for which the exchange will consume quotation data through direct and secondary feeds will provide clarity to market participants. Additionally, it is necessary and consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors to update the Exchange's table of market centers in Equity 4, Rule 4759 in order to provide transparency with respect to all the direct proprietary and network processor feeds from which the Exchange obtains market data. Finally, it will promote just and equitable principles of trade and protect investors and the public interest to update the table in Equity 4, Rule 4759, to reflect the current names of two recently-renamed exchanges.

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. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issue; instead, its purpose is to enhance transparency with respect to the operation of the Exchange and its use of market data feeds.

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.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁵ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁶

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-NASDAQ-2026-028 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-2026-028. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/>

[rules/sro.shtml](https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml)). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASDAQ-2026-028 and should be submitted on or before May 12, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-105252; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2026-009]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt Listing Rule IM-5101-4

April 16, 2026.

On February 20, 2026, the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Exchange") 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 adopt IM-5101-4, which will provide Nasdaq with the authority to delist a security where the Commission has previously suspended trading and Nasdaq determines it appropriate and in the public interest to do so. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2026.³

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ 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 April 20, 2026. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it 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 and the issues raised therein. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates June 4, 2026, 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 No. SR-NASDAQ-2026-009).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235-0582]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Form N-PX

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) ("Paperwork Reduction Act"), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

The purpose of Form N-PX is to meet the filing and disclosure requirements of rules under the Act and also to enable funds to provide investors with

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 104917 (Mar. 3, 2026), 91 FR 11104. Comments received on the proposed rule change are available at: <https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/public-comments/sr-nasdaq-2026-009>.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

information necessary to evaluate overall patterns in the manager’s voting behavior. This information collection is primarily for the use and benefit of investors. The information filed with the Commission also permits the verification of compliance with

securities law requirements and assures the public availability and dissemination of the information. Due to the Amendments, Form N–PX will also be used by institutional investment managers to meet the filing and

disclosure requirements of section 14A under the Exchange Act.

The table below summarizes our estimates associated with the amendments to Form N–PX that the Amendments address:

FORM N–PX PRA ESTIMATES

	Internal annual burden hours		Wage rate ¹	Internal time costs	Annual external cost burden
Funds					
Estimated annual burden of Form N–PX per response	² 12.5	×	³ \$613	\$7,662	\$1,200
Estimated number of annual responses ⁴	× 13,291		.....	× 13,291	× 13,291
Total annual burden	166,138		.....	\$101,835,642	\$15,949,200
Institutional Investment Managers					
Estimated annual burden associated with Form N-PX filing requirement.	7.5	×	⁵ \$613	\$4,598	⁶ \$2,000
Estimated number of annual responses	× 7,678		.....	× 7,678	× 7,678
Total annual burden	57,585		.....	\$35,299,605	\$15,356,000
Total Burden					
Currently Approved Burden	380,741		.....	.....	\$36,141,445
Total Burden	223,723		.....	.....	\$31,305,200

1. To calculate the occupational hourly rates used in this release, the Commission uses occupational mean hourly wage data from the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for [“Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities” (NAICS 523)] [the private sector]. See *Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, <https://www.bls.gov/oes/>; see also *Standard Occupational Classification*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, <https://www.bls.gov/soc/> (describing occupational classification system used by BLS); Exec. Off. of the President, Off. of Mgmt. & Budget, North American Industry Classification System (2022), available at https://www.census.gov/naics/reference_files_tools/2022_NAICS_Manual.pdf (describing the industry classification system used by BLS and other agencies). The mean hourly wage for each occupation is adjusted for changes in the seasonally adjusted employment cost index for private wages and salaries between the data reference period and when the data are released by BLS. See *Employment Cost Index*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, <https://www.bls.gov/eci/>. The adjusted mean hourly wage is then multiplied by a factor that accounts for nonwage costs borne by employers, such as bonuses, benefits, and overhead. This factor is calculated as an average over the 10 most recently available years of data of the ratio of the Bureau of Economic Analysis’s annual gross output data for [NAICS 523] [the private sector] to total annual wages across all occupations for [NAICS 523] [the private sector] in the OEWS data. See *Gross Output by Industry*, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, <https://www.bea.gov/data/industries/gross-output-by-industry>; *Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, <https://www.bls.gov/oes/>. The final product is the occupational hourly rate. See generally *Updated Methodology for Calculating Occupational Hourly Rates* (Dec. 19, 2025), available at <https://www.sec.gov/files/method-occupational-hourly-rates.pdf>.

2. The hourly burden for funds will vary significantly depending on whether they hold equity securities, do not hold equity securities, or are funds of funds. For purposes of the PRA, we assume an average burden for all funds that are required to file Form N–PX.

3. Represents the blended estimated hourly wage rates of a computer programmer and an attorney. In the case of the final estimates, the blended hourly rate is based on 5 hours for a computer programmer at \$416 per hour and 7.5 hours for an attorney at \$744 per hour.

4. These estimates are conducted for each fund portfolio, not for each filing, and are an average estimate across all Form N–PX reporting persons. In certain cases, a single Form N–PX filing will report the proxy voting records of multiple fund portfolios. In those circumstances, the reporting person will bear the burden associated with each fund portfolio it reported. This average estimate takes into account higher costs for funds filing reports for multiple portfolios without assuming any economies of scale that multiple-portfolio fund complexes may be able to achieve.

5. Represents the blended estimated hourly wage rates of a programmer and an attorney. In the case of the final estimates, the blended hourly rate is based on 3 hours for a computer programmer at \$416 per hour and 4.5 hours for an attorney at \$744 per hour.

6. Costs are estimated on a per-portfolio (not per-fund complex) basis, and larger fund complexes may be able to achieve greater economies of scale. The same may also be true of managers.

Compliance with Form N–PX is mandatory. Responses to the collection of information requirements will not be kept confidential.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

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.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the SEC, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the SEC’s estimate of the burden imposed by the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the 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 automated, electronic collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please direct your written comments on this 60-Day Collection Notice to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg via email to PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov by June 22, 2026. There will be a second opportunity to comment on

this SEC request following the **Federal Register** publishing a 30-Day Submission Notice.

Dated: April 17, 2026.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-105258; File No. SR-PHLX-2026-21]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Equity 4, Rule 3304 (Data Feeds Utilized) To Establish a Primary and Secondary Source of Quotation Data of a New Market Center

April 16, 2026.

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 April 6, 2026, Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“PHLX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, 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 amend Equity 4, Rule 3304 (Data Feeds Utilized) to establish a primary and secondary source of quotation data of a new market center in the list of proprietary and network processor feeds that the Exchange utilizes for the handling, routing, and execution of orders, as well as regulatory compliance processes related to those functions.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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

The Exchange proposes to update and amend the data feeds table in Equity 4, Rule 3304, which sets forth on a market-by-market basis the specific proprietary and network processor feeds that the Exchange utilizes for the handling, routing, and execution of orders, and for performing the regulatory compliance processes related to each of those functions. Specifically, the table would be amended to reflect that the Exchange will receive a direct feed from the new Texas Stock Exchange (“TXSE”) as its primary quotation data source for TXSE, and the Exchange will use CQS/UQDF as the secondary data source for TXSE. Additionally, the table will be updated to reflect the current names of two exchanges that were recently renamed (*i.e.*: Nasdaq Texas and NYSE Texas).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁴ in particular, 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.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market because updating its data feeds table to add a new market center for which the exchange will consume quotation data through direct and secondary feeds will provide clarity to market participants. Additionally, it is necessary and consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors to update the Exchange’s table of market centers in Equity 4, Rule 3304 in order to provide transparency with respect to all the direct proprietary and network processor feeds from which the Exchange obtains market data. Finally, it will promote just and equitable

principles of trade and protect investors and the public interest to update the table in Equity 4, Rule 3304, to reflect the current names of two recently-renamed exchanges.

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. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issue; instead, its purpose is to enhance transparency with respect to the operation of the Exchange and its use of market data feeds.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁵ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁶

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-PHLX-2026-21 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-PHLX-2026-21. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-PHLX-2026-21 and should be submitted on or before May 12, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 36093; File No. 812-15905]

Alger Next Gen Growth Fund, et al.

April 17, 2026.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC").

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of application for an order under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d)

and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain registered closed-end management investment companies and business development companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with certain affiliated investment entities.

APPLICANTS: Alger Next Gen Growth Fund, Fred Alger Management, LLC, Weatherbie Capital, LLC, and certain affiliated entities identified on Schedule A to the Application.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on September 25, 2025 and amended on March 9, 2026.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at Secretarys-Office@sec.gov and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. The email should include the file number referenced above. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. Eastern time on May 12, 2026, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary at Secretarys-Office@sec.gov.

ADDRESSES: The Commission: Secretarys-Office@sec.gov. Applicants: Tina Payne, Esq., Fred Alger Management, LLC, 100 Pearl Street, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10004, tpayne@alger.com; Nicole M. Runyan, P.C. and Kim Kaufman, Esq., Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022, nicole.runyan@kirkland.com and kim.kaufman@kirkland.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kris Easter Guidroz, Senior Counsel, or Adam Large, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551-6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to

Applicants' amended application filed March 9, 2026, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field, on the SEC's EDGAR system. The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at <https://www.sec.gov/search-filings>. You may also call the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at (202) 551-8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21515 and #21516; Montana Disaster Number MT-20037]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Montana

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the state of Montana (FEMA-4902-DR), dated April 7, 2026.

Incident: Severe Winter Storm and Straight-line Winds.

DATES: Issued on April 7, 2026.

Incident Period: December 17, 2025 through December 18, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: June 10, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: January 7, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Talarico, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on April 7, 2026, Private Non-Profit organizations providing essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at other locally announced locations. For further

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Dawson, Flathead, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Lake, Lincoln, McCone, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Sanders, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Valley, Wheatland.

Tribal Areas: Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Fort Peck Indian Reservation and Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 21515B and for economic injury is 215160.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21517 and #21518; SOUTH DAKOTA Disaster Number SD-20016]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of South Dakota

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of the Presidential declaration of a major

disaster for Public Assistance Only for the state of South Dakota (FEMA-4903-DR), dated April 7, 2026.

Incident: Straight-line Winds.

DATES: Issued on April 7, 2026.

Incident Period: December 17, 2025 through December 18, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: June 10, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: January 7, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Talarico, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on April 7, 2026, Private Non-Profit organizations providing essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at other locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Custer, Fall River, Pennington.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 21517B and for economic injury is 215180.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21507 and #21508; Oregon Disaster Number OR-20021]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Oregon

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the state of Oregon (FEMA-4907-DR), dated April 7, 2026.

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides.

DATES: Issued on April 7, 2026.

Incident Period: December 15, 2025 through December 21, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: June 10, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: January 7, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Henderson, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on April 7, 2026, Private Non-Profit organizations providing essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at other locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Clackamas, Hood River, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Polk, Tillamook, Union, Yamhill.
The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 215076 and for economic injury is 215080.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)
(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21511 and #21512; Idaho Disaster Number ID-20027]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Idaho

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the state of Idaho (FEMA-4905-DR), dated April 7, 2026.

Incident: Straight-line Winds.

DATES: Issued on April 7, 2026.

Incident Period: December 16, 2025 through December 18, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: June 10, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: January 7, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Henderson, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the

President's major disaster declaration on April 7, 2026, Private Non-Profit organizations providing essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at other locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, Shoshone.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 21511B and for economic injury is 215120.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)
(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21519 and #21520; Hawaii Disaster Number HI-20010]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of Hawaii

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Hawaii (FEM-4909-DR), dated April 7, 2026.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides.

DATES: Issued on April 7, 2026.

Incident Period: March 10, 2026 through March 24, 2026.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: June 10, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: January 7, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Talarico, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on April 7, 2026, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at other locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui.

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Hawaii: Kalawao, Kauai.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.750
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.875
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 215196 and for economic injury is 215200.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21513 and #21514; Montana Disaster Number MT-20036]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Montana

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the state of Montana (FEMA-4901-DR), dated April 7, 2026.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.

DATES: Issued on April 7, 2026.

Incident Period: December 9, 2025 through December 11, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: June 10, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: January 7, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Talarico, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on April 7, 2026, Private Non-Profit organizations providing essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at other locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary County: Lincoln.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 215136 and for economic injury is 215140.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21509 and #21510; ALASKA Disaster Number AK-20019]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Alaska

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the state of Alaska (FEMA-4904-DR), dated April 7, 2026.

Incident: Severe Storm.

DATES: Issued on April 7, 2026.

Incident Period: December 6, 2025 through December 9, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: June 10, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: January 7, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Henderson, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on April 7, 2026, Private Non-Profit organizations providing essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at other locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following area has been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Area: Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 21509B and for economic injury is 215100.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,
Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 13001]

Annual Determination and Certification of Shrimp-Harvesting Nations

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, State Department.

ACTION: Notice of annual determination and certification.

SUMMARY: On April 10, 2026, the Department of State certified to

Congress that wild-caught shrimp and products from that shrimp harvested in the following nations and Hong Kong are eligible to enter the United States: Argentina, the Bahamas, Belgium, Belize, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Gabon, Germany, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Russia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay. The Department of State determined that wild-caught shrimp harvested in particular fisheries of certain nations and products from that shrimp are eligible to enter the United States: Australia (Northern Prawn Fishery, the Queensland East Coast Trawl Fishery, the Spencer Gulf, and the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery), France (French Guiana), Italy (giant red shrimp), Japan (shrimp baskets in Hokkaido), Republic of Korea (mosquito nets), and Spain (Mediterranean red shrimp). For nations, economies, and fisheries not listed above, only shrimp harvested from aquaculture and products from that shrimp are eligible to enter the United States. Shrimp and products from shrimp (products containing shrimp) imports into the United States must be accompanied by the DS–2031 Shrimp Exporter’s/Importer’s Declaration.

DATES: This determination and certification notice is effective on April 21, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jared Milton, Section 609 Program Manager, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520–2758; telephone: (202) 647–3263; email: DS2031@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 609 of Public Law 101–162 (“Sec. 609”) prohibits imports of wild-caught shrimp or products from shrimp harvested with commercial fishing technology unless the President certifies to the Congress by May 1, 1991, and annually thereafter, that either: (1) the harvesting nation has adopted a regulatory program governing the incidental taking of relevant species of sea turtles in the course of commercial shrimp harvesting that is comparable to that of the United States and that the average rate of that incidental taking by the vessels of the harvesting nation is comparable to the average rate of incidental taking of sea turtles by United States vessels in the

course of such harvesting; or (2) the particular fishing environment of the harvesting nation does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles in the course of shrimp harvesting. The President has delegated the authority to make this certification to the Secretary of State (“Secretary”) who further delegated the authority within the Department of State (“Department”). The Revised Guidelines for the Implementation of Sec. 609 were published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1999, at 64 FR 36946.

On April 10, 2026, the Department certified to Congress the following nations pursuant to section 609(b)(2)(A) and (B) on the basis that they have adopted a regulatory program governing the incidental taking of relevant species of sea turtles in the course of commercial shrimp harvesting that is comparable to that of the United States and that the average rate of that incidental taking by the vessels of the harvesting nation is comparable to the average rate of incidental taking of such sea turtles by United States vessels in the course of such harvesting: Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, and Suriname. The Department also certified pursuant to section 609(b)(2)(C) several shrimp-harvesting nations and one economy as having fishing environments that do not pose a threat to sea turtles, including the following nations with shrimping grounds only in cold waters where the risk of taking sea turtles is negligible: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Chile, the Kingdom of Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay. Additionally, the Department certified pursuant to section 609(b)(2)(C) that the following nations and Hong Kong only harvest shrimp using small boats with crews of less than five that only use manual rather than mechanical means to retrieve nets or catch shrimp using other methods that do not pose a threat of incidental taking of sea turtles: the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Jamaica, Oman, and Sri Lanka.

The Department has certified the above listed nations and Hong Kong pursuant to Sec. 609, and shrimp and products from shrimp are eligible for importation into the United States utilizing the Shrimp Exporter’s/Importer’s Declaration (“DS–2031”) Box 7(B) provision for shrimp “harvested in the waters of a nation currently certified pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101–162.”

Shrimp harvested with turtle excluder devices (“TEDs”) and products from that shrimp in an uncertified nation may, under specific circumstances, be eligible for importation into the United States under the DS–2031 Box 7(A)(2) provision for shrimp “harvested using TEDs comparable in effectiveness to those in the United States, as determined by the U.S. Department of State.” Use of this provision requires that the Secretary or his or her delegate determine in advance that the government of the harvesting nation has put in place adequate procedures to monitor the use of TEDs in the specific fishery in question and to ensure the accurate completion of the DS–2031 forms. At this time, the Department has determined that only shrimp and products from shrimp harvested in the Northern Prawn Fishery, the Queensland East Coast Trawl Fishery, and the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery in Australia, and in the French Guiana domestic trawl fishery of France are eligible for entry under this provision. A responsible government official of Australia or France must sign in Block 8 of the DS–2031 form accompanying these imports into the United States.

In addition, shrimp and products of shrimp harvested in a manner or under circumstances determined by the Department of State not to pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles may, under specific circumstances, be eligible for importation into the United States under the DS–2031 Box 7(A)(4) provision for shrimp “harvested in a manner or under circumstances not to pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles, as determined by the U.S. Department of State.” The Department has determined that shrimp and products from shrimp harvested in the Spencer Gulf region in Australia, with shrimp baskets in Hokkaido, Japan, with “mosquito” nets in the Republic of Korea, Mediterranean red shrimp (*Aristeus antennatus*) and products from that shrimp harvested in the Mediterranean Sea in Spain, and giant red shrimp (*Aristaeomorpha foliacea*) and products from that shrimp harvested in Italy may be imported into the United States under the DS–2031 Box 7(A)(4) provision. A responsible government official of Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Spain, or Italy must sign in Block 8 of the DS–2031 form accompanying these imports into the United States.

A completed DS–2031 Shrimp Exporter’s/Importer’s Declaration must accompany all imports of shrimp and products from shrimp into the United States. The DS–2031 form is accessible at the following link: <https://>

forms.state.gov/Forms/ds2031.PDF. Importers of shrimp and products from shrimp harvested in certified nations and Hong Kong must either provide the DS–2031 form to Customs and Border Protection at the port of entry or provide the information required by the DS–2031 through the Automated Commercial Environment. Importers of shrimp and products from shrimp from certified nations and Hong Kong should mark the box 7(B) provision for shrimp “harvested in the waters of a nation currently certified pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101–162” regardless of whether the shrimp is wild-caught or the product of aquaculture. DS–2031 forms accompanying all imports of shrimp and products from shrimp harvested in uncertified nations and economies, to include all fisheries with determinations, must be originals with Box 7(A)(1), 7(A)(2), or 7(A)(4) checked, consistent with the form’s instructions with regard to the method of harvest of the shrimp and based on any relevant prior determinations by the Department, and signed by the exporter from the harvesting nation and a responsible government official of the harvesting nation prior to export from the harvesting nation.

The DS–2031 form must accompany the shipment through all stages of the export process, including any transformation of the original product and any shipment through any intermediary nation. The Department did not determine that shrimp or products from shrimp harvested in a manner as described in 7(A)(3) in any uncertified nation or economy is eligible to enter the United States. Consequently, 7(A)(3) may not be marked on any DS–2031 form.

The importation of wild-caught shrimp or products from that shrimp from any nation or fishery without a certification or determination will not be allowed.

While Sec. 609 certification is a prerequisite for importing certain wild-caught shrimp and products from that shrimp into the United States, it does not guarantee that the import will be allowed to enter the United States in all cases—shrimp and products from shrimp from certified nations remain subject to any other applicable restrictions on entry that may be in place.

The Department has communicated these certifications and determinations under Sec. 609 to the Offices of Field

Operations and of Trade at U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Deirdre M. Warner-Kramer,

Acting Director, Office of Marine Conservation, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2024–0063]

Commercial Driver’s License: Landair Transport LLC d/b/a Covenant Logistics Application for Exemption

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

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption renewal; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA requests public comment on Landair Transport LLC d/b/a Covenant Logistics’s (Covenant Logistics) application for an exemption renewal from the requirement that a commercial learner’s permit (CLP) holder be accompanied by a commercial driver’s license (CDL) holder with the proper CDL class seated in the front seat while the CLP holder operates the commercial motor vehicle (CMV). FMCSA is required by statute to publish a notice explaining each exemption request, and such notice does not indicate what decision FMCSA will ultimately reach on the request. After reviewing the application, safety analyses, and public comments submitted, FMCSA will grant or deny the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2024–0063 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:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
 - *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
 - *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.
- Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number

(FMCSA–2024–0063) 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.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its exemption process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL–14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bernadette Walker, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; bernadette.walker@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations at (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2024–0063), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for your 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 <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2024-0063/document>, click on this notice, click “Comment,” and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

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.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the

comment period. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

B. Confidential Business Information (CBI)

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as "PROPIN" to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001 or via email at brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov. At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

C. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, insert FMCSA-2024-0063 in the keyword box, select the document tab and choose the document to review. To view comments, click this notice, then click "Browse Comments." If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting Dockets Operations in room W58-213 of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from the 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 the applicant's safety analysis. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the application, 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 absent such exemption, pursuant to the standard set forth in 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Applicant's Request

Current Regulatory Requirements

Under 49 CFR 383.25(a)(1), a CLP holder operating a CMV must be accompanied by a CDL holder with the proper CDL class and endorsements necessary to operate the CMV. The CDL holder must be physically present at all times in the front seat of the CMV next to the CLP holder and must have the CLP holder under observation and direct supervision.

Applicant's Request

Covenant Logistics requests a 5-year renewal of its exemption from 49 CFR 383.25(a)(1) to allow CLP holders who have successfully passed a CDL skills test and are thus eligible to receive a CDL, to drive a CMV without a CDL holder present in the front passenger seat. FMCSA initially granted the exemption effective July 30, 2024 through July 30, 2026 (89 FR 61225). The exemption, if granted, would allow Covenant Logistics to employ a driver to transport freight immediately after the driver passes his or her CDL skills test and while the driver's CDL documentation is being processed by his or her State of domicile. Covenant Logistics' application states that it recruits and develops driver candidates with good safety records who have graduated from established driver training schools. On an annual basis, it hires approximately 1,200 new drivers each year through driver training

schools. Covenant Logistics estimates that approximately 2,000 drivers annually would operate CMVs under the requested exemption. The applicant asserts that prior to the implementation of 49 CFR 383.25(a)(1), States routinely issued temporary CDLs, valid only in the State of domicile, to drivers who had successfully passed a CDL skills test. This process made it possible for Covenant Logistics to immediately designate a new driver as on duty, and direct that driver to his or her State of domicile without using a second driver in on-duty status. The exemption renewal, if granted, would ensure continuity of operations under the current exemption [89 FR 61225] scheduled to expire July 30, 2026.

Applicant's Equivalent Level of Safety

Covenant Logistics asserts that the exemption will result in a level of safety that is greater than the level of safety without the exemption. Covenant states that a CLP holder affected by this exemption will have already completed all the necessary steps to qualify for a CDL, including passing the CDL skills test, with the remaining requirement being the administrative function of obtaining the actual CDL from his or her home State. By granting the exemption, CLP holders who have passed a CDL skills test can begin immediate and productive on-the-job training. According to Covenant Logistics, this will allow CLP holders to improve their recently acquired driving skill set and put them to work immediately at an income that meets or exceeds industry standards. Covenant Logistics said that under the proposed exemption it would ensure that a CDL driver remains in the CMV while the CLP holder is driving, but not necessarily in the front passenger seat.

A copy of Covenant Logistics' application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on Covenant Logistics' application for an exemption from the requirement in 49 CFR 383.25(a)(1). All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket No. PHMSA–2026–1585]

Pipeline Safety: Advisory Bulletin on Preventing Excavation Damage During National Safe Digging Month and Beyond

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; issuance of advisory bulletin.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is issuing this advisory bulletin to all owners and operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities to highlight the critical importance of excavation damage prevention during periods of significant infrastructure growth. This bulletin emphasizes the need for adherence to the Common Ground Alliance best practices, accurate and timely locating, and proactive coordination with excavators to prevent pipeline strikes. As April marks National Safe Digging Month, PHMSA encourages operators to reinforce safety protocols to protect the public and ensure the continued safe transportation of energy resources that drive American economic prosperity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Owners and operators of pipelines subject to regulation by PHMSA should contact the appropriate PHMSA Region Office. The PHMSA Region Offices and their contact information are as follows:

- *Eastern Region:* 609–771–7800 (CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV).
- *Southern Region:* 404–832–1147 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN).
- *Central Region:* 816–329–3800 (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI).
- *Southwest Region:* 713–272–2859 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX).
- *Western Region:* 720–963–3160 (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY).

Owners and operators of intrastate pipelines should contact the appropriate State pipeline safety authority. A list of State pipeline safety authorities is available at www.napsr.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Excavation damage remains one of the leading causes of pipeline incidents and accidents involving injuries, fatalities and property damage. Since 2005, there have been over 875 excavation-related pipeline incidents and accidents

resulting in 40 fatalities, 166 serious injuries, and approximately \$322,000,000 in property damage. When accounting for all utility types, the estimated annual cost to the U.S. economy is nearly \$30 billion.

Based on the latest PHMSA data for 2025, there was a total of 85,606 excavation damages to gas distribution facilities across 35,813,977 excavation tickets nationwide, resulting in an overall average of 2.39 damages per thousand tickets. For this same data, excavator-related issues are the most frequent root cause, accounting for 33,609 damages, which is approximately 39.3 percent of the total. One-call notification issues are the second-most common cause with 29,472 damages, followed by locating issues at 20,305 damages.

Despite measurable improvements in safety performance and 811 “Before You Dig” awareness programs over recent decades—largely driven by enhanced preventative measures, regulatory oversight, and mitigation practices, owners and operators of pipeline facilities continue to experience excavation-related incidents and accidents, particularly during times of economic growth and infrastructure expansion.

I. Excavation-Related Safety Threats

- *High-Density Excavation Activity.* The rapid deployment of fiber optics and other underground utilities often creates “congested corridors.” PHMSA is aware of a trend where the volume of 811 tickets can overwhelm local locating capacities, leading to delays or inaccuracies in marking.
- *Inaccurate Locating and Records Management.* Recent incidents, such as the 2025 explosion in Lexington, MO, underscore the danger of improperly marked or “unmapped” facilities. In that event, a strike on a capped gas main during a drilling project resulted in a tragic loss of life and severe injuries. These events are often the result of relying on legacy records that do not accurately reflect modern field conditions.

- *Improper Excavation Techniques.* Failure to use non-destructive excavation methods, such as hand digging or vacuum excavation (potholing) within the tolerance zone, continues to be a primary factor in mechanical damage to pipeline coatings and steel.

- *One-Call Exemptions.* In CY 2024, one State had more than 2,000 excavation damages where there was no legal requirement to call 811 when excavating above 16 inches. In 2025, an operator’s interstate pipeline was struck

when a contractor was leveling an area to pour a concrete parking lot. The contractor did not anticipate digging beyond 16 inches and therefore did not make a line locate request. The total estimated release volume of crude oil was 2,363 barrels.

- *Shallow Pipelines.* Pipelines that have a shallow depth of cover may pose an additional risk of being impacted by excavation depending on their location. Recent incidents and accidents highlight that when pipelines are in areas subject to agriculture tilling practices, they remain at greater risk of being struck if the depth of coverage is not maintained. Similarly, shallow pipelines in urban areas may be at greater risk due to routine residential activities. Adding to this risk is the fact that some States may exempt the need for one-call notification for shallow excavations.

- *Industrial Activities.* Most pipeline rights-of-way (ROW) are not secured. The landowners or tenants may conduct activities that are detrimental to the pipeline assets within the ROW. In 2025, an interstate pipeline transporting natural gas ruptured due to latent excavation damage. The pipeline transected a recycling center that used heavy equipment. Evidence suggests that the equipment struck the pipeline. In 2023, an intrastate natural gas pipeline transecting a cattle feedlot was struck by a wheel loader while performing routine maintenance. The pipeline ruptured and injured the operator of the wheel loader.

II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB–2026–05)

To: Owners and Operators of Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Facilities.

Subject: Pipeline Safety: Protecting Pipeline Integrity Through Enhanced Damage Prevention and Coordination.

Advisory: In observance of National Safe Digging Month, owners and operators are advised to consider implementing the following measures:

- *Adopt CGA Best Practices:* Fully integrate the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Best Practices into standard operating procedures, specifically focusing on Practice 4–11 (Accuracy of Locating) and Practice 5–23 (Rapid Response to Strikes).

- *Enhance Locator Training and Oversight:* Ensure that both internal and contract locators have the tools and time necessary to provide accurate markings. Conduct periodic audits of locator performance in high-growth areas.

- *Proactive “White Lining” and Pre-Construction Meetings:* Encourage or require excavators to “white line” proposed dig areas. For large-scale projects, conduct pre-construction

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.

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

Linda Daugherty,

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.)

Bradley T. Smith,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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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.

Should you wish the IRSAC to consider a written statement germane to the Council's work, file the statement by

sending an email to *PublicLiaison@irs.gov* by May 4, 2026.

Dated: April 16, 2026.

John A. Lipold,

Designated Federal Official, Office of National Public Liaison, Internal Revenue Service.

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