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In developing the WOGCE, the Department consulted with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) consistent with section 102(2)(B) of NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(B).

II. Categorical Exclusions Justification

The Department and the BLM find that the categories of actions described in the CE being added to DOI's NEPA implementing procedures normally do not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. This finding is based on the BLM's long history of authorizing, regulating, and monitoring winter oil and gas exploration activities in the NPR-A, which demonstrates that winter operations—conducted on ice infrastructure, under Required Operating Procedures (ROPs), and within required environmental safeguards—do not produce significant or lasting environmental impacts. Ongoing improvements in technology, operational practices, and community engagement further reinforce the limited nature of these impacts.

To demonstrate the finding that actions under the proposed CE would normally not significantly affect the quality of the human environment, the BLM reviewed all WOGCE projects that have been approved and implemented over the last 28 years for which the BLM prepared 47 EAs and reached FONSI findings of no new significant impact (FONSIIs) that have been verified through post-implementation review and summarized them in the CE substantiation report included in this notice's supporting documentation. These 47 EAs that supported FONSIIs and FONSIIs analyzed actions that are similar to and would fall within this CE. That is, because of its extensive experience with these types of actions, the BLM can confirm that the environmental impacts of these actions do not normally rise to the level of significance that would require preparation of an EIS and need not prepare additional EAs for each new action of these types.

Notwithstanding the BLM's findings regarding the normal environmental impacts of these types of individual permitting actions, DOI recognizes that certain proposed actions, when reviewed on a case-by-case basis, may implicate one or more extraordinary circumstances, and for those proposed actions where a normally excluded action may have a significant effect, bureaus will prepare an EA or EIS. Thus, prior to applying any CE, bureaus will review the proposed action to ensure it is covered by the CE and

evaluate the proposed action for the presence of any extraordinary circumstances.

DOI requires that any action for which the new CE is applied must be documented. BLM documents CE use with a checklist to demonstrate: (a) the applicability of the CE, and (b) that no extraordinary circumstances are present such that a normally excluded action may have a significant effect. In such cases where a normally excluded action may have a significant effect, BLM will conduct additional NEPA analysis and prepare an EA or EIS, as appropriate, before authorizing the action.

III. Text Added to the U.S. Department of the Interior Handbook of NEPA Implementing Procedures, Appendix 2: Bureau Categorical Exclusions

The *DOI Handbook of NEPA Implementing Procedures, Appendix 2: Bureau Categorical Exclusions* includes the following language:

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Bureau of Land Management

11.9 Actions Eligible for Categorical Exclusion (CE)

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B. Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Energy

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(9) Approval of seismic surveys, applications for permit to drill, and grants of rights of way for wintertime oil and gas exploration activities within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A).

- (a) Covered activities:
 - (i) Vibroseis seismic methods;
 - (ii) Construction of temporary ice road and snow routes for access;
 - (iii) Construction of ice pads, use of camps and associated support equipment;
 - (iv) Water withdrawals and associated access;
 - (v) Appraisal or delineation activities (drilling of wells and sidetracks from existing wells), well stimulation equipment, well testing (e.g., flow tests), well suspension, and plugging, and/or abandonment; and
 - (vi) Helicopter-assisted summer cleanup activities associated with the prior winter drilling season.

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Authorities: NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*)

Troy Finnegan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM–2026–0892]

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Gulf of America Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas One Big Beautiful Bill Act Lease Sale 4

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability for the proposed notice of sale.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces the availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale (NOS) for the Gulf of America (GOA) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) Lease Sale 4 (Lease Sale BBG4). BOEM is publishing this Notice pursuant to its regulatory authority under 30 CFR part 556. Pursuant to Section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, the Secretary of the Interior provides the Governors of affected States and the executive of any affected local government with the opportunity to review and comment on the Proposed NOS. The Proposed NOS describes the proposed size, timing, and location of the sale, including lease stipulations, terms and conditions, minimum bids, royalty rates, and rental rates which are required by Section 50102 of the OBBBA for this sale.

DATES: Comments received from the Governors and the executive of any affected local government on the size, timing, and location of this sale must be submitted to BOEM no later than December 8, 2026. BOEM will publish the Final NOS in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening is currently scheduled for March 10, 2027.

ADDRESSES: The Proposed NOS for Lease Sale BBG4 and Proposed NOS Package containing information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from the Gulf of America Region Public Affairs Office, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394; telephone: (504) 736–2519. The Proposed NOS and Proposed NOS Package also are available for downloading or viewing on BOEM's website at <http://www.boem.gov/Sale-BBG4/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bridgette Duplantis, Section Supervisor, Leasing and Financial Responsibility, Office of Leasing and Plans, 504–736–7502, bridgette.duplantis@boem.gov or

Ben Burnett, Division Manager, Leasing Policy and Management Division, Office of Strategic Resources, 703–787–1782, Benjamin.Burnett@boem.gov.

Authority: This sale will be held pursuant to the requirements of the OBBBA. This Notice of Availability of the Proposed NOS is published pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* (Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended) and 30 CFR 556.304. Secretary's Order 3451 established the Marine Minerals Administration (MMA) and incorporated the authorities and function of the former BOEM and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) into the MMA. Accordingly, this notice is issued under the continuing authority of the former BOEM as now delegated to the MMA.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Director, Marine Minerals Administration.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1408]

Certain Hydrodermabrasion Systems and Components Thereof; Notice of Vacatur of the Commission's Final Determination and Mootness of the Investigation by the Federal Circuit Due to Patent Expiration

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission's ("Commission") final determination in the above-captioned investigation has been vacated by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ("Federal Circuit") and the investigation is terminated as moot as ordered by the Federal Circuit. The investigation was previously terminated on March 23, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan D. Link, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–3103. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 17, 2024, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of HydraFacial LLC, f/k/a Edge Systems LLC, of Long Beach, California ("HydraFacial"). 89 FR 58188–89 (July 17, 2024). The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337"), based on the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or sale within the United States after importation of certain hydrodermabrasion systems and components thereof by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 11,865,287 patent ("the '287 patent"). *Id.* The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by section 337. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named as respondents Cartessa Aesthetics, LLC ("Cartessa") of Melville, New York; and Eunsung Global Corp. of Republic of Korea. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not participating in this investigation. *Id.*

On January 21, 2025, the Commission terminated the investigation as to Eunsung based on a consent order. Order No. 19 (Dec. 19, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n* Notice (Jan. 21, 2025).

On March 23, 2026, the Commission terminated the investigation with a final determination finding a violation of the asserted claims of the '287 patent under section 337 by Cartessa. 91 FR 14713–714 (Mar. 26, 2026). However, the Commission suspended enforcement of any remedial orders because the '287 patent would expire on March 29, 2026, during the 60-day period of Presidential review. *Id.* Respondent appealed the Commission's final determination to the Federal Circuit.

While the appeal was pending, the '287 patent expired, and pursuant to their terms, the remedial orders are no longer in effect. Cartessa moved to dismiss the appeal as moot and vacate the Commission opinion. The Commission did not oppose. HydraFacial did not oppose dismissal but opposed vacating the Commission opinion.

On July 23, 2026, the Federal Circuit issued an order vacating the Commission's final determination and remanding the investigation to the Commission with instructions to "dismiss the investigation as moot."

Cartessa Aesthetics, LLC v. United States Int'l Trade Commission, Appeal Nos. 26–1582, 26–1881 (Fed. Cir. July 23, 2026). The Federal Circuit issued the mandate on September 15, 2026.

Because the present investigation was previously terminated, the Commission confirms via this notice that Investigation No. 337–TA–1408 is terminated as moot. The Commission's final determination was vacated per the Federal Circuit's order. *Id.*

The Commission vote for this determination took place on October 3, 2026.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in Part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR Part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: October 2, 2026.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–650–651 (Review)]

Phosphate Fertilizers From Morocco and Russia; Scheduling of Full Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of full reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty orders on phosphate fertilizers from Morocco and Russia would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. The Commission has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days.

DATES: October 6, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stamen Borisson ((202) 205–3125), 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