

executed by Executive Order. The Task Force is chaired by the U.S. Small Business Administration and is comprised of representatives from the Department of Defense, the Department of Labor, the Department of Treasury, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the General Services Administration, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and four representatives from veterans service organizations, military service organizations, or associations.

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Dated: October 3, 2016.

**Miguel J. L'Heureux,**  
SBA Committee Management Officer.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs; Notice of Open Nominations

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of open nominations for veteran small business owners and veteran service organization representatives for the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration seeks member nominations from veteran owned small businesses and veteran service organizations to serve on the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs.

**DATES:** Nomination applications due by 11:59 p.m. (EST), October 14, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send nominations to [veteransbusiness@sba.gov](mailto:veteransbusiness@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) seeks member nominations from veteran owned small businesses and veteran service organizations (VSO) to serve on the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs (ACVBA).

*Additional Information:* Nominations of eligible representatives must be sent via email to [veteransbusiness@sba.gov](mailto:veteransbusiness@sba.gov). The submission deadline for nominations is October 14, 2016.

Submissions should include the following information:

- Name and contact information of the individual
- Name and contact information of represented organization
- If VSO nomination, include a description of how the organization supports veteran and service-disabled owned small business issues
- If nominee is a member of a local chapter of VSO, a national-level endorsement letter from the VSO is required

The SBA Administrator will appoint individuals who will serve on the ACVBA for a period of three years.

The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999—Public Law 106-50—established the ACVBA to serve as an independent source of advice and policy recommendations on veteran owned small business opportunities. Through an annual report, the ACVBA reports to the SBA Administrator, SBA's Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development, the Congress, the President, and other U.S. policy makers. The ACVBA is comprised of 15 members—eight members represent veteran owned small business and seven members represent veteran service or military organizations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9754]

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Borrego Pipeline in Webb County, Texas

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Borrego Crossing Pipeline, LLC (Borrego) has applied to the U.S. Department of State (Department) for a

Presidential Permit authorizing the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the border of the United States for the export of refined petroleum products from the United States to markets in northern Mexico (Borrego Pipeline). The Department receives and considers applications for Presidential Permits for such energy-related pipelines pursuant to authority delegated to it by the President under E.O. 13337 of April 30, 2004 (69 FR 25299), as amended. To issue a Permit, the Department must find that issuance would serve the national interest.

With respect to the application submitted by Borrego, the Department is issuing this Notice of Intent (NOI) to inform the public that it will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations found at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508) to evaluate the potential impacts of the Borrego Pipeline to inform the national interest determination. This NOI informs the public about the proposed project and solicits participation and comments from interested federal, tribal, state, and local government entities as well as the public to help inform the scope and content of the EA.

**DATES:** The Department invites the public, governmental agencies, tribal governments, and all other interested parties to comment on the scope of the EA. All such comments should be provided within the 30-day public scoping period, which starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until November 14, 2016. The Department will give equal weight to written, electronic, and oral comments, and the Department will consider all comments received or postmarked by the closing date. The Department will consider comments received or postmarked after that date to the extent practicable.

All comments received during the scoping period may be made public, no matter how initially submitted. Comments are not private and will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information. Commenters are cautioned against including any information that they would not want publicly disclosed. Any party soliciting or aggregating comments from other persons is further requested to direct those persons not to include any identifying or contact information, or information they would not want publicly disclosed, in their comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters can submit remarks electronically at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by entering the title of this Notice into the search field and following the prompts. The Department will accept comments by mail at the following address: Borrego Project Manager, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues (OES/EQT), Room 2726, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520. All comments from agencies or organizations should indicate a contact person for the agency or organization.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Project Description**

Borrego submitted an application on August 12, 2016 for a new Presidential Permit under E.O. 13337 to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of pipeline facilities at the United States-Mexico border for the export of refined petroleum products, including but not limited to gasoline, ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD), and jet fuel. The requested Presidential Permit, if issued, would authorize an approximately 0.25-mile segment of 20-inch pipeline from the first check meter station near 27°38'42.28" N., 99°36'13.62" W. to the United States-Mexico border at a location approximately 9.2 miles northwest of Laredo, Texas. However, consistent with NEPA, the Department's EA will analyze environmental effects associated with the entire U.S. portion of the proposed pipeline. In the United States, the Borrego Pipeline would consist of approximately 13 miles of new pipeline (0.25 miles of 20-inch pipeline at the border segment and 12.9 miles of 16-inch pipeline from a terminal in Laredo, Texas to the border segment). The Borrego Pipeline would have the design capacity to transport approximately 150,000 barrels per day (bpd) of refined petroleum products.

**Environmental Effects**

The environmental review will describe the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action; any adverse environmental impacts that cannot be avoided should the proposal be implemented; the reasonable alternatives to the proposed action and a no action alternative; comparison between short-term and long-term impacts on the environment; any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of natural, physical or other resources that would occur if the proposed action is implemented; and any proposed mitigation measures if needed. The analysis will focus on air quality, biological resources, cultural

resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, potential accidents and spills, hydrology and water quality, noise, socioeconomic, environmental justice, transportation, and any other relevant topics that arise during scoping.

**Scoping Period**

The Department invites the public, governmental agencies, tribal governments and all other interested parties to comment on the scope of the EA. All such comments should be provided in writing, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice, at the **ADDRESSES** listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information contact the Borrego Project Manager at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**, by email at [BorregoReview@state.gov](mailto:BorregoReview@state.gov) or by fax at (202) 647-5947. Information on the proposed project details, Presidential Permit application, status of the environmental review, etc. may be found at: <http://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant/applicants/borregopipeline/index.htm>.

Dated: October 3, 2016.

**Barton Putney,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**30-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval: System Diagram Maps**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of an extension for the collection of system diagram maps, which is further described below. The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the **Federal Register**. 81 FR 26,304 (May 2, 2016). That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by November 14, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be identified as "Paperwork Reduction

Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board: System Diagram Maps." These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Chandana L. Achanta, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, by email at [OIRA.SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA.SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV); by fax at (202) 395-6974; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Please also direct comments to Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to [PRA@stb.gov](mailto:PRA@stb.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding this collection, contact Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245-0333 or at [pedro.ramirez@stb.gov](mailto:pedro.ramirez@stb.gov). [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board's request for OMB approval.

**Description of Collection**

*Title:* System Diagram Maps (or, in the case of Class III carriers, an alternative narrative description of their rail systems).

*OMB Control Number:* 2140-0003.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Common carrier freight railroads that are either new or reporting changes in the status of one or more of their rail lines.

*Number of Respondents:* One.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 7.1 hours, based on average time reported in informal survey of respondents (less than 10).

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 7.1 hours.

*Total "Non-hour Burden" Cost:* None identified. Filings are submitted electronically to the Board.