A Notice of Availability of the Draft RP/EA was published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2016 (81 FR 95106–95107). The Draft RP/EA provided the MS TIG's analysis of alternatives that were considered to meet the intended Restoration Types under both OPA and NEPA, and identified three projects that were proposed for implementation. The MS TIG provided the public with a 45-day comment period that ended February 10, 2017, and hosted a Web-based comment submission site to encourage the public to review and comment. The MS TIG also provided a post office box and email address as other means for the public to provide comments.

Comments were received from private citizens, State, and local agencies, and non-governmental organizations. The MS TIG considered the public comments received, which informed the MS TIG's analysis of alternatives in the Final RP/EA. A summary of the public comments received and the MS TIG's responses to those comments are addressed in Section 6 of the Final RP/EA.

Overview of the RP/EA

The RP/EA is being released in accordance with OPA, NRDA regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 15 CFR part 990, and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

In the RP/EA, the MS TIG proposes implementation of the following two preferred alternatives and associated projects within the Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitat and Birds Restoration Types: (1) Graveline Bay Land Acquisition and Management, and (2) Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management. The MS TIG also proposes the following preferred alternative and associated project within the Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source) Restoration Type: Upper Pascagoula River Water Quality Enhancement. The RP/EA presents six restoration alternatives, as well as a no action alternative, evaluated in accordance with OPA and NEPA. The alternatives considered in RP/EA are—

- Restoration Goals.—Restore and Conserve Habitat; and Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources.
  - ○ Alternative A (Preferred): Graveline Bay Land Acquisition and Management
  - ○ Alternative B: Grand Bay Land Acquisition (up to 8,000 acres)
  - ○ Alternative C: Grand Bay Habitat Management (up to 17,500 acres)
  - ○ Alternative D (Preferred): Grand Bay Land Acquisition (up to 8,000 acres) and Habitat Management (up to 17,500 acres); Alternatives B and C combined
  - ○ No Action Alternative
- Restoration Goal.—Restore Water Quality.
  - ○ Alternative A (Preferred): Upper Pascagoula River Water Quality Enhancement
  - ○ Alternative B: Pascagoula River Basin Riparian Buffer Maintenance Plan
  - ○ No Action Alternative

The MS TIG has determined that the selected restoration alternatives and associated projects preferred for implementation are appropriate to partially compensate for the injuries for these restoration types described in PDARP/PEIS. In the RP/EA, the MS TIG presents to the public its plan for providing partial compensation to the public for natural resources and ecological services injured or lost in Mississippi as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill. The preferred alternatives and associated projects in the RP/EA are most appropriate for addressing injuries to wetlands, coastal and nearshore habitats, birds, and water quality in Mississippi at this time. Additional restoration planning for Mississippi will continue at a later time.

Administrative Record

The documents included in the Administrative Record can be viewed electronically at *http://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon/adminrecord.* This Administrative Record is actively maintained and available for public review.

Authority The authority of this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*), the implementing NRDA regulations found at 15 CFR part 990, and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Signed on July 5, 2017, in Washington, DC

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) on: Friday, July 28, 2017. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how to update the voting rights project and report. The Committee may also discuss future civil rights projects.

DATES: Friday, July 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Public call-in information: Conference call-in number: 1–877–719–9795 and conference call 5761106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Evelyn Bohor at *ero@usccr.gov* or by phone at 202–376–7533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call-in number: 1–877–719–9795 and conference call 5761106. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free conference call-in number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call-in number: 1–877–719–9795 and conference call 5761106.

Members of the public are invited to make statements during the open comment period of the meeting or submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376–7548, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at *ero@usccr.gov.* Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376–7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at *https://database.faca.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=262,* click the ''Meeting Details'' and ''Documents'' links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, *www.usccr.gov,* or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone numbers, email or street address.

Agenda

Friday, July 28, 2017

- Rollcall
- Discussion of Voting Rights Report
- Next Steps
- Other Business
- Open Comment
- Adjourn

Dated: July 6, 2017.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–201–846]

Sugar From Mexico: Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Effective June 30, 2017.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) and a representative of the Government of Mexico (GOM) have signed an amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico (CVD Suspension Agreement). The amendment to the CVD Suspension Agreement modifies the definitions for sugar from Mexico, modifies the restrictions of the volume of direct or indirect exports to the United States of sugar from all Mexican producers/ exporters, and provides for enhanced monitoring and enforcement mechanisms.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally Craig Gannon or David Cordell at (202) 482–0162 or (202) 482–0408, respectively; Bilateral Agreements Unit, Office of Policy, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 17, 2014, the Department initiated a countervailing duty investigation under section 702 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), to determine whether manufacturers, producers, or exporters of sugar from Mexico receive subsidies.[1] On August 25, 2014, the Department preliminarily determined that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of sugar from Mexico and aligned the final countervailing duty determination with the final antidumping duty determination.[2]

The Department and the GOM signed the CVD Suspension Agreement on December 19, 2014.[3]

On January 8, 2015, Imperial Sugar Company (Imperial) and AmCane Sugar LLC (AmCane) each notified the Department that they had petitioned the International Trade Commission (ITC) to conduct a review of the CVD Suspension Agreement under section 704(h) of the Act to determine whether the injurious effects of the imports of the subject merchandise are eliminated completely by the CVD Suspension Agreement. On March 19, 2015, in a unanimous vote, the ITC found that the CVD Suspension Agreement eliminated completely the injurious effects of imports of sugar from Mexico.[4] As a result of the ITC's determination, the CVD Suspension Agreement remained in effect, and on March 27, 2015, the Department, in accordance with section 704(h)(3) of the Act, instructed U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to terminate the suspension of liquidation of all entries of sugar from Mexico and refund all cash deposits.

Notwithstanding issuance of the CVD Suspension Agreement, pursuant to requests by domestic interested parties, the Department continued its investigation and made an affirmative final determination that countervailable subsidies were being provided to exporters and producers of sugar from Mexico.[5] In its *Final Determination,* the Department calculated countervailable subsidy rates of 43.93 percent for Fondo de Empresas Expropiadas del Sector Azucarero (FEESA), 5.78 percent for Ingenio Tala S.A. de C.V. and certain affiliated sugar mills of Grupo Azucarero Mexico S.A. de C.V. (collectively, the GAM Group), and 38.11 percent for producers and exporters that were not individually investigated. The Department stated, in its *Final Determination,* that it would ''not instruct CBP to suspend liquidation or collect cash deposits calculated herein unless the {CVD} Suspension Agreement is terminated.''[6] The ITC subsequently made an affirmative determination of material injury to an industry in the United States by reason of imports of sugar from Mexico.[7]

Since June 2016, the Department and GOM have held consultations regarding the CVD Suspension Agreement to address concerns raised by the domestic industry and to ensure that the CVD Suspension Agreement meets all of the statutory requirements for a suspension agreement, *e.g.,* that suspension of the investigation is in the public interest, including the availability of supplies of sugar in the U.S. market, and that effective monitoring is practicable. On June 14, 2017, the Department and the GOM initialed a draft amendment to the CVD Suspension Agreement. The Department invited interested parties to provide written comments on the proposed amendment by June 21, 2017, and rebuttal comments by June 26, 2017.[8] On June 17, 2017, the Department released a memorandum explaining how the draft amendment, as integrated with the CVD Suspension Agreement (the draft amended CVD Suspension Agreement) meets the requirements of section 704(c) of the Act and invited interested parties to provide written comments by no later than the close of business on June 23, 2017, with rebuttal comments due no later than the close of business on June 26, 2017.[9]

Scope of Agreement

See Section I, Product Coverage, of the CVD Suspension Agreement.

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[1] *See Sugar from Mexico: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation,* 79 FR 22790 (April 24, 2014).

[2] *See Sugar from Mexico: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Determination and Alignment of Final Countervailing Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination,* 79 FR 51956 (September 2, 2014).

[3] *See Sugar From Mexico: Suspension of Countervailing Duty Investigation,* 79 FR 78044 (December 29, 2014).

[4] *See Sugar from Mexico; Determinations,* 80 FR 16426 (March 27, 2015).

[5] *See Sugar From Mexico: Continuation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations,* 80 FR 25278 (May 4, 2015); *Sugar From Mexico: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination,* 80 FR 57337 (September 23, 2015) (*Final Determination*).

[6] *Final Determination,* 80 FR at 57338.

[7] *See Sugar From Mexico,* 80 FR 70833 (November 16, 2015) (*Final ITC Determination*).

[8] *See* Memorandum entitled ''Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico,'' dated June 14, 2017 and Memorandum entitled ''Placing Press Release on the Record of the Proceeding,'' dated June 30, 2017.

[9] *See* Memorandum from P. Lee Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, entitled ''Draft Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico: U.S. Import Coverage, Existence of Extraordinary Circumstances, Public Interest, and Effective Monitoring Assessments,'' dated June 16, 2017.