

1387]; Safe Drinking Water Act [42 U.S.C. 300f–300j–26]; TEA–21 Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m), 133(b)(11)]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001–4128]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271–1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 [33 U.S.C. 401–406].

9. *Hazardous Materials: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)*, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) [42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*]; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) [42 U.S.C. 6901–6992(k)].

10. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

Sabrina S. David,

Division Administrator, Georgia Division, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Commission on Social Impact Partnerships; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Commission on Social Impact Partnerships (“Commission”).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20020. The meeting will be open to the public, and the site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility, members of the public who would like to attend the meeting must register by September 18, 2026, using the following registration link: <https://events.treasury.gov/s/event-template/a2mSJ000000QmvRYAS>. When registering for the public meeting, you will be asked to provide your name, title, and organizational affiliation. Use of ID.me is required to register for the meeting.

The meeting will also be livestreamed via Treasury’s webcast: <https://events.treasury.gov/s/event-template/a2mSJ000000QmvRYAS> for those who are unable to attend in person. The webcast is for viewing only; participants will not be able to ask questions. The meeting will not be recorded, but meeting minutes will be posted on the SIPRA website: <https://home.treasury.gov/services/social-impact-partnerships/sippra-pay-for-results>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Cook, Designated Federal Officer, by emailing SIPRA@treasury.gov (preferred) or calling (202)–821–5030 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 9, 2018, the President signed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, establishing the Commission under the Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act (“SIPRA”). The Commission’s duties include making recommendations to Treasury on whether to fund social impact partnership grant applications. The Commission consists of nine members. Eight members are appointed by congressional leadership, and the ninth member is appointed by the President. The President’s appointee serves as the Chair of the Commission. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*). During this meeting, the Commission will receive a briefing from Treasury staff on (1) SIPRA’s program structure; (2) update on forthcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); and (3) update on current SIPRA awardees.

Submission of Written Statements: Those wishing to make public comments at the public meeting should register no later than three business days before the public meeting. Written comments must be received one calendar day before the public meeting in order to be considered during the public meeting. Written comments can be emailed to SIPRA@treasury.gov.

Exceptional Circumstances: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), the Department has determined that exceptional

circumstances warrant providing less than seven calendar days’ notice of this meeting in the **Federal Register**. The meeting date was announced to Committee members, program stakeholders, and the public through other channels well in advance, and Committee members and members of the public have made plans, including travel arrangements, in reliance on that schedule. Postponing the meeting at this stage would impose unnecessary costs and disruption on participants and could reduce public participation. In addition, the meeting will primarily provide the Committee and the public with an update from the Department on the status of the program; the Committee is not scheduled to deliberate or make recommendations at this meeting. Under these circumstances, the Department has determined that proceeding on the previously announced date is in the public interest.

Spencer W. Clark,

Treasury Committee Management Officer.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission to Congress of amendment to the sentencing guidelines effective March 15, 2027.

SUMMARY: The United States Sentencing Commission hereby gives notice that the Commission has promulgated an amendment to the *Guidelines Manual*. This notice sets forth the text of the amendment and the reason for the amendment.

DATES: The Commission has specified an effective date of March 15, 2027, for the amendment set forth in this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Dukes, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, (202) 502–4597.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to

the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p). Absent action of the Congress to the contrary, submitted amendments become effective by operation of law on the date specified by the Commission (generally November 1 of the year in which the amendments are submitted to Congress).

Pursuant to its authority under 28 U.S.C. 994(p) and its emergency authority under section 5017 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. 119–75), the Commission has promulgated an amendment to the *Guidelines Manual*. Notice of the proposed amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 2026 (see 91 FR 22228). On September 14, 2026, the Commission submitted this amendment to the Congress and specified an effective date of March 15, 2027.

The text of the amendment, and the reason for the amendment, is set forth below. Additional information pertaining to the amendment described in this notice may be accessed through the Commission's website at www.ussc.gov.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), and (u); Section 5017 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 2.2 and 4.1.

Carlton W. Reeves,
Chair.

Amendment to the Sentencing Guidelines, Policy Statements, and Official Commentary

1. *Amendment:* The Commentary to § 2A5.2 captioned “Statutory Provisions” is amended by striking “49 U.S.C. 46308, 46503, 46504 (formerly 49 U.S.C. 1472(c), (j))” and inserting “49 U.S.C. 46307, 46308, 46503, 46504 (formerly 49 U.S.C. 1472(c), (j))”.

The Commentary to § 2X5.2 captioned “Statutory Provisions” is amended by striking “49 U.S.C. 31310” and inserting “49 U.S.C. 31310, 46307”.

Chapter Three, Part B, is amended by inserting at the end the following new guideline:

“§ 3B1.6. Use of Unmanned Aircraft

(a) (Apply the greater):

(1) If (A) the defendant is convicted of an offense to which the statutory enhancement under 6 U.S.C. 124n–1(c) applies; or (B) the parties stipulate (i) to such an offense for purposes of calculating the guideline range under § 1B1.2 (Applicable Guidelines); or (ii) that the adjustment in this subsection applies, increase by 6 levels.

(2) If the offense otherwise involved the use of an unmanned aircraft, increase by 4 levels.

(b) For purposes of this guideline:

(1) ‘Unmanned aircraft’ has the meaning given that term in 49 U.S.C. 44801.

(2) ‘Use’ does not include mere possession.

(c) Special Instruction

(1) If the use of an unmanned aircraft that forms the basis for an adjustment under this guideline is the only conduct that forms the basis for an enhancement in Chapter Two or another adjustment in Chapter Three, apply the provision that results in the greater offense level.

Commentary

Background: This guideline implements the directive in the SAFER SKIES Act (section 8605(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, Pub. L. 119–60).’.

Appendix A (Statutory Index) is amended by inserting before the line referenced to 49 U.S.C. 46308 the following new line reference:

“49 U.S.C. 46307 2A5.2 (for felony offenses), 2X5.2 (for misdemeanor offenses)”.

Reason for Amendment: This amendment responds to the SAFER SKIES Act (title LXXXVI of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, Pub. L. 119–60) (the “Act”), which contains several provisions relating to criminal penalties for offenses involving aircraft and sets forth a congressional directive to the Commission for offenses involving unmanned aircraft. See Public Law 119–60, 8605 (2025). Emergency amendment authority requires the Commission to promulgate an amendment implementing the directive “as soon as possible” and “not later than December 31, 2026.” Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, Public Law 119–75, 5017(a).

Increased Statutory Penalties for Offenses Associated With Unmanned Aircraft and Related Directive to the Commission

The Act amended the statutory penalties for providing contraband to imprisoned individuals, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1791. Section 1791 sets out statutory maximum terms of imprisonment ranging from six months to twenty years depending on the type of contraband provided to the imprisoned individual. The Act increased the maximum penalty by five years “[i]f a defendant who is convicted under section 1791 . . . knowingly used an unmanned aircraft to provide a prohibited object to an inmate of a prison.” 6 U.S.C. 124n–1(d).

In addition to this specific statutory increase, the Act provided more generally that “[i]f a person who is convicted of a felony offense (other than an offense based solely on the operation of an unmanned aircraft) knowingly operated an unmanned aircraft during, in relation to, or in furtherance of such offense,” the maximum penalty for that offense is doubled or increased by five years, whichever is less. *Id.* § 124n–1(c).

Related to these changes, the Act directed the Commission to “promulgate guidelines, or amendments to guidelines, that substantially increase the sentencing range for all offenses involving the use of an unmanned aircraft.” *Id.* § 124n–1(e)(1)(A). Specifically, for offenses in which the enhanced penalties under 6 U.S.C. 124n–1(c) apply—that is, where the individual knowingly operated an unmanned aircraft during, in relation to, or in furtherance of a felony offense (other than an offense based solely on the operation of an unmanned aircraft)—the guidelines “shall call for an increase of at least 6 levels in the base offense level,” and “in all other cases, the base offense level shall be increased by at least 4 levels.” *Id.* § 124n–1(e)(2).

The amendment implements these provisions of the Act by creating a new guideline at § 3B1.6 (Use of Unmanned Aircraft) providing a tiered adjustment of either 6 or 4 levels for offenses involving the use of an unmanned aircraft. Section 3B1.6 provides a 6-level increase if the defendant is convicted of an offense to which the statutory sentencing enhancement under 6 U.S.C. 124n–1(c) applies, or if the parties stipulate to such an offense for purposes of calculating the guideline range or that the adjustment applies to the offense of conviction. Section 3B1.6 provides a 4-level increase if the offense otherwise involved the use of an unmanned aircraft.

Under the new provision, “unmanned aircraft” has the meaning given to that term in 49 U.S.C. 44801. Further, the amendment includes a provision expressly stating that “use” does not include mere possession. This definition of “use” is consistent with the definition in § 3B1.5 (Use of Body Armor in Drug Trafficking Crimes and Crimes of Violence). See USSG App. C, amend. 659 (effective Nov. 1, 2003) (implementing the directive in section 11009 of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Pub. L. 107–273).

To avoid unwarranted double counting, a special instruction directs that if the use of an unmanned aircraft that forms the basis for an adjustment

under this provision is the only conduct that forms the basis for a Chapter Two enhancement or another Chapter Three adjustment, then the court should apply the provision that results in the greater offense level.

New Felony Offense for Repeated Violations of 49 U.S.C. 46307

The Act created a felony offense for repeated convictions for violating national defense airspace under 49 U.S.C. 46307. Section 46307 establishes a criminal offense when an individual knowingly and willfully violates an order issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40103(b)(3) that restricts or prohibits civil aircraft in certain navigable airspace “in the interest of national defense.” An offense under section 46307 constitutes a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison. The Act added a maximum five-year penalty for a person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under section 46307. In response to this new statutory provision, the amendment revises Appendix A to reference 49 U.S.C. 46307 to § 2A5.2 (Interference with Flight Crew Member or Flight Attendant; Interference with Dispatch, Navigation, Operation, or Maintenance of Mass Transportation Vehicle; Unsafe Operation of Unmanned Aircraft) for felony offenses and § 2X5.2 (Class A Misdemeanors (Not Covered by Another Specific Offense Guideline)) for misdemeanor offenses.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Request for Applications; Victims’ Rights Advisory Group

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In view of an upcoming vacancy in the membership of the Victims’ Rights Advisory Group, the United States Sentencing Commission hereby invites any individual who has knowledge, expertise, or experience in federal crime victimization to apply to be appointed to the advisory group. An applicant for membership of the Victims’ Rights Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

DATES: Application materials for membership in the Victims’ Rights

Advisory Group should be received not later than November 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: An applicant for membership of the Victims’ Rights Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Commission by electronic mail or regular mail. The email address is pubaffairs@ussc.gov. The regular mail address is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE, Suite 2–500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002–8002, Attention: Public Affairs—VRAG Membership.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Dukes, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, (202) 502–4597. More information about the Victims’ Rights Advisory Group is available on the Commission’s website at www.ussc.gov/advisory-groups.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

The Victims’ Rights Advisory Group is a standing advisory group of the United States Sentencing Commission established pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under the charter for the Victims’ Rights Advisory Group, the purpose of the advisory group is (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. 994(o); (2) to provide to the Commission its views on the Commission’s activities and work, including proposed priorities and amendments, as they relate to victims of crime; (3) to disseminate information regarding sentencing issues to organizations represented by the Victims’ Rights Advisory Group and to other victims of crime and victims advocacy groups, as appropriate; and (4) to perform any other functions related to victims of crime as the Commission requests. The advisory group consists of not more than nine members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Each member is appointed by the Commission.

In view of an upcoming vacancy in the membership of the Victims’ Rights Advisory Group, the Commission

invites any individual who has knowledge, expertise, or experience in federal crime victimization to apply to be appointed to the Victims’ Rights Advisory Group by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), 995; USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 2.2(c), 5.4.

Carlton W. Reeves,
Chair.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses, Subcommittee on Veteran Engagement, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10, that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses Subcommittee on Veteran Engagement will hold a Veteran Engagement Session (VES) on October 23, 2026 at the Fairmont Washington, DC, Georgetown, 2401 M Street NW, Washington, DC, 20037 in the Longmont room. The formal VES will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. (ET) followed by informal conversations with interested Gulf War Veterans until 8:00 p.m. (ET). This session will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Veteran Engagement subcommittee is to hear directly from Gulf War Veterans about past and current health and quality of life issues to better understand the Veteran’s experience of living with Gulf War Illness. It is also an opportunity to share the importance of participating in research and the role of VA research in informing Veteran healthcare and policy. Information obtained from the session will be carried to the parent committee to support the RACGWVI mission to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans, and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the 1990–91 Gulf War.