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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket Number USCG–2017–0032]

RIN 1625–AA08

Special Local Regulation; Black Warrior River; Tuscaloosa, AL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary special local regulation on the Black Warrior River extending the entire width of the river from mile marker 339.0 to mile marker 341.5 in Tuscaloosa, AL. The special local regulation is needed to protect the persons participating in the NCAA Collegiate Rowing Competition marine event. This rulemaking restricts transit into, through and within the regulated area unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Mobile.

DATES: This rule is effective from 7 a.m. until noon on February 25, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to *http://www.regulations.gov,* type USCG–2017–0032 in the ''SEARCH'' box and click ''SEARCH.'' Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email LT Fannie L. Wilks, Sector Mobile, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 251–441–5940, email *Fannie.L.Wilks@uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
PATCOM Patrol Commander
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are ''impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.'' Under 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 doing so would be impracticable. The event sponsors informed the U.S. Coast Guard of the marine event on January 3, 2017. After gathering all necessary information, including safety needs related to this event, the Coast Guard determined that the related special local regulation is necessary during this event. At this time, it would be impracticable to complete the full notice and comment process because this special local regulation must be established on February 25, 2017.

We are issuing this rule, and under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this temporary rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. For the same reasons discussed in the preceding paragraph, waiting for a 30 day notice period to run would be impracticable.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1233. The Captain of the Port Mobile (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the rowing event on February 25, 2017 will be a safety concern for anyone within the area of the Black Warrior River between mile marker 339.0 and mile marker 341.5. This rule is needed to protect participants, spectators, and other persons and vessels during the rowing event on navigable waters.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a special local regulation on February 25, 2017, which will be enforced between the hours of 7 a.m. and noon. The special local regulation takes place on the Black Warrior River between mile marker 339.0 and mile marker 341.5, extending the entire width of the navigable channel. The duration of the regulation is intended to protect participants, spectators, and other persons and vessels before, during, and after the rowing event. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter, transit within or through, or exit the regulated area without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. Spectator vessels desiring to enter, transit through or within, or exit the regulated area may request permission to do so from the Patrol Commander. When permitted to transit the area vessels must follow restrictions within the regulated area as directed by the Coast Guard, and must operate at a minimum safe navigation speed in a manner which will not endanger participants in the regulated area or any other vessels.

V. 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, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This rule has not been designated a ''significant regulatory action,'' under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, it has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, duration, and time-of-year of the regulation. The special local regulation will take place on a 2.5 mile stretch of navigable

waterway, during a short duration of five hours on the Black Warrior River from mile marker 339.0 to 341.5 on February 25, 2017, which is a time of year experiencing lower than normal traffic. Moreover, the Coast Guard will issue Broadcast Notices to Mariners via VHF–FM marine channel 16 about the regulation so that waterway users may plan accordingly for transits during this restriction. The rule also allows vessels to seek permission from the COTP Mobile or a designated representative to enter the regulated area.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term ''small entities'' comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the regulated area may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 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.

C. 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).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

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

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. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.lD, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), 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 involves a special local regulation lasting for five hours on the Black Warrior River between mile marker 339.0 and mile marker 341.5. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(h) of Figure 2–1 of the Commandant Instruction. An environmental analysis checklist supporting this determination and a Categorical Exclusion Determination are available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233.

■ 2. Add § 100.35T08–0032 to read as follows:

§ 100.35T08–0032 Special Local Regulation; Black Warrior River; Tuscaloosa, AL.

(a) *Regulated area.* All navigable waters of the Black Warrior River between mile marker 339.0 and mile marker 341.5, Tuscaloosa, AL.

(b) *Period of enforcement.* This rule will be enforced from 7 a.m. until noon on February 25, 2017.

(c) *Special local regulations.* (1) Entry into, transit within or through, or exit from this area is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Mobile (COTP) or the designated Patrol Commander. The Coast Guard will patrol the regulated area under the direction of a designated Coast Guard Patrol Commander. The Patrol Commander may be contacted on Channel 16 VHF–FM (156.8 MHz) by the call sign ''PATCOM''.

(2) All persons and vessels not registered with the sponsor as participants or official patrol vessels are considered spectators. The ''official patrol vessels'' consist of any Coast

Guard, state, or local law enforcement and sponsor provided vessels assigned or approved by the Captain of the Port (COTP) Mobile to patrol the regulated area.

(3) Spectator vessels desiring to transit the regulated area may do so only with prior approval of the Patrol Commander and when so directed by that officer will be operated at a minimum safe navigation speed in a manner which will not endanger participants in the regulated area or any other vessels.

(4) No spectator vessel shall anchor, block, loiter, or impede the through transit of participants or official patrol vessels in the regulated area during the effective dates and times, unless cleared for entry by or through an official patrol vessel.

(5) The patrol commander may forbid and control the movement of all vessels in the regulated area. When hailed or signaled by an official patrol vessel, a vessel shall come to an immediate stop and comply with the directions given. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to comply, or both.

(6) Any spectator vessel may anchor outside the regulated area, but may not anchor in, block, or loiter in a navigable channel. Spectator vessels may be moored to a waterfront facility within the regulated area in such a way that they shall not interfere with the progress of the event. Such mooring must be complete at least 30 minutes prior to the establishment of the regulated area and remain moored through the duration of the event.

(7) The Patrol Commander may terminate the event or the operation of any vessel at any time it is deemed necessary for the protection of life or property.

(8) The Patrol Commander will terminate enforcement of the special local regulations at the conclusion of the event.

(d) *Informational Broadcasts.* The COTP Mobile or a designated representative will inform the public through broadcast notices to mariners of the enforcement period for the regulated area as well as any changes in the date and times of enforcement.

Dated: January 25, 2017.

J.H. Snowden,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Mobile.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2017–0019]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Loop Parkway Bridge—Long Creek, Hempstead, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone on Long Creek in Hempstead, NY around the Loop Parkway Bridge. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by the Weeks Marine Loop Parkway Submarine Cable Routing and Protection Project. This regulation prohibits entry of vessels or people into the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Long Island Sound.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from February 23, 2017 through February 24, 2017. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from January 25, 2017, through February 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to *http://www.regulations.gov,* type USCG–2017–0019 in the ''SEARCH'' box and click ''SEARCH.'' Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, contact Petty Officer Katherine Linnick, Prevention Department, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound, telephone (203) 468–4565, email *Katherine.E.Linnick@uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

COTP Captain of the Port
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
LIS Long Island Sound
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NAD 83 North American Datum 1983
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

On January 5, 2017, Weeks Marine notified the Coast Guard that it will conduct a project involving the installation of new electrical cables across Long Creek in Hempstead, NY under the Loop Parkway Bridge. The project is scheduled to begin on January 25, 2017 and be completed by February 24, 2017. The work will require the installation of two power submarine cables and one control submarine cable for the Loop Parkway Bridge over Long Creek. Several barges will be in place during the temporary rigging and suspension of cables across the channel. The main channel will be trenched for final placement of the cables. Upon final placement, sand bags and stone will be placed to protect the installed cables. The work area is primarily between Pier 6 and Pier 13 on the south side of the Loop Parkway Bridge on Long Creek. The COTP Long Island Sound has determined that the potential hazards associated with the cable crossing project will be a safety concern for anyone within the work area.

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are ''impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.'' Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM with respect to this rule because doing so would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The late finalization of project details did not give the Coast Guard enough time to publish an NPRM, take public comments, and issue a final rule before the cable crossing operation is set to begin. It would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest to delay promulgating this rule as it is necessary to protect the safety of the public and waterway users.

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

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The legal basis for this temporary rule is 33 U.S.C. 1231. The COTP Sector LIS has determined that potential hazards associated with the submarine cable project starting on January 25, 2017 and continuing through February 24, 2017 will be a safety concern for anyone within the work zone. This rule is needed to protect people and vessels within the safety zone while the submarine cable project is completed.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from 6:00 a.m. on January 25, 2017 through 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2017. The safety zone will cover all navigable waters of Long Creek in Hempstead, NY around the Loop Parkway Bridge: beginning at a point in position at 40°36′18″ N., 073°34′13″ W. north of Pier 6 on the Loop Parkway Bridge; then south to a point in position at 40°36′12″ N., 073°34′12″ W. south of Pier 6 on the Loop Parkway Bridge; then east across Long Creek channel to a point in position at 40°36′13″ N., 073°34′08″ W.; then north to a point in position at 40°36′18″ N., 073°34′09″ W.; then west across the Long Creek channel back to point of origin (NAD 83). All positions are approximate. The duration of the zone is intended to protect people, vessels, and the marine environment in these navigable waters during the Weeks Marine Loop Parkway Submarine Cable Routing and Protection Project. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

The Coast Guard will notify the public and local mariners of this safety zone through appropriate means, which may include, but are not limited to, publication in the **Federal Register**, the Local Notice to Mariners, and Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF–FM marine channel16 twenty-four hours in advance of any scheduled enforcement period. The regulatory text we are enforcing appears at the end of this document.

V. 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, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This rule has not been designated a ''significant regulatory action,'' under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, it has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, duration, and time-of-year of the safety zone. Vessel traffic will be able to safely transit around this safety zone, which will affect a small designated area of Long Creek during the winter months when vessel traffic is normally low. Moreover, the Coast Guard will notify the public of enforcement of this rule via appropriate means, such as Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners or VHF–FM marine channel 16 to increase public awareness of this safety zone and the procedure to allow persons or vessels to seek permission to enter the zone.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term ''small entities'' comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit this regulated area may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator. Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 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.

C. Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

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

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. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.lD, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a determination 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 temporary rule involves a safety zone enforced from January 25, 2017 through February 24,

2017 that would prohibit entry within the work zone during the submarine cable installation project. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(g) of Figure 2–1 of Commandant Instruction M16475.lD. A environmental analysis checklist and Categorical Exclusion Determination are available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and record keeping requirements, Security measures, and 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: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; and Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T01–0019 to read as follows:

§ 165.T01–0019 Safety Zone; Loop Parkway Bridge; Long Creek, Hempstead, NY.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All navigable waters of Long Creek in Hempstead, NY around the Loop Parkway Bridge, contained within the following area; beginning at a point in position 40°36′18″ N., 073°34′13″ W. north of Pier 6 on the Loop Parkway Bridge; then south to a point in position at 40°36′12″ N., 073°34′12″ W. south of Pier 6 on the Loop Parkway Bridge; then east across Long Creek channel to a point in position at 40°36′13″ N., 073°34′08″ W.; then north to a point in position at 40°36′18″ N., 073°34′09″ W.; then west across the Long Creek channel back to point of origin (NAD 83). All positions are approximate.

(b) *Effective and enforcement period.* This rule will be effective from 6:00 a.m. on January 25, 2017 through 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2017, but will only be enforced during cable installation operations or other instances which may cause a hazard to navigation, when deemed necessary by the Captain of the Port (COTP), Long Island Sound. The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF–FM marine channel 16 twenty-four hours in advance to any scheduled period of enforcement or as soon as practicable in response to an emergency. In the event that project work in the main channel is completed prior to the end of the effective date of February 24, 2017, the Coast Guard will suspend the safety zone and notify the public of channel reopening via VHF–FM marine channel 16 for twenty-four hours after reopening.

(c) *Definitions.* The following definitions apply to this section: A ''designated representative'' is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard who has been designated by the COTP, Long Island Sound, to act on his or her behalf. The designated representative may be on an official patrol vessel or may be on shore and will communicate with vessels via VHF–FM radio or loudhailer. ''Official patrol vessels'' may consist of any Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, state, or local law enforcement vessels assigned or approved by the COTP Long Island Sound. In addition, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary may be present to inform vessel operators of this regulation. A ''work vessel'' is any vessel provided by Weeks Marine for the Loop Parkway Bridge Submarine Cable and Protection Project and may be hailed via VHF channel 13 or 16.

(d) *Regulations.* (1) The general regulations contained in 33 CFR 165.23 apply.

(2) In accordance with the general regulations in 33 CFR 165.23, entry into or movement within this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP Long Island Sound.

(3) Operators of vessels desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone should contact the COTP Long Island Sound at 203–468–4401 (Sector LIS command center) or the designated representative on scene via VHF channel 16 to obtain permission to do so. Request to enter or operate in the safety zone must be made twenty-four hours in advance.

(4) Mariners are requested to proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made. Mariners are requested to cooperate with the Weeks Marine project work vessels for the safety of all concerned. The Weeks Marine project work vessels will be monitoring VHF channels 13 and 16. Mariners are requested to proceed with extreme caution and operate at their slowest safe speed as to not cause a wake.

(5) Any vessel given permission to enter or operate in the safety zone must comply with all directions given to them by the COTP Long Island Sound, or the designated on scene representative.

(6) Upon being hailed by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel by siren, radio, flashing light or other means, the operator of the vessel shall proceed as directed.

Dated: January 24, 2017.

A.E Tucci,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Long Island Sound.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

36 CFR Part 1253

[FDMS No. NARA–17–0002]; Agency No. NARA–2017–021

RIN 3095–AB94

Location of NARA Facilities and Hours of Use: Barack Obama Library

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: NARA is amending our Location of NARA Facilities and Hours of Use regulation to add the address and contact information for the Barack Obama Presidential Library. These changes will affect all people who wish to access records from the Barack Obama Presidential administration.

DATES: This rule is effective on March 27, 2017 without further notice, unless we receive adverse written comment that warrants revision by March 15, 2017. If we receive such comments, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Keravuori, by telephone at 301–837–3151, by email at *regulation_comments@nara.gov,* or by mail at Kimberly Keravuori, External Policy Program Manager; Strategy Division (MP), Suite 4100; National Archives and Records Administration; 8601 Adelphi Road; College Park, MD 20740–6001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Review Information

This rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of E.O. 12866 and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). It is also not a major rule as defined in 5 U.S.C. Chapter 8, Congressional Review of Agency Rulemaking. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, we certify that this rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. It simply adds address and contact information for a new NARA facility.

NARA believes that a public comment period is unnecessary as this rule simply adds a new NARA facility, so it meets the good cause exception under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C.(b)(3)(B)). This rule also does not have any Federalism implications.

List of Subjects in 36 CFR Part 1253

Archives and records, Federal buildings and facilities, Presidential records.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, NARA amends 36 CFR part 1250 as follows:

PART 1253—LOCATION OF NARA FACILITIES AND HOURS OF USE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1253 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 2104(a).

■ 2. Amend § 1253.3 by adding paragraph (n) to read as follows:

§ 1253.3 Presidential Libraries.

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(n) Barack Obama Library is located at 2500 West Golf Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169–1114. The phone number is 847–252–5700 and the fax number is 847–252–5799. The email address is *obama.library@nara.gov.*

David S. Ferriero,

Archivist of the United States.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 73 and 76

[MB Docket No. 16–161; FCC 17–3]

Expansion of Revisions to Public Inspection File Requirements—Broadcaster Correspondence File and Cable Principal Headend Location

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) eliminates two public inspection file requirements: The requirement that commercial broadcast stations retain in their public inspection file copies of letters and emails from the public; and the requirement that cable operators maintain for public inspection the designation and location of the cable system's principal headend. Our actions will reduce regulatory burdens on commercial broadcasters and cable operators, advance regulatory parity with respect to our public file requirements among various program distributors, and improve security at local stations and principal headend locations.

DATES: Effective February 23, 2017, except for the amendments to §§ 73.3526, 76.5, 76.1700, and 76.1708, which contain information collection requirements that have not been approved by OMB. The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of those amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Matthews, Media Bureau, Policy Division, 202–418–2154, or email at *kim.matthews@fcc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, FCC 17–3, adopted on January 31, 2017 and released on January 31, 2017. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. This document will also be available via ECFS at *http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/*. Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat. Alternative formats are available for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), by sending an email to *fcc504@fcc.gov* or calling the Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY).

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Analysis

The *Report and Order* contains new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The requirements will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under section 3507(d) of the PRA. OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies will be invited to comment on the new or modified information collection requirements contained in this proceeding. In addition, we note that pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, we previously sought specific comment on how the Commission might further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

Summary

I. Introduction

1. In the *Report and Order,* we eliminate two public inspection file requirements: (i) The requirement that commercial broadcast stations retain in their public inspection file copies of letters and emails from the public; and (ii) the requirement that cable operators maintain for public inspection the designation and location of the cable system's principal headend. Because of potential privacy concerns associated with putting the correspondence file online and because many cable operators prefer not to post online the location of their principal headend for security reasons, removing these requirements will enable commercial broadcasters and cable operators to make their entire public inspection file available online without these privacy and security concerns and eliminate the need to maintain a local public file.

2. Principal headend location information must be accessible to the Commission, however, to enable it to enforce its signal leakage rules and to respond to must-carry and signal leakage complaints. In addition, broadcast television stations must have access to this information in order to exercise their must-carry rights and franchisors may need it in connection with their oversight of local cable systems and operations. Accordingly, we will require cable systems to provide principal headend location information to these entities upon request. In lieu of responding to individual requests for such information, operators may alternatively elect voluntarily to provide this information to the Commission for inclusion in the Commission's online public inspection file (''OPIF'') database and may elect to make the information publicly available there.

3. Eliminating the correspondence file and principal headend public file requirements will reduce regulatory burdens on commercial broadcasters and cable operators. By permitting these entities to cease maintaining a local public file, our actions will also advance

regulatory parity with respect to our public file requirements among various program distributors and improve security at local stations and principal headend locations.

II. Background

A. Correspondence File

4. Section 73.3526(e)(9) of the Commission's rules provides that commercial broadcast stations must retain in their public inspection file ''[a]ll written comments and suggestions received from the public regarding operation of the station unless the letter writer has requested that the letter not be made public or the licensee believes the letter should be excluded from public inspection because of the nature of its content,'' such as a situation in which a letter contains content that is defamatory or obscene. The rule expressly includes email messages transmitted to station management or to an email address publicized by the station.

5. As discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in this proceeding, *Revisions to Public Inspection File Requirements—Broadcaster Correspondence File and Cable Principal Headend Location,* Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 81 FR 40617, June 22, 2016 (*NPRM*), the Commission first required commercial radio and television broadcasters to retain written comments and suggestions from the public and make them available for public inspection in 1973. The original correspondence file rule was adopted together with a requirement that commercial broadcast stations air regular announcements ''informing the public of the licensee's obligation to the public and of the appropriate method for individuals to express their opinions of the station's operation.'' The purpose of the correspondence file was ''to permit a member of the public to better determine the nature of community feedback being received by the licensees and the extent to which his or her opinions regarding community problems and needs and/or the licensee's station operation might be shared by other members of the community.'' The Commission later removed the requirement that licensees air announcements regarding their obligations to the public, noting that section 73.3580 of the rules requires that both commercial and noncommercial stations make announcements in connection with the filing of their license renewal applications and concluding that these renewal application announcements were sufficient to inform the public of the ''Commission's oversight functions and the availability of public recourse.'' The Commission, however, retained the requirement that licensees keep all written comments and suggestions received from the public in their public inspection files.

6. The correspondence file requirement applies only to commercial broadcasters; there is no similar requirement for noncommercial broadcasters. There is also no correspondence file requirement for cable operators, DBS providers, or satellite radio licensees, all of which have other public inspection file obligations.

B. Principal Headend Location

7. Section 76.1708 of the Commission's rules requires operators of all cable television systems to ''maintain for public inspection the designation and location of [the system's] principal headend. If an operator changes the designation of its principal headend, that new designation must also be included in its public file.'' The Commission first adopted the principal headend public file requirement in a 1993 order implementing the must-carry and retransmission consent provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992. *Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Broadcast Signal Carriage Issues, Report and Order,* 58 FR 17350, April 2,1993 (''*Must-Carry Order*''). Under the Cable Act, commercial television stations must deliver a good quality signal to a cable system's ''principal headend'' in order to be eligible for must-carry rights on that system. The Cable Act's provisions regarding eligibility for must-carry rights for noncommercial and low power television stations also refer to a cable system's ''principal headend.'' In the *Must-Carry Order,* the Commission required cable systems to retain various records relating to must-carry obligations in their public file, including, as noted above, the designation and location of the system's principal headend.

C. Online Public Inspection File

8. In 2012, the Commission adopted online public inspection file rules for television broadcasters that required them to post public file documents to a central, FCC-hosted online database rather than maintaining files locally at their main studios. *See Television Online Public File Order,* 77 FR 27631, May 11, 2012. However, in the *Television Online Public File Order,* the Commission determined that letters and emails from the public should not be uploaded to the online file, but should instead continue to be maintained at the station's main studio. The Commission concluded that including letters and emails from the public in the online file could risk exposing personally identifiable information and that requiring stations to redact such information prior to uploading these documents would be overly burdensome.

9. In January 2016, the Commission adopted the *Expanded Online Public File Order,* 81 FR 10105, February 29, 2016, in which it added cable operators, DBS providers, broadcast radio licensees, and satellite radio licensees to the list of entities required to post their public inspection files to the FCC-hosted online database. With respect to commercial radio licensees, the Commission concluded, consistent with the decision reached in the *Television Online Public File Order,* that it would exempt letters and emails from the public from the requirement to file online and instead require stations to continue to retain such material in their local public file. The Commission also concluded that it would not require cable operators to include principal headend location information in the online public file and gave operators the option instead to continue to retain this information in their local public file.

10. The Commission determined in the *Expanded Online Public File Order* that entities that upload all public file material to the Commission's online database and that also provide online access to back-up political file documents via the entity's own Web site when the Commission's online database is temporarily unavailable will not be required to maintain a local public file. The Commission noted, however, that this option is not available to commercial broadcast licensees, which must continue to retain a correspondence file that cannot be made available online for privacy reasons. In the *NPRM,* the Commission tentatively concluded that it should eliminate the correspondence file requirement. As requested by NCTA, we also proposed in the *NPRM* to eliminate the requirement that cable operators retain information regarding the location of their principal headend in the public inspection file. We noted that the general public has no interest in this information and that eliminating this public file requirement would permit operators who feel the need to avoid posting this information online for security reasons to cease retaining this

information locally and to transition to a fully online public inspection file.

III. Discussion

A. Correspondence File

11. As we proposed in the *NPRM,* we eliminate the requirement that commercial broadcast stations retain letters and emails from the public in their public inspection files. We agree with those commenters who argue that retention of letters and emails is not necessary to ensure that broadcasters comply with their public interest obligation to air programming that is responsive to the needs and interests of their community of license. Viewers and listeners can continue to communicate directly with stations by letter, email, social media, telephone, or other means; the only change is that stations will no longer be required to retain letters and emails and make them publicly available in their local public file.

12. We agree with the Broadcaster Coalition that stations are likely to continue to respond to concerns raised by consumers even though they are no longer required to retain all written communications for public inspection. Stations have an economic incentive to be responsive to their consumers. The Broadcaster Coalition notes that, as they have with letters and emails from the public, stations now monitor their social media accounts to understand viewers' reactions to stories and obtain feedback about the operation of the station. We also agree with those commenters who note that the volume of commentary on social media sites about a station's performance is likely to far exceed the number of letters and emails a station receives. Unlike the correspondence file, these Internet postings are readily available online where they can be viewed by interested parties.

13. Our action today will have little, if any, impact on the Commission's role in reviewing licensee performance. As we stated in the *NPRM,* the Commission's scrutiny of most licensee conduct occurs in conjunction with consideration of a station's license renewal application. Interested listeners and viewers may file petitions or objections concerning licensee performance at the time the station files its renewal application. Licensees are required to air announcements notifying their viewers and listeners that they have the opportunity to provide feedback during the Commission's review of the license renewal application. Petitions and objections filed in connection with a license renewal application are accessible by the public in the Commission's Consolidated Database System (CDBS). Interested parties may also file formal and informal complaints at any time during a station's license period. The Commission maintains a public Web site that permits consumers to file informal complaints directly with the Commission.

14. While we recognize that some consumers may not have Internet access at home, lack access to broadband, or lack digital media skills, we disagree with those commenters who argue that these concerns warrant requiring commercial broadcasters to continue to maintain a correspondence file. The record suggests that few consumers seek access to the correspondence file. Consumers can continue to communicate directly with stations by letter or telephone and those without Internet access at home may also be able to access the online public file from locations, such as public libraries, that provide Internet access to the public. In addition, consumers who are unable to access or navigate the Commission's Web site can file an informal objection to a renewal application by mail. Consumers can also contact the Commission toll-free by telephone to file an informal complaint against a station.

15. Eliminating the correspondence file requirement will have the added benefit of permitting commercial broadcasters to transition to an entirely online public file and cease maintaining a local public file. This change will reduce regulatory burdens on commercial broadcasters and allow them to realize the cost savings and other efficiencies of an entirely online file. Eliminating the correspondence file will also advance regulatory parity by providing commercial broadcasters with the same opportunity as other entities with online file requirements to provide online access to all public file materials, and will permit commercial licensees concerned about security to limit public access to a station's facilities.

16. We note that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires television licensees to include in their license renewal application ''a summary of written comments and suggestions'' that are both ''received from the public,'' and ''maintained by the licensee (in accordance with Commission regulations),'' and that ''comment on the applicant's programming, if any, and that are characterized by the commenter as constituting violent programming.'' *See* 47 U.S.C. 308(d). The Commission determined in the *1999 Main Studio and Public File Order,* 64 FR 35941, July 2, 1999, that noncommercial broadcasters are not subject to this requirement because section 308(d) requires licensees to summarize correspondence maintained by licensees ''in accordance with Commission regulations'' and ''noncommercial educational licensees are not required to maintain these letters under our rules.'' It follows from this determination that because commercial TV licensees will no longer be required to maintain correspondence under our rules, under the terms of section 308(d) they also will not be required to file a summary of correspondence received regarding violent programming with their renewal application. Our extension of our 1999 determination moots the Broadcaster Coalition request that the Commission clarify that such communications may be retained in a non-public file and that the retention period for such communications is three years, consistent with the correspondence file retention period requirement, rather than the eight-year license term. The Commission's license renewal application, FCC Form 303–S, directs commercial TV and Class A TV applicants to submit a summary of written communications received from the public regarding violent programming. We delegate authority to the Media Bureau to revise this form and instructions consistent with our decision to eliminate the correspondence file requirement.

17. The rule changes we are adopting herein must be approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The Media Bureau will issue a Public Notice announcing such approval and the effective date of the rules. Commercial broadcasters must continue to retain a correspondence file locally and make it available for public inspection until the effective date of the new rules.

B. Principal Headend Location

18. As we proposed in the *NPRM,* we also eliminate the requirement that cable operators retain information about the designation and location of the system's principal headend in the public inspection file. No commenter opposed this proposal. All commenters who addressed the issue agreed with our conclusion in the *NPRM* that the general public has no need for or interest in this information.

19. While the general public has no need for information about the location of a cable system's principal headend, that information must be accessible to the Commission as needed to permit enforcement of cable carriage and signal leakage requirements and to avoid

interference to and from cable headends. For example, the Commission must know the location of the principal headend to conduct tests to determine compliance with signal leakage requirements. In addition, the Commission must know the location of a principal headend in order to ensure that the facilities are not causing interference to, or receiving interference from, other communications facilities. The Commission currently does not maintain principal headend location information for most cable systems. Broadcast television stations also must have access to principal headend location information to determine cable carriage rights.

20. To ensure that the Commission has access to principal headend location information, we will require that all cable systems provide it to us promptly upon request made by phone, email, or other means. Systems must also provide this information upon request to broadcast television stations and franchisors. In lieu of responding to individual requests for principal headend location information, systems may alternatively elect voluntarily to input this information into OPIF or provide it to the Commission by mail or email to be included in that database. Systems that elect to provide this information in OPIF may choose to make it accessible only to the Commission or also make it publicly available. Inputting headend information into OPIF will be a simple task and, for cable operators that choose this option, will obviate responding to inquiries about their headend location from Commission staff. In addition, systems that input the information directly into OPIF can elect to make it immediately available to the public and thereby also eliminate the necessity of providing information in response to other requests for principal headend location information.

21. Systems that elect not to provide principal headend information in OPIF, or that elect to protect this information from public view, will be required to make it available to broadcast television stations and local franchisors upon request. If a request is submitted to a cable system from a broadcaster or local franchisor in writing by certified mail, cable systems must respond in writing by certified mail within 15 calendar days. Cable systems may in addition elect to respond to requests from these entities submitted by telephone or email, but must respond in writing by certified mail if requested to do so by the station or franchisor. Systems that choose to provide principal headend information to the FCC by email or mail, and that state that it can be made public in OPIF, must provide it to stations upon request until their information appears in the OPIF database.

22. After the rules adopted in this order are approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Media Bureau will issue a Public Notice (PN) announcing the effective date of the rules. The Media Bureau will provide in the PN instructions on how to access and use the OPIF database, addresses to be used to send the information directly to the Commission, and the telephone number for technical assistance with OPIF.

23. The actions we take today will reduce burdens for cable system operators, particularly those with security concerns about posting principal headend location information online. By eliminating the principal headend public file requirement, we enable these systems to transition to a fully online public file and benefit from the long-term cost-savings and other efficiencies associated with an online file. While these systems must provide principal headend information to the Commission, broadcasters, and franchisors upon request, this requirement is minimal and should not be onerous. Commenters report that systems receive very few, if any, requests for this information. Any burden from these new requirements is more than offset by the benefit of no longer being required to maintain a local public file to retain principal headend location information. Moreover, cable systems that elect voluntarily to provide principal headend location information to the Commission to be maintained in OPIF, and that elect to make this information publicly available, can direct anyone requesting principal headend location information to that database in lieu of responding to individual requests.

24. We disagree with ACA that small cable systems should have the option to retain principal headend location locally and provide it to the Commission, television stations, and franchisors on request made in person at their facilities. Requiring entities to make an in-person visit to the system to obtain this information, should that be necessary, would be unduly burdensome, particularly as there are other simple, essentially costless means for the system to provide the information to entities that need it. Moreover, as the Commission currently does not have information regarding the address of the principal headend or local business office for many small systems, Commission staff often would not know where to go in person to request principal headend location information.

IV. Procedural Matters

A. Final Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis

25. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) was incorporated in the *NPRM* in MB Docket 16–161. The Commission sought written public comment on the proposals in the *NPRM,* including comment on the IRFA. We received no comments specifically directed toward the IRFA. This Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) conforms to the RFA.

1. Need for, and Objectives of, Report and Order

26. The *Report and Order* eliminates two public inspection file requirements—the requirement that commercial broadcast stations retain in their public inspection file copies of letters and emails from the public (referred to as the ''correspondence file'') and the requirement that cable operators maintain for public inspection the designation and location of the cable system's principal headend. We conclude that these two components of our public inspection file rules involve documents or information that do not need to be made available to the general public and that eliminating these rules will reduce the burden of maintaining the public inspection file on commercial broadcasters and cable operators. Our action today will also permit commercial television and radio broadcasters and cable operators to cease maintaining a local public inspection file if they post all public file material to the online public file database and provide online access via their own Web site to back-up political file material. The Commission previously adopted this option for other entities subject to our online public inspection file requirements. Because the correspondence file cannot be made available online for privacy reasons and because many cable operators prefer not to post the location of their principal headend online for security reasons, removing these requirements will permit commercial broadcasters and cable operators to elect to make their entire public inspection file available online and cease maintaining a local public file, thereby further reducing overall regulatory burdens on these entities. The *Report and Order* also delegates to the Media Bureau the authority to revise FCC Form 303–S to reflect the fact that, consistent with the

language of 47 U.S.C. 308(d), commercial TV and Class A TV licensees will no longer be required to submit with their renewal applications a summary of written communications received from the public regarding violent programming.

2. Summary of Significant Issues Raised by Public Comments in Response to the IRFA

27. No comments were filed in response to the IRFA.

3. Description and Estimate of the Number of Small Entities to Which the Proposed Rules Will Apply

28. The RFA directs agencies to provide a description of and, where feasible, an estimate of the number of small entities that may be affected by the proposed rules, if adopted. The RFA generally defines the term ''small entity'' as having the same meaning as the terms ''small business,'' ''small organization,'' and ''small governmental jurisdiction.'' In addition, the term ''small business'' has the same meaning as the term ''small business concern'' under the Small Business Act. A small business concern is one which: (1) Is independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the SBA. Below, we provide a description of such small entities, as well as an estimate of the number of such small entities, where feasible.

29. *Television Broadcasting.* This economic Census category ''comprises establishments primarily engaged in broadcasting images together with sound.'' The SBA has created the following small business size standard for such businesses: Those having $38.5 million or less in annual receipts. The 2012 U.S. Census indicates that 751 firms in this category operated in that year. Of that number, 656 had annual receipts of $25,000,000 or less. Because the Census has no additional classifications that could serve as a basis for determining the number of stations whose receipts exceeded $38.5 million in that year, we conclude that the majority of television broadcast stations were small under the applicable SBA size standard.

30. Apart from the U.S. Census, the Commission has estimated the number of licensed commercial television stations to be 1,387 stations. Of this total, 1,221 stations (or about 88 percent) had revenues of $38.5 million or less, according to Commission staff review of the BIA Kelsey Inc. Media Access Pro Television Database (BIA) on July 2, 2014. In addition, the Commission has estimated the number of licensed Class A television stations to be 417. Given the nature of these services, we will presume that these licensees qualify as small entities under the SBA definition. Based on these data, we estimate that the majority of television broadcast stations are small entities.

31. We note, however, that in assessing whether a business concern qualifies as ''small'' under the above definition, business (control) affiliations must be included. Because we do not include or aggregate revenues from affiliated companies in determining whether an entity meets the revenue threshold noted above, our estimate of the number of small entities affected is likely overstated. In addition, we note that one element of the definition of ''small business'' is that an entity not be dominant in its field of operation. We are unable at this time to define or quantify the criteria that would establish whether a specific television broadcast station is dominant in its field of operation. Accordingly, our estimate of small television stations potentially affected by the proposed rules includes those that could be dominant in their field of operation. For this reason, such estimate likely is over-inclusive.

32. *Radio Broadcasting.* The SBA defines a radio broadcast station as a small business if such station has no more than $38.5 million in annual receipts. Business concerns included in this industry are those ''primarily engaged in broadcasting aural programs by radio to the public.'' According to review of the BIA Publications, Inc. Master Access Radio Analyzer Database as of November 26, 2013, about 11,331 (or about 99.9 percent) of the then number of commercial radio stations (11,341) have revenues of $35.5 million or less and thus qualify as small entities under the SBA definition. The Commission has estimated the number of licensed commercial radio stations to be 11,408. We note that in assessing whether a business entity qualifies as small under the above definition, business control affiliations must be included. This estimate, therefore, likely overstates the number of small entities that might be affected, because the revenue figure on which it is based does not include or aggregate revenues from affiliated companies.

33. As noted above, an element of the definition of ''small business'' is that the entity not be dominant in its field of operation. The Commission is unable at this time to define or quantify the criteria that would establish whether a specific radio station is dominant in its field of operation. Accordingly, the estimate of small businesses to which rules may apply does not exclude any radio station from the definition of a small business on this basis and therefore may be over-inclusive to that extent. Also, as noted, an additional element of the definition of ''small business'' is that the entity must be independently owned and operated. The Commission notes that it is difficult at times to assess these criteria in the context of media entities and the estimates of small businesses to which they apply may be over-inclusive to this extent.

34. *Cable Companies and Systems.* The Commission has developed its own small business size standards for the purpose of cable rate regulation. Under the Commission's rules, a ''small cable company'' is one serving 400,000 or fewer subscribers nationwide. Industry data shows that there are currently 660 cable operators. Of this total, all but ten cable operators nationwide are small under this size standard. In addition, under the Commission's rate regulation rules, a ''small system'' is a cable system serving 15,000 or fewer subscribers. Current Commission records show 4,421 cable systems nationwide. Of this total, 3,936 cable systems have less than 20,000 subscribers, and 485 systems have 20,000 or more subscribers, based on the same records. Thus, under this standard, we estimate that most cable systems are small entities.

35. *Cable System Operators (Telecom Act Standard).* The Communications Act of 1934, as amended, also contains a size standard for small cable system operators, which is ''a cable operator that, directly or through an affiliate, serves in the aggregate fewer than 1 percent of all subscribers in the United States and is not affiliated with any entity or entities whose gross annual revenues in the aggregate exceed $250,000,000.'' There are approximately 53 million cable video subscribers in the United States today. Accordingly, an operator serving fewer than 540,000 subscribers shall be deemed a small operator if its annual revenues, when combined with the total annual revenues of all its affiliates, do not exceed $250 million in the aggregate. Based on available data, we find that all but ten incumbent cable operators are small entities under this size standard. We note that the Commission neither requests nor collects information on whether cable system operators are affiliated with entities whose gross annual revenues exceed $250 million. Although it seems certain that some of these cable system operators are affiliated with entities whose gross annual revenues exceed $250,000,000,

we are unable at this time to estimate with greater precision the number of cable system operators that would qualify as small cable operators under the definition in the Communications Act.

4. Description of Projected Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Other Compliance Requirements

36. The rule changes adopted in the *Report and Order* will reduce reporting, recordkeeping, and other compliance requirements for commercial broadcast stations which, prior to our action today, were required to retain letters and emails from the public in their local public inspection file. The *Report and Order* eliminates this requirement, thereby reducing recordkeeping burdens on these entities. In addition, eliminating the correspondence file requirement will permit commercial radio and television stations to fully transition to an online public file and cease maintaining a local public file, allowing them to realize the long-term cost savings associated with the online public file. The elimination of the requirement that commercial television and Class A licensees include in their license renewal applications a summary of communications received from the public regarding violent programming will also reduce regulatory burdens on these licensees.

37. The actions we take today will also reduce burdens for cable system operators, particularly those with security concerns about posting principal headend location information online. By eliminating the principal headend public file requirement, we enable these systems to transition to a fully online public file and benefit from the long-term cost-savings and other efficiencies associated with an online file. While these systems must provide principal headend information to the Commission, broadcasters, and franchisors upon request, this requirement is minimal and should not be onerous. Commenters report that systems receive very few, if any, requests for this information. Any burden from these new requirements is more than offset by the benefit of no longer being required to maintain a local public file to retain principal headend location information. Moreover, cable systems that elect voluntarily to provide principal headend location information to the Commission to be maintained in OPIF, and that elect to make this information publicly available, can direct those requesting principal headend location information to that database in lieu of responding to individual requests.

5. Steps Taken To Minimize Significant Economic Impact on Small Entities, and Significant Alternatives Considered

38. The RFA requires an agency to describe any significant alternatives that it has considered in reaching its proposed approach, which may include the following four alternatives (among others): (1) The establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) the clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements under the rule for small entities; (3) the use of performance, rather than design, standards; and (4) an exemption from coverage of the rule, or any part thereof, for small entities.

39. Alternative options discussed in the *NPRM* included requiring cable systems to file a form with the FCC to provide principal headend information. Requiring systems to instead provide this information upon request is less burdensome than a requirement to file a form. While ACA urged the FCC to simply permit small cable systems to retain principal headend information locally and provide it upon request to entities who ask for it in person, requiring entities to make an in-person visit to the system to obtain this information would be overly burdensome, particularly as there are other simple, essentially costless means for the system to provide the information to entities that need it. Moreover, as the FCC currently does not have information regarding the address of the principal headend or local business office for many of small systems, it would not know where to go to request principal headend location information. Overall, we believe that the *Report and Order* appropriately balances the interests of the public against the interests of the entities who will be subject to the rules, including those that are smaller entities.

6. Federal Rules That May Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict With the Proposed Rule

40. None.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act Analysis

41. This document contains new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13. It will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under section 3507(d) of the PRA. OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies are invited to comment on the new or modified information collection requirements contained in this proceeding. In addition, we note that pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), we previously sought specific comment on how the Commission might further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

C. Congressional Review Act

42. The Commission will send a copy of the Report and Order to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act.

V. Ordering Clauses

43. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 303(r), 614, and 615 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 303(r), 614, and 615, the Report and Order *is hereby adopted.*

44. *It is further ordered* that parts 73 and 76 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR part 73, 76, are *amended* as set forth in Appendix B of the Report and Order. Such rule amendments contain new or modified information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), and *shall become effective* after publication in the **Federal Register** of a notice announcing such approval and the relevant effective date.

45. *It is further ordered* that the Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, *shall send* a copy of the Report and Order including the Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

46. *It is further ordered* that the Commission *shall send* a copy of the Report and Order in a report to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, *see* 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

List of Subjects

47 CFR Part 73

Radio, Recording and recordkeeping requirements, Television.

47 CFR Part 76

Cable television, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

Final Rules

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR parts 73 and 76 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

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

Authority: 47.U.S.C. 154, 303, 307, and 554.

§ 73.1202 [Removed and Reserved].

■ 2. Section 73.1202 is removed and reserved.

■ 3. Section 73.3526 is amended by revising paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2)(i) and removing and reserving paragraph (e)(9),

The revisions read as follows:

§ 73.3526 Local public inspection file of commercial stations.

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(b) * * *

(1) For radio licensees temporarily exempt from the online public file hosted by the Commission, as discussed in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, a hard copy of the public inspection file shall be maintained at the main studio of the station, unless the licensee elects voluntarily to place the file online as discussed in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. An applicant for a new station or change of community shall maintain its file at an accessible place in the proposed community of license or at its proposed main studio.

(2)(i) A television station licensee or applicant, and any radio station licensee or applicant not temporarily exempt as described in this paragraph, shall place the contents required by paragraph (e) of this section of its public inspection file in the online public file hosted by the Commission, with the exception of the political file as required by paragraph (e)(6) of this section, as discussed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section. Any radio station not in the top 50 Nielsen Audio markets, and any radio station with fewer than five full-time employees, shall continue to retain the public inspection file at the station in the manner discussed in paragraph (b)(1) of this section until March 1, 2018. However, any radio station that is not required to place its public inspection file in the online public file hosted by the Commission before March 1, 2018 may choose to do so, instead of retaining the public inspection file at the station in the manner discussed in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

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PART 76—MULTICHANNEL VIDEO AND CABLE TELVISION SERVICE

■ 4. The authority citation for part 76 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 153, 154, 301, 302, 302a, 303, 303a, 307, 308, 309, 312, 315, 317, 325, 339, 340, 341, 503, 521, 522, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 543, 544, 544a, 545, 548, 549, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 561, 571, 572, 573.

■ 5. Section 76.5 is amended by revising paragraph (pp)(2) to read as follows:

§ 76.5 Definitions.

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(pp) * * *

(2) In the case of a cable system with more than one headend, the principal headend designated by the cable operator, except that such designation shall not undermine or evade the requirements of subpart D of this part. Each cable system must provide information regarding the designation and location of the principal headend to the Commission promptly upon request. Except for good cause, an operator may not change its choice of principal headend. Cable systems may elect voluntarily to provide the location of the principal headend in the Commission's online public inspection file database and may choose whether to make this information accessible only by the Commission or to also make it publicly available. Systems that elect not to provide this information in the online file, or to protect this information in the online file from public view, must make it available to broadcast television stations and local franchisors upon request. If a request is submitted by a television station or franchisor in writing by certified mail, cable systems must respond in writing by certified mail within 15 calendar days. Cable systems may in addition elect to respond to requests from these entities submitted by telephone or email, but must respond in writing by certified mail if requested to do so by the station or franchisor.

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■ 6. Section 76.1700 is amended by revising paragraph (a) introductory text, removing paragraph (a)(6), and redesignating (a)(7) through (10) as (a)(6) through (9), respectively.

The revision reads as follows:

§ 76.1700 Records to be maintained by cable system operators.

(a) *Public inspection file.* The following records must be placed in the online public file hosted by the Commission, except as indicated in paragraph (d) of this section and except that the records listed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section (political file) that are in existence 30 days after the effective date of this provision, if not placed in the online file, shall continue to be retained at the system and made available to the public in the manner discussed in paragraph (e) of this section until the end of the retention period. In addition, any cable system with fewer than 5,000 subscribers shall continue to retain the political file at the system in the manner discussed in paragraph (e) of this section until March 1, 2018. For these systems, effective March 1, 2018, any new political file material shall be placed in the online file hosted by the Commission, while the material in the political file as of March 1, 2018, if not placed in the Commission's online public file, shall continue to be retained at the system in the manner discussed in paragraph (e) of this section until the end of its retention period. However, any system that is not required to place its political file in the Commission's online public file before March 1, 2018 may choose to do so, instead of retaining the political file at the system in the manner discussed in paragraph (e) of this section.

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§ 76.1708 [Removed and Reserved].

■ 7. Section 76.1708 is removed and reserved.

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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 AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Parts 33 and 35

[Doc. No. AMS–FV–14–0099; FV15–33/35–1 PR]

Regulations Issued Under Authority of the Export Apple Act and Export Grapes and Plums; Changes to Export Reporting Requirements

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is reopening the comment period on the proposed rule to change the reporting of export certificate information under regulations issued pursuant to the Export Apple Act (7 CFR part 33) and the Export Grape and Plum Act (7 CFR part 35). The proposed rule would require shippers of apples and grapes exported from the United States to electronically enter an Export Form Certificate number or a USDA-defined exemption code into the Automated Export System (AES). This rule would also define ''shipper,'' shift the current file retention requirement from carriers to shippers, and require shippers to provide, upon request, copies of the certificates to AMS. The proposed rule would also remove obsolete regulations and make clarifying changes. It also announced AMS' intention to request revision to a currently approved information collection for exported apples and grapes.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published December 5, 2016 at (81 FR 87486) is extended until April 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the proposal. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Fax: (202) 720–8938; or Internet: *http://www.regulations.gov.* All comments should reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue and the December 5, 2016, issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours or can be viewed at: *http://www.regulations.gov.* All comments submitted in response to the proposed rule will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be made public on the internet at the address provided above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Ramirez, Compliance and Enforcement Specialist, or Vincent Fusaro, Compliance and Enforcement Branch Chief, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA; Telephone: (202) 720–2491, Fax: (202) 720–8938, or Email: *Shannon.Ramirez@ams.usda.gov* or *VincentJ.Fusaro@ams.usda.gov.*

Small businesses may request information on complying with this regulation by contacting Richard Lower, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Telephone: (202) 720–2491, Fax: (202) 720–8938, or Email: *Richard.Lower@ams.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on December 5, 2016 (81 FR 87486). The proposed rule would change the reporting of export certificate information under regulations issued pursuant to both the Export Apple Act and the Export Grape and Plum Act (7 CFR part 33, ''Regulations Issued Under Authority of the Export Apple Act,'' and 7 CFR part 35, ''Export Grapes and Plums,'' respectively). Shippers of apples and grapes exported from the United States subject to inspection would be required to enter the certificate number from inspection certificates (*i.e.,* Export Form Certificates) into AES. For apples shipped to Canada in bulk containers, which are exempt from inspection requirements, shippers would be required to enter a special USDA-defined exemption code in lieu of an Export Form Certificate number. Shippers would also be required to maintain paper or electronic copies of the certificates and to provide copies to AMS upon request. The proposed rule would also define ''shipper'' and would remove the requirement that carriers of exported apples and grapes retain certificates on file (because the requirement to retain the certificates would shift to shippers of exported apples and grapes). It would also remove regulations that are no longer applicable to grape exports and add structure and language to clarify the regulations.

Plums are not currently regulated under the Export Grape and Plum Act; therefore, the proposed change would not impact shipments of plums exported from the United States. If plums exported from the United States are regulated in the future under the Export Grape and Plum Act, the reporting of export certificate information similar to what is being proposed for exported grapes and apples would be proposed for plums.

The initial comment period for the proposed rule closed on January 4, 2017. USDA received a comment from a member of the export apple industry requesting that the comment period be extended by 60 days to allow more time to comment on the proposed rule. This individual expressed concern that while the proposed rule provided for a 60-day comment period, additional time was needed beyond the January 4, 2017, deadline to allow interested persons to comment.

After considering the request, USDA is reopening the comment period until April 24, 2017. This will provide interested persons more time to review the proposed rule, perform a complete analysis, and submit written comments.

Authority: This notice is issued pursuant to the Export Apple Act (48 Stat. 124; 7 U.S.C. 581–590) and the Export Grape and Plum Act (74 Stat. 734; 75 Stat. 220; 7 U.S.C. 591–599).

Dated: February 16, 2017.

Bruce Summers,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FAA–2016–9536; Airspace Docket No. 16–AWP–27]

RIN 2120–AA66

Proposed Establishment of Temporary Restricted Areas R–2509E, R–2509W, and R–2509N; Twentynine Palms, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish temporary restricted areas R–2509E, R–2509W, and R–2509N, Twentynine Palms, CA, to support a Marine Expeditionary Brigade level Large Scale Exercise (LSE) planned for existing and newly acquired training lands at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms from August 7 to August 26, 2017.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 10, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001; telephone: 1(800) 647–5527, or (202) 366–9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA–2016–9536 and Airspace Docket No. 16–AWP–27 at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Ready, Airspace Policy Group, Office of Airspace Services, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

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 would establish the temporary restricted area airspace at Twentynine Palms, CA, to accommodate essential United States Marine Corps training requirements and to ensure the safety of aircraft otherwise permitted to operate in the area.

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA–2016–9536 and Airspace Docket No. 16–AWP–27) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket

Management System (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at *www.regulations.gov.*

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: ''Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA–2016–9536 and Airspace Docket No. 16–AWP–27.'' The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

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 *http://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 at the Dockets Office (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Ave SW., Renton, WA 98057.

Background

Marine Corps combat readiness depends on the continued availability of ranges and training areas that provide realistic, mission-oriented training and exercises. Marine Corps training proceeds on a continuum, from entry-level training of individual Marines in basic military skills to large-scale exercises involving a Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF). Currently, the Marine Corps does not have sufficient range space to conduct a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) level live fire exercise. Through careful analysis and a series of studies, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms was identified as the only Marine Corps installation capable of expansion to the dimensions required to support this level of exercise. Acquisition of new lands without the requisite special use airspace (SUA) would not allow for the training events required to successfully execute this essential exercise. Consequently, a new restricted area, military operations areas (MOA) and air traffic control-assigned airspace are being developed as a critical element of the required expansion to support large scale MEB level exercises and those supporting building block training events.. The establishment of temporary restricted area R–2509E, W, and N, will substantially enhance both the capability and capacity of the MCAGCC Twentynine Palms Range and Training Areas (RTA) to conduct required training for an MEB large scale exercise.

The Proposal

This proposal would establish new temporary restricted areas R–2509E, R–2509W, and R–2509N for the period from August 7 to August 26, 2017, to accommodate live fire from pistols, rifles, machine guns, anti-tank weapons, mortars, artillery, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, fixed wing, and rotary wing training activities including close air support and live ordnance delivery. This proposed temporary restricted area is required to effectively deconflict Department of Defense and all other air

traffic from hazards associated with live fire training.

Based on impacts mitigation coordinated with the Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center, the maximum altitude will be FL 220 generally. However, at certain times for a period of 4 hours on 2 days of the exercise, the maximum altitude will be FL400. R–2509W would have a ceiling of 8,000 feet MSL and R–2509N would have a ceiling of 16,000 feet MSL. Supersonic flight will not be conducted as part of the above aviation training activities.

The times of use for R–2509E, R–2509W, and R–2509N would be by NOTAM, and activations of R–2509E above FL220 would have the NOTAM issued 48 hours in advance. Expected usage would be 12 hours per day for 10 days up to 16,000 feet and 16 hours per day for 6 days up to FL220.

The lateral boundaries of the proposed areas would be as follows:

Temporary R–2509E—Beginning at lat. 34°40′30″ N., long. 116°29′43″ W., to lat. 34°36′00″ N., long. 116°28′03″ W.; to lat. 34°31′30″ N., long. 116°26′48″ W.; to lat. 34°30′00″ N., long. 116°26′23″ W.; to lat. 34°21′35″ N., long. 116°21′38″ W.; to lat. 34°19′30″ N., long. 116°20′29″ W.; to lat. 34°17′38″ N., long. 116°19′19″ W.; to lat. 34°22′25″ N., long. 116°31′10″ W.; to lat. 34°34′17″ N., long. 116°35′52″ W.; to the point of beginning.

Temporary R–2509W—Beginning at lat. 34°35′03″ N., long. 116°36′10″ W.; to lat. 34°22′25″ N., long. 116°31′10″ W.; to lat. 34°27′38″ N., long. 116°40′34″ W.; to lat. 34°27′59″ N., long. 116°42′51″ W.; to lat. 34°29′44″ N., long. 116°42′51″ W.; to the point of beginning.

Excluding that airspace within a 3.4-mile radius of point in space coordinates at lat. 34°25′32″ N., long. 116°36′52″ W.; surface to 1,500 feet AGL.

Temporary R–2509N—Beginning at lat. 34°35′03″ N., long. 116°36′10″ W.; to lat. 34°40′30″ N., long. 116°29′43″ W.; to lat. 34°34′17″ N., long. 116°35′52″ W.; to the point of beginning.

These temporary restricted areas would automatically expire on August 26, 2017.

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 Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); 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 subjected to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, ''Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,'' prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Prohibited Areas, Restricted Areas.

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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.

§ 73.25 California [Amended]

■ 2. § 73.25 is amended as follows:

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R–2509E Twentynine Palms, CA [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 34°40′30″ N., long. 116°29′43″ W.; to lat. 34°36′00″ N., long. 116°28′03″ W.; to lat. 34°31′30″ N., long. 116°26′48″ W.; to lat. 34°30′00″ N., long. 116°26′23″ W.; to lat. 34°21′35″ N., long. 116°21′38″ W.; to lat. 34°19′30″ N., long. 116°20′29″ W.; to lat. 34°17′38″ N., long. 116°19′19″ W.; to lat. 34°22′25″ N., long. 116°31′10″ W.; to lat. 34°34′17″ N., long. 116°35′52″ W.; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. Surface to FL 400.

Time of designation. Intermittent by NOTAM during the period from August 7 to August 26, 2017.

Controlling agency. FAA, Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center.

Using agency. Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, CA.

R–2509W Twentynine Palms, CA [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 34°35′03″ N., long. 116°36′10″ W.; to lat. 34°22′25″ N., long. 116°31′10″ W.; to lat. 34°27′38″ N., long. 116°40′34″ W.; to lat. 34°27′59″ N., long. 116°42′51″ W.; to lat. 34°29′44″ N., long. 116°42′51″ W.; to the point of beginning.

Excluding that airspace within a 3.4-mile radius of point in space at lat. 34°25′32″ N., long. 116°36′52″ W.; surface to 1,500 feet AGL.

Designated altitudes. Surface to 8,000 feet MSL.

Time of designation. Intermittent by NOTAM during the period from August 7 to August 26, 2017.

Controlling agency. FAA, Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center.

Using agency. Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, CA.

R–2509N Twentynine Palms, CA [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 34°35′03″ N., long. 116°36′10″ W.; to lat. 34°40′30″ N., long. 116°29′43″ W.; to lat. 34°34′17″ N., long. 116°35′52″ W.; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. Surface to 16,000 feet MSL.

Time of designation. Intermittent by NOTAM during the period from August 7 to August 26, 2017.

Controlling agency. FAA, Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center.

Using agency. Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, CA.

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Acting Manager, Airspace Policy Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FAA–2016–9594; Airspace Docket No. 16–ASO–20]

RIN 2120–AA66

Proposed Establishment of Temporary Restricted Areas R–2920A and R–2920B; Santa Rosa Island, FL.

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish two temporary restricted areas, designated R–2920A and R–2920B, south of the Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), FL, Range Complex and within the 14 CFR part 93 ''Valparaiso, Florida, Terminal Area'' Special Air Traffic Rules Area. The purpose of the proposed areas is to test counter-unmanned aircraft systems capabilities. The temporary restricted areas would be in effect from May 11 to May 18, 2017.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590; telephone: 1 (800) 647–5527, or (202) 366–9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA–2016–9594 and Airspace Docket No. 16–ASO–20, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov.* Comments on environmental and land use aspects should be directed to: April Lawrence, Civ, USAF, 96 CEG/CEIEA, Eglin AFB, FL 32542; telephone: (850) 882–3016. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Docket Office between 9:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1 (800) 647–5527), is on the ground floor of the building at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Gallant, Airspace Policy Group, Office of Airspace Services, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

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 would establish temporary restricted areas near Santa Rosa Island, FL, to enhance aviation safety and accommodate essential testing requirements.

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA–2016–9594 and Airspace Docket No. 16–ASO–20) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at *www.regulations.gov.*

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: ''Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA–2016–9594 and Airspace Docket No. 16–ASO–20.'' The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the comment closing date. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

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 *http://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 at the Docket Office (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 210, 1701 Columbia Ave., College Park, GA, 30337.

Background

The U.S. Air Force submitted a proposal to the FAA to establish two temporary restricted areas south of the Eglin AFB, FL, Range Complex. The areas would contain hazardous activities to be conducted in support of exercise Black Dart 2017, from May 11 to May 18, 2017. Specifically, the areas would be used to test counter-unmanned aircraft systems capabilities. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) of similar size and shape to the proposed temporary restricted areas was exercised in September 2016 with no issues from non-participating air traffic.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 73 to establish two temporary restricted areas, designated R–2920A and R–2920B, south of the Eglin AFB Range Complex, in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Island, FL. They would extend from the surface to but not including 8,500 feet MSL, underlying a portion of existing restricted area R–2915C. The planned time of designation for the areas is 0900 to 1600 local time. Approximately 20–30 sorties per day are expected to use the temporary restricted areas. The areas would be in effect only during the period May 11 to May 18, 2017.

The proposed temporary restricted areas are required to contain hazardous activities associated with testing counter-unmanned aircraft systems capabilities. These activities would include the use of Directed Energy (laser) devices and Electronic Attack jamming and disruptions. All hazard zones would be contained within the proposed temporary restricted areas, existing restricted airspace, or existing offshore warning areas. Eglin AFB air and surface assets would surveil and clear the mission and hazard areas prior to execution of hazardous activity. Should a stray aircraft or surface vessel approach a hazard zone, all hazardous activity would be halted until the area is again reported clear. The Eglin AFB Range Complex utilizes extensive range safety procedures to manage all hazardous activities.

The proposed areas are contained within the west section of the East/West Corridor of the 14 CFR part 93 Special Air Traffic Rule: ''Valparaiso, Florida Terminal Area.'' In accordance with 14 CFR 93.81: Unless otherwise authorized by ATC (including the Eglin Radar Control Facility), no person may operate an aircraft in flight within the East-West Corridor unless—

(1) Before operating within the corridor, that person establishes two-way radio communications with Eglin Radar Control Facility or an appropriate FAA ATC facility and receives an ATC advisory concerning operations being conducted therein; and

(2) That person maintains two-way radio communications with the Eglin Radar Control Facility or an appropriate

FAA ATC facility while within the corridor.

To minimize impacts to non-participating aircraft, in addition to the existing part 93 requirement that aircraft operating in the East/West Corridor must establish and maintain two-way radio contact with ATC, the Eglin Radar Control Facility would reroute all non-participating aircraft north of the temporary restricted airspace, through the southern portion of restricted area R–2915B. That airspace would be scheduled for use by ATC and non-participating air traffic when the temporary restricted areas are active. This alternative routing has been successfully used in the past to mitigate impacts on non-participating aircraft when the west section of the East/West Corridor was unavailable. Emergency air traffic requiring access to the airspace would be given priority access under the control of the Eglin Radar Control Facility, which has direct communications with the Test Director to halt hazardous activity in the area.

Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) and Notices to Mariners (NOTMAR) would be published at least 24 hours in advance of the daily activation of R–2920A and R–2920B. The Eglin AFB Public Affairs office would issue a press release 30 days prior to the exercise to advise the public of the exercise, the activity, and impacted locations. The Eglin AFB Flight Safety Office would advise local airports and airspace users of the proposed restricted airspace, its impacts and planned mitigations.

Since R–2920A and R–2920B are temporary areas, they would not be depicted on the New Orleans Sectional Aeronautical Chart or the IFR Enroute Low Altitude Chart, L–22. However, a notice and graphic depiction would be published in the Notices to Airmen Publication (NTAP). The NTAP is available on line at *http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/notices/.*

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 Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); 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 subjected to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, ''Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,'' prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Prohibited Areas, Restricted Areas.

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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.

§ 73.29 Florida (Amended)

■ 2. § 73.29 is amended as follows:

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R–2920A Santa Rosa Island, FL [Temporary]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 30°22′53″ N., long. 86°50′57″ W.; thence along the shoreline to lat. 30°23′35″ N., long. 86°44′24″ W.; to lat. 30°20′34″ N., long. 86°44′07″ W.; thence 3 NM from and parallel to the shoreline to lat. 30°19′53″ N., long. 86°50′39″ W.; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. Surface to but not including 8,500 feet MSL.

Time of designation. 0900 to 1600 local time, during the period May 11 to May 18, 2017.

Controlling agency. FAA, Jacksonville ARTCC.

Using agency. U.S. Air Force, Commander, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, FL.

R–2920B Santa Rosa Island, FL [Temporary]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 30°23′35″ N., long. 86°44′24″ W.; thence along the shoreline to lat. 30°23′40″ N., long. 86°42′52″ W.; to lat. 30°20′40″ N., long. 86°42′35″ W.; thence 3 NM from and parallel to the shoreline to lat. 30°20′34″ N., long. 86°44′07″ W.; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. Surface to but not including 8,500 feet MSL.

Time of designation. 0900 to 1600 local time, during the period May 11 to May 18, 2017.

Controlling agency. FAA, Jacksonville ARTCC.

Using agency. U.S. Air Force, Commander, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, FL.

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Leslie M. Swann,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FAA–2016–9591; Airspace Docket No. 16–ASW–21]

RIN 2120–AA66

Proposed Establishment of Temporary Restricted Area R–5602; Fort Sill, OK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish temporary restricted area R–5602, over the Fort Sill, OK, R–5601 restricted area complex, to support the U.S. Army Maneuver & Fires Integration Experiment (MFIX) 2018 scheduled for December 2017. MFIX 2018 is planned to exercise hazardous laser operations conducting counter unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) activities. The temporary restricted area would be in effect from December 4 through December 15, 2017.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 10, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001; telephone: 1 (800) 647–5527, or telephone: (202) 366–9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA–2016–9591 and Airspace Docket No. 16–ASW–21, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at *www.regulations.gov.* You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1–800–647–5527), is on the ground floor of the building at the above address.

Comments on environmental and land use aspects to should be directed to: U.S. Army Garrison, Directorate of Public Works, Attn: IMSI–PWE (Sarah Sminkey), Environmental Quality Division, Fort Sill, OK 73503–5100;

email: *sarah.e.sminkey.civ@mail.mil;* telephone: (580) 442–2849.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colby Abbott, Airspace Policy Group, Office of Airspace Services, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

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 would establish temporary restricted area airspace at Fort Sill, OK, to enhance aviation safety and accommodate essential U.S. Army hazardous above-the-horizon laser operations conducting counter UAS activities.

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA–2016–9591 and Airspace Docket No. 16–ASW–21) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at *www.regulations.gov.*

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: ''Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA–2016–9591 and Airspace Docket No. 16–ASW–21.'' The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

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You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received and any final disposition in person at the Dockets Office (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 10101 Hillwood Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76177.

Background

As the U.S. Army's Center of Excellence for Fires, Fort Sill has submitted a proposal to the FAA to establish a temporary restricted area overlying a portion of the Fort Sill R–5601 restricted area complex, and extending slightly eastward, to support the Army's Maneuver & Fires Integration Experiment (MFIX) 2018 planned for December 4–15, 2017. The proposed restricted area would contain hazardous laser activities associated with demonstrating and developing training employment tactics for counter UAS capabilities.

Specifically intended to destroy unmanned aircraft, the hazardous laser activities require additional short-term restricted airspace to supplement the existing Fort Sill R–5601 complex and ensure the protection of nonparticipating air traffic when hazardous activities are occurring. Minimal aeronautical impact is anticipated since the temporary restricted area would be located above the existing R–5601 complex which extends from the surface to 40,000 feet mean sea level (MSL), and the designated altitudes of the temporary restricted area would extend upward from 40,000 feet MSL to 60,000 feet MSL.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 73 to establish temporary restricted area R–5602 in support of MFIX 2018 during the period December 4–15, 2017, to contain hazardous laser activities demonstrating counter UAS capabilities. To effectively segregate nonparticipant air traffic from the hazardous activities associated with MFIX 2018, R–5602 would extend from 40,000 feet MSL to 60,000 feet MSL, would be activated daily by a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM), and would be in effect only during the period of December 4 through December 15, 2017.

The proposed lateral boundaries for R–5602 would overlie and extend upward over the ceilings of the R–5601A, R–5601B, and a portion of R–5601F restricted areas and extend approximately 8 nautical miles (NM) east beyond the R–5601A and R–5601F eastern boundaries. Collectively, the R–5602 proposed boundaries and existing R–5601 restricted areas would fully contain the planned hazardous laser beam trajectories, within restricted area airspace, from the surface to 60,000 feet MSL.

The proposed designated altitudes for R–5602 would extend upward from 40,000 feet MSL to 60,000 feet MSL. The altitudes are defined relative to MSL to highlight that the proposed area would be used for other than aircraft operations. From an air traffic perspective, establishing R–5602 for other than aircraft operations reduces radar separation requirements for circumnavigating the temporary restricted area and minimizes impacts to aviation.

The proposed time of designation for R–5602 is by NOTAM with an expected usage of approximately 2 hours per day during the MFIX 2018 period of December 4—15. The activation periods are planned for 0930 to 1130 or 1300 to 1500 daily; however, due to the heavy dependence on favorable weather and unpredictability of seasonal weather patterns, NOTAM activations could be adjusted as operationally necessary. Planning to use R–5602 only 2 hours per day during MFIX 2018 further minimizes impacts to aviation.

Since R–5602 is a temporary area, it would not be depicted on the Dallas–Ft. Worth Sectional Aeronautical Chart or the IFR Enroute High Altitude Chart, H–6. However, a notice and graphic depiction would be published in the Notices to Airmen Publication (NTAP).

The NTAP is available on line at *http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/notices/.*

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 Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); 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 subjected to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, ''Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,'' prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Prohibited Areas, Restricted Areas.

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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.

§ 73.56 Oklahoma [Amended]

■ 2. § 73.56 is amended as follows:

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R–5602 Fort Sill, OK [Temporary]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 34°49′30″ N., long. 98°08′43″ W.; to lat. 34°36′36″ N., long. 98°08′43″ W.; to lat. 34°36′36″ N., long. 98°17′01″ W.; to lat. 34°38′15″ N., long. 98°17′01″ W.; to lat. 34°38′15″ N., long. 98°37′57″ W.; to lat. 34°40′54″ N., long. 98°37′56″ W.; to lat. 34°42′07″ N., long. 98°37′20″ W.; to lat. 34°43′21″ N., long. 98°36′02″ W.; to lat. 34°43′30″ N., long. 98°35′40″ W.; to lat. 34°45′03″ N., long. 98°29′46″ W.; to lat. 34°46′15″ N., long. 98°25′01″ W.; to lat. 34°47′00″ N., long. 98°17′46″ W.; to lat. 34°46′45″ N., long. 98°17′01″ W.; to lat. 34°49′30″ N., long. 98°17′01″ W.; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. 40,000 feet MSL to 60,000 feet MSL.

Time of designation. December 4—15, 2017, by NOTAM.

Controlling agency. FAA, Fort Worth ARTCC.

Using agency. U. S. Army, Commanding General, U. S. Army Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, OK.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 300

[Docket No. 161223999–7143–01]

RIN 0648–BG61

Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes to approve changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (Plan) and codified regulations for the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC or Commission) regulatory Area 2A off Washington, Oregon, and California (Area 2A). In addition, NMFS proposes to implement the portions of the Plan and management measures that are not implemented through the IPHC. These measures include the sport fishery allocations and management measures for Area 2A. These actions are intended to conserve Pacific halibut, provide angler opportunity where available, and minimize bycatch of overfished groundfish species.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes to the Plan and the codified regulations, and on the proposed domestic Area 2A Pacific halibut management measures must be received by March 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2016–0144, by either of the following methods:

• *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Go to *www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2016-0144,* click the ''Comment Now!'' icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

• *Mail:* Submit written comments to Barry A. Thom, Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115–0070.

Instructions: NMFS may not consider comments if they are sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the comment period ends. All comments received are a part of the public record and NMFS will post for public viewing on *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 is publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter ''N/A'' in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

This rule is accessible via the Internet at the Office of the Federal Register Web site at *www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html.* Background information and documents are available at the NMFS West Coast Region Web site at *www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/management/pacific_halibut_management.html* and at the Council's Web site at *www.pcouncil.org.*

Background

The Northern Pacific Halibut Act (Halibut Act) of 1982, 16 U.S.C. 773–773K, gives the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) general responsibility for implementing the provisions of the Halibut Convention between the United States and Canada (Halibut Convention) (16 U.S.C. 773c). It requires the Secretary to adopt regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Halibut Convention and the Halibut Act. Section 773c of the Halibut Act also authorizes the regional fishery management councils to develop regulations in addition to, but not in conflict with, regulations of the IPHC to govern the Pacific halibut catch in their corresponding U.S. Convention waters.

Each year between 1988 and 1995, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) developed and NMFS implemented a catch sharing plan in

accordance with the Halibut Act to allocate the total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific halibut between treaty Indian and non-Indian harvesters and among non-Indian commercial and sport fisheries in Area 2A. In 1995, NMFS implemented the Council-recommended long-term Plan (60 FR 14651; March 20, 1995). Every year since then, minor revisions to the Plan have been made to adjust for the changing needs of the fisheries.

For 2017, the Council recommendation includes minor modifications to sport fisheries to better match the needs of the fisheries and changes to the inseason procedures to allow flexibility to address bycatch concerns. NMFS is also proposing to make changes to the codified regulations to make them consistent with the Council's recommended changes to the inseason provisions of the Plan. This rule does contain some dates for the sport fisheries based on the 2017 Plan as recommended by the Council. However, some dates have yet to be determined by the affected states; those will be included in the final rule. This rule does account for the final 2A TAC recommended by the IPHC at its annual meeting January 23–27, 2017. The IPHC recommended an Area 2A TAC of 1,330,000 lbs.

Incidental Halibut Retention in the Sablefish Primary Fishery North of Pt. Chehalis, WA

The Plan provides that incidental halibut retention in the sablefish primary fishery north of Pt. Chehalis, WA, will be allowed when the Area 2A TAC is greater than 900,000 lb (408.2 metric ton (mt)), provided that a minimum of 10,000 lb (4.5 mt) is available above a Washington recreational TAC of 214,100 lb (97.1 mt). The Area 2A TAC for 2017 is high enough to allow incidental retention. The Council will recommend specific Pacific halibut landing restrictions for the sablefish primary fishery at its March 2017 meeting. Following this meeting, NMFS will publish the restrictions in the **Federal Register**.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Through this proposed rule, NMFS requests public comments on the Council's recommended modifications to the Plan and the resulting proposed domestic fishing regulations by March 15, 2017. A 20-day comment period is necessary to allow adequate time for the final rule to be effective by April 1, 2017, when the incidental fisheries begin. The states of Oregon and California will conduct public workshops in February to obtain input on the sport season dates. The state of Washington has already determined season dates following input from its public. Following the proposed rule comment period, NMFS will review public comments and comments from the states, and issue a final rule. Either that final rule or an additional rule will include the IPHC regulations and regulations for the West Coast and Alaska.

Proposed Changes to the Plan

Each year, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), and the tribes with treaty fishing rights for halibut consider whether to pursue changes to the Plan to meet the needs of the fishery. In determining whether changes are needed, the state agencies hold public meetings prior to the Council's September meeting. Subsequently, they recommend changes to the Council at its September meeting. In 2016, fishery managers from all three state agencies held public meetings on the Plan prior to the Council's September meeting. At the September 2016 Council meeting, WDFW and ODFW recommended changes to the Plan and codified state regulations. NMFS, the tribes, and CDFW did not recommend changes to the Plan or state regulations. The Council voted to solicit public input on all of the changes recommended by the state agencies, several of which were presented in the form of alternatives. WDFW and ODFW subsequently held public workshops on the recommended changes.

At its November 13–21, 2016, meeting the Council considered the results of state-sponsored workshops on the recommended changes to the Plan and public input provided at the September and November Council meetings, and made its final recommendations for modifications to the Plan. NMFS proposes to adopt all of the Council's recommended changes to the Plan as further discussed below. NMFS also proposed to make changes to the codified regulations at § 300.63.

Proposed Changes to the Plan

1. In section (f)(1)(i), Washington inside waters (Puget Sound) subarea, language regarding structuring goals for the fishery and subarea-specific season dates is deleted. To replace this, language is added describing WDFW's proposed process for developing coastwide season dates each year and criteria for those season dates; specifically: The fishery will open in early May and be open up to two days per week, including one weekday and one weekend day. Season structure will include periodic closures to allow assessment of catch relative to subarea quota, and additional openings may be allowed subsequently if sufficient quota remains. Language stating that WDFW is unable to monitor catch inseason and manage for quota inseason are deleted. Beginning in 2017, WDFW intends to implement inseason monitoring.

2. In section (f)(1)(ii), Washington North Coast subarea, language regarding structuring goals for the fishery and subarea-specific season dates is deleted. New language is added describing WDFW's proposed process for developing coastwide season dates each year, specifically: The fishery will open in early May and be open up to two days per week, including one weekday and one weekend day. Season structure will include periodic closures to allow assessment of catch relative to subarea quota, and additional openings may be allowed subsequently if sufficient quota remains.

3. In section (f)(1)(iii), Washington South Coast subarea, language regarding a structuring objective for the subarea is deleted. For the primary fishery, season dates will be developed according to the process and criteria described above for Puget Sound and the North Coast subareas. For the nearshore fishery, fishing will be allowed following the primary fishery, seven days per week, until the remaining quota is taken.

4. In section (f)(1)(iv), Columbia River subarea, retention of lingcod will be allowed north of the Washington-Oregon border during May, as allowed by the groundfish regulations.

5. In section (f)(1)(v), Oregon Central Coast subarea, the Plan is changed to allow retention of groundfish during days open to all-depth halibut fishing and open to all-depth groundfish fishing, as allowed by the groundfish regulations. During days open to nearshore halibut fishing, flatfish may be retained seaward of seasonal groundfish depth restrictions.

6. In section (f)(5)(i), flexible inseason management provisions, a new subsection (E) is added allowing inseason modification of the halibut regulations to address significant bycatch of yelloweye rockfish in the Oregon subareas.

7. In section (f)(5)(ii), flexible inseason management provisions, a new subsection (F) is added stating that regulations pertaining to the Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area may be modified inseason.

NMFS proposes to approve the Council's recommendations and to implement the changes described above.

A version of the Plan including these changes can be found at *http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/management/pacific_halibut_management.html*

Proposed Changes to the Regulations

1. In § 300.63, at the description of the flexible management of sport fisheries in Area 2A, paragraph (c)(1)(v) is added to describe a situation where inseason management action may be taken in Oregon sport halibut fisheries if yelloweye rockfish impacts are greater than 22 percent of Oregon's recreational yelloweye rockfish harvest guideline. This allows management of Oregon sport fisheries that harvest yelloweye rockfish incidentally, including halibut fisheries, flexibility to keep harvest of yelloweye rockfish within the harvest guideline while also allowing fishing opportunities for co-occurring stocks like halibut and bottomfish.

2. For the same reasons, in § 300.63, at the description of the flexible management of sport fisheries in Area 2A, paragraph (c)(2)(vi) is added to specify that modifications to the boundaries of the Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area off Oregon to the list of changes that may be considered inseason.

Subarea Allocations

At its January 22–27 annual meeting, the IPHC recommended a 2017 Area 2A total allowable catch (TAC) of 1,330,000 pounds (lb) and a coastwide total constant exploitation yield (TCEY) of 40,740,000 lb. The table below shows the fishery and subarea allocations obtained by applying the allocation framework described in the Area 2A CSP to the 2017 TAC.

TABLE 1—COASTWIDE TCEY, AREA 2A TAC, AND AREA 2A FISHERY AND SUBAREA ALLOCATIONS FOR 2017

Coastwide TCEY and Area 2A TAC for 2017 (all values in pounds)

	40.74 million pounds: 1,330,000
Tribal Ceremonial and Subsistence	29,600
Tribal Commercial	435,900
Non-Tribal Commercial Directed	225,591
Non-Tribal Incidental Salmon Troll	39,810
Non-Tribal Incidental Sablefish Primary	70,000
Sport Puget Sound	64,962
Sport WA North Coast	115,599
Sport WA South Coast	50,307
Sport Columbia River	12,799
Sport OR Central Coast	240,812
Sport Southern Oregon	10,039
Sport California	34,580

Proposed 2017 Sport Fishery Management Measures

NMFS also proposes sport fishery management measures, including season dates and bag limits that are necessary to implement the Plan in 2017. The Plan is published in the **Federal Register** but is not codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. The annual domestic management measures are published each year through a final rule. For the 2016 fishing season, the final rule for Area 2A sport fisheries was published on April 1, 2016 (81 FR 18789) and the final rule for the commercial fisheries was published on March 16, 2016 (81 FR 14000) along with the IPHC regulations. Therefore, the section numbers for the commercial fisheries below refer to sections in the March 16 final rule, and the section numbers for the recreational fisheries refer to sections in the April 1 final rule. Where season dates are not indicated, those dates will be provided in the final rule, following consultation with the states and the public.

In section 26 of the annual domestic management measures, ''Sport Fishing for Halibut'' paragraph (8) is proposed to read as follows:

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(8) * * *

(a) The quota for the area in Puget Sound and the U.S. waters in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, east of a line extending from 48°17.30′ N. lat., 124°23.70′ W. long. north to 48°24.10′ N. lat., 124°23.70′ W. long. is 64,962 lb (29.47 mt).

(i) The fishing seasons are:

(A) Fishing is open May 4, 6, and 11. Any openings after May 11 will be based on available quota and announced on the NMFS hotline.

(B) If sufficient quota remains, the fishery will reopen on May 21 and/or May 25; June 1, and/or June 4, or until there is not sufficient quota for another full day of fishing and the area is closed by the Commission. After May 11, any fishery opening will be announced on the NMFS hotline at 800–662–9825. No halibut fishing will be allowed after May 11 unless the date is announced on the NMFS hotline.

(ii) The daily bag limit is one halibut of any size per day per person.

(b) The quota for landings into ports in the area off the north Washington coast, west of the line described in paragraph (2)(a) of section 26 and north of the Queets River (47°31.70′ N. lat.) (North Coast subarea), is 115,599 lb (52.43 mt).

(i) The fishing seasons are:

(A) Fishing is open May 4, 6, and 11. Any openings after May 11 will be based on available quota and announced on the NMFS hotline.

(B) If sufficient quota remains, the fishery will reopen on May 21 and/or May 25; June 1, and/or June 4, or until there is not sufficient quota for another full day of fishing and the area is closed by the Commission. After May 11, any fishery opening will be announced on the NMFS hotline at 800–662–9825. No halibut fishing will be allowed after May 11 unless the date is announced on the NMFS hotline.

(ii) The daily bag limit is one halibut of any size per day per person.

(iii) Recreational fishing for groundfish and halibut is prohibited within the North Coast Recreational Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA). It is unlawful for recreational fishing vessels to take and retain, possess, or land halibut taken with recreational gear within the North Coast Recreational YRCA. A vessel fishing with recreational gear in the North Coast Recreational YRCA may not be in possession of any halibut. Recreational vessels may transit through the North Coast Recreational YRCA with or without halibut on board. The North Coast Recreational YRCA is a C-shaped area off the northern Washington coast intended to protect yelloweye rockfish. The North Coast Recreational YRCA is defined in groundfish regulations at 50 CFR 660.70(a).

(c) The quota for landings into ports in the area between the Queets River, WA (47°31.70′ N. lat.), and Leadbetter Point, WA (46°38.17′ N. lat.) (South Coast subarea), is 50,307 lb (22.82 mt).

(i) This subarea is divided between the all-waters fishery (the Washington South coast primary fishery), and the incidental nearshore fishery in the area from 47°31.70′ N. lat. south to 46°58.00′ N. lat. and east of a boundary line approximating the 30 fm depth contour. This area is defined by straight lines connecting all of the following points in the order stated as described by the following coordinates (the Washington South coast, northern nearshore area):

(1) 47°31.70′ N. lat., 124°37.03′ W. long.;

(2) 47°25.67′ N. lat., 124°34.79′ W. long.;

(3) 47°12.82′ N. lat., 124°29.12′ W. long.; and

(4) 46°58.00′ N. lat., 124°24.24′ W. long.

The south coast subarea quota will be allocated as follows: 48,307 lb (21.91 mt) for the primary fishery and 2,000 lb (0.91 mt) for the nearshore fishery. The primary fishery season dates are May 4, 6, and 11. If the primary quota is projected to be obtained sooner than expected, the management closure may

occur earlier. If sufficient quota remains the primary fishery will reopen on May 21 and/or May 25; June 1, and/or June 4 until the quota for the south coast subarea primary fishery is taken and the season is closed by the Commission, or until September 30, whichever is earlier. The fishing season in the nearshore area commences on the first Saturday subsequent to closure of the primary fishery, and is open 7 days per week, until 50,307 lb (22.82 mt) is projected to be taken by the two fisheries combined and the fishery is closed by the Commission or September 30, whichever is earlier. If the fishery is closed prior to September 30, and there is insufficient quota remaining to reopen the northern nearshore area for another fishing day, then any remaining quota may be transferred in-season to another Washington coastal subarea by NMFS via an update to the recreational halibut hotline.

(ii) The daily bag limit is one halibut of any size per day per person.

(iii) Seaward of the boundary line approximating the 30-fm depth contour and during days open to the primary fishery, lingcod may be taken, retained and possessed when allowed by groundfish regulations at 50 CFR 660.360, subpart G.

(iv) Recreational fishing for groundfish and halibut is prohibited within the South Coast Recreational YRCA and Westport Offshore YRCA. It is unlawful for recreational fishing vessels to take and retain, possess, or land halibut taken with recreational gear within the South Coast Recreational YRCA and Westport Offshore YRCA. A vessel fishing in the South Coast Recreational YRCA and/or Westport Offshore YRCA may not be in possession of any halibut. Recreational vessels may transit through the South Coast Recreational YRCA and Westport Offshore YRCA with or without halibut on board. The South Coast Recreational YRCA and Westport Offshore YRCA are areas off the southern Washington coast established to protect yelloweye rockfish. The South Coast Recreational YRCA is defined at 50 CFR 660.70(d). The Westport Offshore YRCA is defined at 50 CFR 660.70(e).

(d) The quota for landings into ports in the area between Leadbetter Point, WA (46°38.17′ N. lat.), and Cape Falcon, OR (45°46.00′ N. lat.) (Columbia River subarea), is 12,799 lb (5.81 mt).

(i) This subarea is divided into an all-depth fishery and a nearshore fishery. The nearshore fishery is allocated 500 pounds of the subarea allocation. The nearshore fishery extends from Leadbetter Point (46°38.17′ N. lat., 124°15.88′ W. long.) to the Columbia River (46°16.00′ N. lat., 124°15.88′ W. long.) by connecting the following coordinates in Washington 46°38.17′ N. lat., 124°15.88′ W. long., 46°16.00′ N. lat., 124°15.88′ W. long. and connecting to the boundary line approximating the 40 fm (73 m) depth contour in Oregon. The nearshore fishery opens May 2, and continues 3 days per week (Monday–Wednesday) until the nearshore allocation is taken, or September 30, whichever is earlier. The all-depth fishing season commences on May 1, and continues 4 days a week (Thursday–Sunday) until 12,799 lb (5.81 mt) are estimated to have been taken and the season is closed by the Commission, or September 30, whichever is earlier. Subsequent to this closure, if there is insufficient quota remaining in the Columbia River subarea for another fishing day, then any remaining quota may be transferred inseason to another Washington and/or Oregon subarea by NMFS via an update to the recreational halibut hotline. Any remaining quota would be transferred to each state in proportion to its contribution.

(ii) The daily bag limit is one halibut of any size per day per person.

(iii) Pacific Coast groundfish may not be taken and retained, possessed or landed when halibut are on board the vessel, except sablefish, Pacific cod, flatfish species, and lingcod caught north of the Washington-Oregon border during the month of May, when allowed by Pacific Coast groundfish regulations, during days open to the all-depth fishery only.

(iv) Taking, retaining, possessing, or landing halibut on groundfish trips is only allowed in the nearshore area on days not open to all-depth Pacific halibut fisheries.

(e) The quota for landings into ports in the area off Oregon between Cape Falcon (45°46.00′ N. lat.) and Humbug Mountain (42°40.50′ N. lat.) (Oregon Central Coast subarea), is 240,812 lb (109.23 mt).

(i) The fishing seasons are:

(A) The first season (the ''inside 40-fm'' fishery) commences June 1, and continues 7 days a week, in the area shoreward of a boundary line approximating the 40-fm (73-m) depth contour, until the sub-quota for the central Oregon ''inside 40-fm'' fishery of 28,897 lb (13.11 mt) or any in-season revised subquota, is estimated to have been taken and the season is closed by the Commission, or October 31, whichever is earlier. The boundary line approximating the 40-fm (73-m) depth contour between 45°46.00′ N. lat. and 42°40.50′ N. lat. is defined at 50 CFR 660.71(k).

(B) The second season (spring season), which is for the ''all-depth'' fishery, is open May 11, 12, 13; 18, 19, 20; June 1, 2, 3; 8, 9, 10; and 15, 16, 17. The allocation to the spring season all-depth fishery is 151,172 lb (68.57 mt). If sufficient unharvested quota remains for additional fishing days, the season will re-open. Possible re-opening dates are June 29, 30, July 1; 13, 14, 15; and 27, 28, 29. Notice of the re-opening will be announced on the NMFS hotline (206) 526–6667 or (800) 662–9825. No halibut fishing will be allowed on the re-opening dates unless the date is announced on the NMFS hotline.

(C) The third season (summer season), which is for the ''all-depth'' fishery, will be open August 4, 5; 18, 19; September 1, 2; 15, 16; 29, 30; October 13, 14; 27 and 28, and will continue until the combined spring season and summer season quotas in the area between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain, OR, are estimated to have been taken and the area is closed by the Commission, or October 31, whichever is earlier. The allocation to the summer season all-depth fishery is 60,203 lb (27.31 mt). NMFS will announce on the NMFS hotline in July whether the fishery will re-open for the summer season in August. No halibut fishing will be allowed in the summer season fishery unless the dates are announced on the NMFS hotline. Additional fishing days may be opened if sufficient quota remains after the last day of the first scheduled open period. If, after this date, an amount greater than or equal to 60,000 lb (27.2 mt) remains in the combined all-depth and inside 40-fm (73-m) quota, the fishery may re-open every Friday and Saturday, beginning August 18 and ending October 31 or when there is insufficient quota remaining, whichever is earlier. If, after September 4, an amount greater than or equal to 30,000 lb (13.6 mt) remains in the combined all-depth and inside 40-fm (73-m) quota, and the fishery is not already open every Friday and Saturday, the fishery may re-open every Friday and Saturday, beginning September 8 and 9, and ending October 31 or upon quota attainment, whichever is earlier. After September 4, the bag limit may be increased to two fish of any size per person, per day. NMFS will announce on the NMFS hotline whether the summer all-depth fishery will be open on such additional fishing days, what days the fishery will be open and what the bag limit is.

(ii) The daily bag limit is one halibut of any size per day per person, unless otherwise specified. NMFS will announce on the NMFS hotline any bag limit changes.

(iii) During days open to all-depth halibut fishing when the groundfish fishery is restricted by depth, no groundfish may be taken and retained, possessed or landed, except sablefish, Pacific cod and flatfish species when allowed by groundfish regulations, if halibut are on board the vessel. During days open to all-depth halibut fishing when the groundfish fishery is open to all depths, any groundfish species permitted under the groundfish regulations may be retained, possessed or landed if halibut are on aboard the vessel. During days open to nearshore halibut fishing, flatfish species may be taken and retained seaward of the seasonal groundfish depths restrictions, if halibut are on board the vessel.

(iv) When the all-depth halibut fishery is closed and halibut fishing is permitted only shoreward of a boundary line approximating the 40-fm (73-m) depth contour, halibut possession and retention by vessels operating seaward of a boundary line approximating the 40-fm (73-m) depth contour is prohibited.

(v) Recreational fishing for groundfish and halibut is prohibited within the Stonewall Bank YRCA. It is unlawful for recreational fishing vessels to take and retain, possess, or land halibut taken with recreational gear within the Stonewall Bank YRCA. A vessel fishing in the Stonewall Bank YRCA may not possess any halibut. Recreational vessels may transit through the Stonewall Bank YRCA with or without halibut on board. The Stonewall Bank YRCA is an area off central Oregon, near Stonewall Bank, intended to protect yelloweye rockfish. The Stonewall Bank YRCA is defined at 50 CFR 660.70(f).

(f) The quota for landings into ports in the area south of Humbug Mountain, OR (42°40.50′ N. lat.) to the Oregon/California Border (42°00.00′ N. lat.) (Southern Oregon subarea) is 10,039 lb (4.55 mt).

(i) The fishing season commences on May 1, and continues 7 days per week until the subquota is taken, or October 31, whichever is earlier.

(ii) The daily bag limit is one halibut per person with no size limit.

(iii) No Pacific Coast groundfish may be taken and retained, possessed or landed, except sablefish, Pacific cod, and flatfish species, in areas closed to groundfish, if halibut are on board the vessel.

(g) The quota for landings into ports south of the Oregon/California Border (42°00.00′ N. lat.) and along the California coast is 34,580 lb (15.69 mt).

(i) The fishing season will be open (season dates will be inserted in the final rule), or until the subarea quota is estimated to have been taken and the season is closed by the Commission, or October 31, whichever is earlier. NMFS will announce any closure by the Commission on the NMFS hotline (206) 526–6667 or (800) 662–9825.

(ii) The daily bag limit is one halibut of any size per day per person.

Classification

Regulations governing the U.S. fisheries for Pacific halibut are developed by the IPHC, the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and the Secretary of Commerce. Section 5 of the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act, 16 U.S.C. 773c) provides the Secretary of Commerce with the general responsibility to carry out the Convention between Canada and the United States for the management of Pacific halibut, including the authority to adopt regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Convention and Halibut Act. This proposed rule is consistent with the Secretary of Commerce's authority under the Halibut Act.

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

An initial regulatory flexibility analysis (IRFA) was prepared, as required by section 603 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA). The IRFA describes the economic impact this proposed rule, if adopted, would have on small entities. A description of the action, why it is being considered, and the legal basis for this action are contained at the beginning of this section in the preamble and in the **SUMMARY** section of the preamble. A summary of the analysis follows.

The RFA, 5 U.S.C. 603 *et seq.,* requires government agencies to assess the effects that regulatory alternatives would have on small entities, defined as any business/organization independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field of operation (including its affiliates) and:

- A ''small'' harvesting business has combined annual receipts of $11 million or less for all affiliated operations worldwide.
- A small fish-processing business is one that employs 750 or fewer persons for all affiliated operations worldwide. NMFS is applying this standard to catcher/processors for the purposes of rulemaking, because these vessels earn the majority of their revenue from selling processed fish.
- For marinas and charter/party boats, annual receipts not in excess of $7.5 million.
- A wholesale business servicing the fishing industry is a small business if it employs 100 or fewer persons on a full time, part time, temporary, or other basis, at all its affiliated operations worldwide.
- For the purposes of this rulemaking, a nonprofit organization is determined to be ''not dominant in its field of operation'' if it is considered ''small'' under SBA size standards:

Environmental, conservation, or professional organizations: Combined annual receipts of $15 million or less. Other organizations: Combined annual receipts of $7.5 million or less.

The RFA defines small governmental jurisdictions as governments of cities, counties, towns, townships, villages, school districts, or special districts with populations of less than 50,000.

On December 29, 2015, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a final rule establishing a small business size standard of $11 million in annual gross receipts for all businesses primarily engaged in the commercial fishing industry (NAICS 11411) for Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) compliance purposes only (80 FR 81194, December 29, 2015). The $11 million standard became effective on July 1, 2016, and is to be used in place of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) current standards of $20.5 million, $5.5 million, and $7.5 million for the finfish (NAICS 114111), shellfish (NAICS 114112), and other marine fishing (NAICS 114119) sectors of the U.S. commercial fishing industry in all NMFS rules subject to the RFA after July 1, 2016. Id. at 81194.

When an agency proposes regulations, the RFA requires the agency to prepare and make available for public comment an IRFA that describes the impact on small businesses, non-profit enterprises, local governments, and other small entities. The IRFA is to aid the agency in considering all reasonable regulatory alternatives that would minimize the economic impact on affected small entities.

Description and Estimate of the Number of Small Entities to Which the Rule Applies

In determining the potential universe of entities subject to this rule, we must consider those entities to which this rule applies. Although many small and large nonprofit enterprises track fisheries management issues on the West Coast, the proposed changes to the Plan, codified regulations, and annual management measures will not directly affect those enterprises. Similarly, although many fishing communities are small governmental jurisdictions, no

direct regulations for those governmental jurisdictions will result from this proposed rule. However, this rule directly affects charterboat operations, and participants in the non-treaty directed commercial fishery off the coast of Washington, Oregon, and California.

Specific data on the economics of halibut charter operations is unavailable. However, in January 2004, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) completed a report on the overall West Coast charterboat fleet. In surveying charterboat vessels concerning their operations in 2000, the PSMFC estimated that there were about 315 charterboat vessels in operation off Washington and Oregon. In 2000, IPHC licensed 130 vessels to fish in the halibut sport charter fishery. Comparing the total charterboat fleet to the 130 and 142 IPHC licenses in 2000 and 2007, respectively, approximately 41 to 45 percent of the charterboat fleet could participate in the halibut fishery. The PSMFC has developed preliminary estimates of the annual revenues earned by this fleet and they vary by size class of the vessels and home state. Small charterboat vessels range from 15 to 30 feet and typically carry 5 to 6 passengers. Medium charterboat vessels range from 31 to 49 feet in length and typically carry 19 to 20 passengers. (Neither state has large vessels of greater than 49 feet in their fleet.) Average annual revenues from all types of recreational fishing, whale watching and other activities ranged from $7,000 for small Oregon vessels to $131,000 for medium Washington vessels. These data confirm that charterboat vessels qualify as small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Commercial harvest vessels in West Coast fisheries are generally considered ''small vessels'' unless they are associated with a catcher-processor company or affiliated with a large shorebased processing company. Catcher-processors cannot target halibut or keep halibut as bycatch. NOAA is unaware that any ''large'' seafood processing companies are affiliated with any of the IPHC permit holders.

Charterboats and the non-treaty directed commercial fishing vessels are considered small businesses. In 2015, 512 vessels were issued IPHC licenses to retain halibut. IPHC issues licenses for: The directed commercial fishery and the incidental fishery in the sablefish primary fishery in Area 2A (22 licenses in 2015); incidental halibut caught in the salmon troll fishery (363 licenses in 2015); and the charterboat fleet (127 licenses in 2013, the most recent year available). No vessel may participate in more than one of these three fisheries per year. These license estimates indicate the maximum number of vessels that participate in the fishery, and may be an overestimate because some vessels that obtain a license do not always participate in the halibut fishery. IPHC estimates that 60 vessels participated in the directed commercial fishery, 100 vessels in the incidental commercial (salmon) fishery, and 13 vessels in the incidental commercial (sablefish) fishery. Recent information on charterboat activity is not available; prior analysis indicated that 60 percent of the IPHC charterboat license holders may be affected by these regulations.

Estimate of Economic Impacts on Small Entities, by Entity Size and Industry

The major effect of halibut management on small entities will be from the internationally set TAC decisions made by the IPHC. Based on the recommendations of the states, the Council and NMFS are proposing minor changes to the Plan to provide increased recreational and commercial opportunities under the allocations that result from the TAC. There are no large entities involved in the halibut fisheries; therefore, none of these changes will have a disproportionate negative effect on small entities versus large entities. These minor proposed changes to the Plan are not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

A description of any significant alternatives to the proposed rule that accomplish the stated objectives of applicable statutes and that minimize any significant economic impact of the proposed rule on small entities.

There were no significant alternatives to the propose rule that would minimize any significant impact on small entities.

RFA-Determination of a Significant Impact

The proposed changes to the Plan and codified regulations are authorized under the Pacific Halibut Act, implementing regulations at 50 CFR 300.60–65, and the Council process of annually evaluating the utility and effectiveness of Area 2A halibut management under the Plan. The proposed sport and commercial management measures implement the Plan by managing the fisheries to meet the differing fishery needs of the various areas along the coast according to the Plans objectives. The proposed changes to the Plan and domestic management measures do not include any new reporting or recordkeeping requirements. These changes will also not duplicate, overlap or conflict with other laws or regulations. Consequently, these changes are not expected to meet any of the RFA tests of having a ''significant'' economic impact on a ''substantial number'' of small entities. Nonetheless, NMFS has prepared this IRFA. Through the rulemaking process associated with this action, we are requesting comments on this conclusion.

A copy of this analysis is available from the Council or NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**).

This proposed rule does not contain a collection of information requirement subject to review and approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA).

There are no projected reporting or recordkeeping requirements associated with this action.

There are no relevant Federal rules that may duplicate, overlap, or conflict with this action.

Pursuant to Executive Order 13175, the Secretary recognizes the sovereign status and co-manager role of Indian tribes over shared Federal and tribal fishery resources. Section 302(b)(5) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act establishes a seat on the Pacific Council for a representative of an Indian tribe with federally recognized fishing rights from California, Oregon, Washington, or Idaho.

The U.S. Government formally recognizes that the 13 Washington Tribes have treaty rights to fish for Pacific halibut. In general terms, the quantification of those rights is 50 percent of the harvestable surplus of Pacific halibut available in the tribes' usual and accustomed fishing areas (described at 50 CFR 300.64). Each of the treaty tribes has the discretion to administer their fisheries and to establish their own policies to achieve program objectives. Accordingly, tribal allocations and regulations, including the proposed changes to the Plan, have been developed in consultation with the affected tribe(s) and, insofar as possible, with tribal consensus.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 300

Administrative practice and procedure, Antarctica, Canada, Exports, Fish, Fisheries, Fishing, Imports, Indians, Labeling, Marine resources, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Russian Federation, Transportation, Treaties, Wildlife.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.,* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.,* 16 U.S.C. 5501 *et seq.,* 16 U.S.C. 2431 *et seq.,* 31 U.S.C. 9701 *et seq.*

Dated: February 17, 2017.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 300, subpart E, is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 300—INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Subpart E—Pacific Halibut Fisheries

■ 1. The authority citation for part 300, subpart E, continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 773–773k.

■ 2. In § 300.63 revise paragraphs (c)(2)(iv) and (c)(2)(v) and add paragraphs (c)(1)(v) and (c)(2)(vi) to read as follows:

§ 300.63 Catch sharing plan and domestic management measures in area 2A.

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(1) * * *

(v) Notwithstanding regulations at (c)(1)(i) of this section, if the total estimated yelloweye rockfish bycatch mortality from recreational halibut trips in all Oregon subareas is projected to exceed 22 percent of the annual Oregon recreational yelloweye rockfish harvest guideline, NMFS may take inseason action to reduce yelloweye rockfish bycatch mortality in the halibut fishery while allowing allocation objectives to be met to the extent possible.

(2) * * *

(iv) Modification of sport fishing days per calendar week;

(v) Modification of subarea quotas; and

(vi) Modification of Stonewall Bank YRCA restrictions off Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 17, 2017.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding (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 the agency's estimate of burden 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) ways to 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC; New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by March 27, 2017. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Cotton Classing, Testing, and Standards.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0008.

Summary of Collection: The U.S. Cotton Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 51 53 and 55, authorizes the USDA to supervise the various activities directly associated with the classification or grading of cotton, cotton linters, and cottonseed based on official USDA Standards. The Cotton and Tobacco Program of the Agricultural Marketing Service carries out this supervision and is responsible for the maintenance of the functions to which these forms relate. USDA is the only Federal agency authorized to establish and promote the use of the official cotton standards of the U.S. in interstate and foreign commerce and to supervise the various activities associated with the classification or grading of cotton, cotton linters, and cottonseed based on official USDA standards.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Marketing Service collects the information using various forms. Form FD–210 is submitted by owners of cotton to request cotton classification services. The request contains information for USDA to ascertain proper ownership of the samples submitted, to distribute classification results, and bill for services. Information about the origin and handling of the cotton is necessary in order to properly evaluate and classify the samples.

Form CN–246 is submitted by cotton gins and warehouses seeking to serve as licensed samplers. Licenses issued by the USDA–AMS Cotton Program authorize the warehouse/gin to draw and submit samples to insure the proper application of standards in the classification of cotton and to prevent deception in their use.

Form CN–383 is a package of forms designated as CN–383–a through CN–383–k that is submitted by cotton producers, ginners, warehousemen, cooperatives, manufacturers, merchants, and crushers interested in acquiring cotton classification standards and round testing services.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,002.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually; on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 144.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Cotton Classification and Market News Service.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0009.

Summary of Collection: The Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act, 7 U.S. Code 471–476, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish annually statistics or estimates concerning the grades and staple lengths of stocks of cotton. In addition, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) collects, authenticates, publishes, and distributes timely information of the market supply, demand, location, and market prices for cotton (7 U.S.C. 473B). This information is needed and used by all segments of the cotton industry.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information on the quality of cotton in the carryover stocks along with the size or volume of the carryover. Growers use this information in making decisions relative to marketing their present crop and planning for the next one; cotton merchants use the information in marketing decisions; and the mills that provide the data also use the combined data in planning their future purchase to cover their needs. Importers of U.S. cotton use the data in making their plans for purchases of U.S. cotton. AMS and other government agencies are users of the compiled information.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 752.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 618.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Reporting Forms under Milk Marketing Order Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0032.

Summary of Collection: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) oversees the administration of the Federal Milk Marketing Orders authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended. The Act is

designed to improve returns to producers while protecting the interests of consumers. The Federal Milk Marketing Order regulations require places certain requirements on the handling of milk in the area it covers. Currently, there are 10 milk marketing orders regulating the handling of milk in the respective marketing areas.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is needed to administer the classified pricing system and related requirements of each Federal Order. Forms are used for reporting purposes and to establish the quantity of milk received by handlers, the pooling status of the handler, and the class-use of the milk used by the handler and the butterfat content and amounts of other components of the milk. Without the monthly information, the market administrator would not have the information to compute each monthly price nor know if handlers were paying producers on dates prescribed in the order. Penalties are imposed for violation of the order, such as the failure to pay producers by the prescribed dates.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 690.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 26,524.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for 7 CFR, Part 29.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0056.

Summary of Collection: The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 518) eliminated price supports and marketing quotas for all tobacco beginning with the 2005 crop year. Mandatory inspection and grading of domestic and imported tobacco was eliminated as well as the mandatory pesticide testing of imported tobacco and the tobacco Market News Program. The Tobacco Inspection Act (U.S.C. 511) requires that all tobacco sold at designated auction markets in the U.S. be inspected and graded. Provision is also made for interested parties to request inspection, pesticide testing and grading services on an ''as needed'' basis.

Need and Use of the Information: Information is collected through various forms and other documents for the inspection and certification process. Upon receiving request information from tobacco dealers and/or manufacturers, tobacco inspectors will pull samples and apply U.S. Standard Grades to samples to provide a Tobacco Inspection Certificate (TB–92). Also, samples can be submitted to a USDA laboratory for pesticide testing and a detailed analysis is provided to the customer.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 3,851.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FFP) program Administration

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the revised information collection, Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FFP) Program Administration.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before April 24, 2017 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: USDA, Forest Service, Attn: Melissa Frey, Fire and Aviation Management (F&AM), 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mailstop 1107, Washington, DC 20250. Comments also may be submitted via email to: *mfrey@fs.fed.us.*

The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, F&AM, 1400 Independence Ave., Washington, DC 20250, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202–205–0995 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Frey, Fire and Aviation Management, 202–306–1765. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FFP) Program Administration.

OMB Number: 0596–0223.

Type of Request: Extension without Revision.

Abstract: Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FPP) Program Cooperative Agreements are available to State forestry agencies. The program administration provides participating State agencies with surplus Department of Defense and other Federal agencies equipment and supplies to be used in firefighting and emergency services. The FEPP program loans property to the State who in turn sub-loans the equipment and supplies to fire departments. The FFP program transfers ownership of the equipment to either the State agency or the individual fire department.

A cooperative agreement collects information from the participating State agencies and outlines the requirements and rules for the cooperation. Each State forestry agency shall provide an Accountable Officer who will be responsible for the integrity of the program within their respective State. For this reason, FEPP and FFP collect the state forestry agency contact information, the information of the Accountable Officer, and the requirements of participation in the FEPP and FFP programs.

A cooperative agreement will be prepared by each State forestry agency that desires to participate in one or both of the programs. Participating State agencies must submit separate agreements if they desire to be participants in both programs. Agreements will be processed and maintained at the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Fire and Aviation Management, Partnerships, Cooperative Programs branch in each Forest Service Regional Office.

Since the property belongs to the Forest Service, the proposed inventory system will facilitate reporting by state agencies to the Forest Service on the status and location of the property. State agencies will use the electronic database (Federal Excess Property Management Information System or FEPMIS) to submit information regarding the property make, model, serial number, acquisition value, location, and acquisition date when an item is acquired or no longer need. Forest Service property management technicians will collect the information from FEPMIS and enter it into the National Finance Center database (CPAIS–PP), as required by Federal

Property Management Regulations. Forest Service property management officers will analyze the data collected to ensure that the property accountability is accurate and no misuse of property is occurring.

The authority to provide surplus supplies to state agencies comes from the Federal Property and Administration Services Act of 1949, 40 U.S.C. 202. Authority to loan excess supplies comes from 10 U.S.C., Subtitle A, Part IV, Chapter 153, 2576b grants the authority for the FFP program.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 1 hour and 2 minutes.

Type of Respondents: State Foresters and State Agency FEPP property managers.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 65.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 302.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 570 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the 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) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: February 3, 2017.

Patricia Hirami,

Associate Deputy Chief, State & Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

National Sunshine Week Public Event

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public event.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is announcing the following event, ''Strengthening Transparency through Open Data and Access to Information,'' in recognition of National Sunshine Week. In recognizing open government, the Census Bureau will hold public speaker sessions to educate and engage the public in open data and information efforts.

DATES: The public speaker sessions will be held on Wednesday, March 15 and Thursday, March 16, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Census Bureau also will co-host a kick-off event with the Department of Commerce (DOC) on March 14, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Department of Commerce Research Library, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. Registration is free, but advanced registration is required for both the kick-off event and the speaker sessions.

ADDRESSES: The public speaker sessions will be held in the U.S. Census Bureau Training Room, T–5, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Goode or Karen Bronson at the Policy Coordination Office, Open Government Program, by telephone (301) 763–6440 or by email at *pco.policy.office@census.gov.*

For TTY callers, please call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 and give them the above-listed number you would like to call. This service is free and confidential.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Individuals may attend the kick-off event at the DOC Research Library as seating capacity permits. Both the kick-off event and speaker sessions will also be available for public observation via call-in. Individuals seeking to attend the kick-off must register at *https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunshine-week-kickoff-event-at-the-department-of-commerce-tickets-31099862526* by 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on March 13. Individuals who wish to attend the speaker sessions at the Census Bureau must register at *https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunshine-week-at-the-census-bureau-tickets-31641194665* by 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on March 14. Agendas and call-in instructions will be provided upon registration.

The event will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodation such as sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should call Mary Kendall-Washington at (301) 763–6440 to request accommodations at least five business days in advance.

All registrants will be placed on a visitors' list. All visitors for the event must provide a government-issued photo identification in order to enter the building and receive a visitor's badge. For logistical questions, call Karen Bronson at (301) 763–6440.

Media interested in attending should call the Census Bureau's Public Information Office at (301) 763–3030.

Dated: February 15, 2017.

John H. Thompson,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–985]

Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2013–2014

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (''the Department'') is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on xanthan gum from the People's Republic of China (''PRC''). For these final results, we have treated Neimenggu Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (aka Inner Mongolia Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.)/Shandong Fufeng Fermentation Co., Ltd./Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (collectively, ''Fufeng''), Deosen Biochemical Ltd./Deosen Biochemical (Ordos) Ltd. (collectively, ''Deosen''), and A.H.A. International Co., Ltd. (''AHA'') as mandatory respondents. The period of review (''POR'') is July 19, 2013, through June 30, 2014. The Department published its *Preliminary Results* on August 7, 2015 and issued post-preliminary results on August 5, 2016. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the *Preliminary Results* and post-preliminary results, and based upon our analysis of the comments received, we made certain changes to the dumping margin calculations for these final results of review.

DATES: Effective February 23, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Krisha Hill, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published its *Preliminary Results* on August 7, 2015.[1] On September 28, 2015, Fufeng and CP Kelco U.S., Inc. (''Petitioner'') requested a hearing. On October 22, 2015, both parties withdrew their hearing requests. Between October 6–15, 2015, Petitioner, Fufeng, and Deosen submitted case briefs and rebuttal briefs.[2] On February 9, 2016, the Department deferred the final results of this administrative review in order to address allegations made during the review relating to contradictory statements on the record and to protect the integrity of its administrative proceedings.[3] Between March 21 and April 29, 2016, Deosen and AHA submitted supplemental questionnaire responses.[4] The Department issued its Post-Preliminary Results on August 5, 2016.[5] Between September 14–26, 2016, Petitioner, Shanghai Smart Chemicals Co., Ltd. (''Shanghai Smart''), Deosen, and AHA, submitted supplemental case briefs, and Petitioner and Archer Daniels Midland Company submitted supplemental rebuttal briefs.[6]

Scope of the Order

The scope of the order covers dry xanthan gum, whether or not coated or blended with other products. Further, xanthan gum is included in this order regardless of physical form, including, but not limited to, solutions, slurries, dry powders of any particle size, or unground fiber. Merchandise covered by the scope of this order is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States at subheading 3913.90.20.[7] Although this tariff classification is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description remains dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

We addressed all issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs and supplemental case and supplemental rebuttal briefs submitted by parties in this review in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice. Appendix I to this notice provides a list of the issues which parties raised. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (''ACCESS''). ACCESS is available to registered users at *http://access.trade.gov* and it is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit of the main Department of Commerce building, room B8024. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at *http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/.* The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version are identical in content.

Changes Since the *Preliminary Results*

Based on a review of the record and comments received from interested parties regarding our *Preliminary Results* and Post-Preliminary Results, and for the reasons explained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, we revised our preliminary calculations of Fufeng's weighted-average dumping margin, we revised the dumping margin assigned to Deosen and AHA, and we revised the dumping margin assigned to the non-individually examined companies that demonstrated their eligibility for a separate rate. Specifically, we: (1) Revised the surrogate value for labor; (2) revised the surrogate value for electricity; (3) revised the calculation of surrogate financial ratios; (4) adjusted Fufeng's free-on-board U.S. sales prices for value-added taxes; (5) recalculated Fufeng's electricity-generating factors of production allocated to finished xanthan gum; (6) recalculated the surrogate value for hydrochloric acid; (7) based the dumping margin for Deosen and AHA or total adverse facts available (''AFA''); (8) calculated the rate applicable to non-individually-examined respondents that are being granted separate rate status as the simple average of the dumping margins determined for mandatory respondents Fufeng, Deosen, and AHA, consistent with section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the ''Act''); and (9) denied Shanghai Smart separate rates status.[8]

Adverse Facts Available

In the Post-Preliminary Results, the Department applied total AFA to Deosen and AHA and assigned these companies a rate of 154.07 percent, the highest rate on the record of the proceeding. The Department determined that these companies significantly impeded the proceeding, withheld information requested by the Department, and failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of their ability to

[1] *See Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2013–2014,* 80 FR 47464 (August 7, 2015) (''*Preliminary Results*''), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

[2] *See* Letter from Petitioner, ''Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: CP Kelco's Case Brief,'' dated October 6, 2015 (''Petitioner Case Brief''); Letter from Fufeng, ''Fufeng Direct Case Brief in the First Administrative Review of Antidumping Duty Order on Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China (A–570–985),'' dated October 6, 2015 (''Fufeng Case Brief''); Letter from Deosen, ''Xanthan Gum for the People's Republic of China: Case Brief of Deosen Biochemical Ltd.,'' dated October 6, 2015 (''Deosen Case Brief''). *See also* Letter from Petitioner, ''Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: CP Kelco's Rebuttal Brief,'' dated October 15, 2015 (''Petitioner Rebuttal Brief''); Letter from Fufeng, ''Fufeng Rebuttal Brief in the First Administrative Review of Antidumping Duty Order on Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China (A–570–985),'' dated October 15, 2015 (''Fufeng Rebuttal Brief''); Letter from Deosen, ''Xanthan Gum from China; Rebuttal Brief of Deosen Biochemical Ltd. and Deosen USA Inc.,'' dated October 15, 2015 (''Deosen Rebuttal Brief'').

[3] *See* Memorandum to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement & Compliance, ''Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Deferral of the Final Results of the First Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,'' dated February 9, 2016.

[4] *See* Submission from Deosen and AHA, ''Xanthan Gum from China: Response to Supplemental Questionnaire,'' dated March 21, 2016; *see also* Submission from Deosen and AHA, ''Xanthan Gum from China: Response to Second Deferral Supplemental Questionnaire,'' dated April 29, 2016.

[5] *See* Memorandum to Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, ''Post-Preliminary Results Memorandum: Application of Adverse Facts Available to Deosen Biochemical Ltd./Deosen Biochemical (Ordos) Ltd. and A.H.A. International Co., Ltd.,'' dated August 5, 2016 (''Post-Preliminary Results'').

[6] *See* Letter from Petitioner to the Department, regarding ''Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: CP Kelco U.S., Inc.'s Supplemental Case Brief,'' dated September 14, 2016; *see also* Letter from Shanghai Smart to the Department, regarding ''Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China; Shanghai Smart Comments on the Calculation of the Separate Company Rates in the Post-Preliminary Results of the 1st Review and the Preliminary Results of the 2nd Administrative Review,'' dated September 14, 2016, *see also* Letter from Deosen and AHA to the Department, regarding ''Xanthan Gum from China: Supplemental Case Brief,'' dated September 15, 2016; *see also* Letter from Petitioner to the Department, regarding ''Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: CP Kelco U.S., Inc.'s Supplemental Rebuttal Brief,'' dated September 26, 2016; *see also* Letter from ADM to the Department, regarding, ''Xanthan Gum From The People's Republic of China—Re: Supplemental Rebuttal Brief,'' dated September 26, 2016.

[7] For the full text of the scope of the order, *see* Memorandum to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, ''Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the First Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,'' (''Issues and Decision Memorandum''), dated concurrently with this notice.

[8] *See* Issues and Decision Memorandum.

comply with requests for information.[9] As discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, we continue to assign Deosen and AHA a rate based on total AFA for these final results of review.[10]

Separate Rates

In the *Preliminary Results,* the Department found that Fufeng, Deosen, CP Kelco (Shandong) Biological Company Limited (''CP Kelco (Shandong)''), and Shanghai Smart demonstrated their eligibility for a separate rate but that the non-individually examined respondent Hebei Xinhe Biochemical Co. Ltd., (''Hebei Xinhe'') did not demonstrate its eligibility for a separate rate because it failed to file a separate rate application or a separate rate certification.[11] Thus, the Department treated Hebei Xinhe as part of the PRC-wide entity. We have considered interested parties' comments regarding our preliminary separate rates determination, and decided to: (1) Continue to grant Fufeng, Deosen, and CP Kelco (Shandong) separate rates status; (2) also grant AHA separate rates status; and (3) deny Hebei Xinhe and Shanghai Smart separate rates status in these final results of review. For further details, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.[12]

Dumping Margin for Non-Individually Examined Respondents Granted Separate Rate Status

Neither the Act, nor the Department's regulations address the establishment of the dumping margin applied to separate rate companies not selected for individual examination where the Department limits its individual examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. The Department's practice in administrative reviews involving limited selection based on exporters accounting for the largest volume of subject merchandise during the period of review has been to look to section 735(c)(5) of the Act for guidance, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in an antidumping investigation. Under section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the Department avoids calculating an all-others rate using rates that are zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts available in investigations. Section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act provides that, where all dumping margins established for the mandatory respondents are zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts available, the Department may use ''any reasonable method'' for assigning an all-others rate.

In these final results of review, the dumping margins determined for the mandatory respondents are either zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on AFA. Therefore, in accordance with section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act, we have applied to the non-individually examined companies eligible for a separate rate a dumping margin equal to the simple average of the zero and AFA rates determined for the mandatory respondents.[13]

Final Results of Administrative Review

We determine that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the POR:

Exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percentage)
Neimenggu Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (aka Inner Mongolia Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.)/Shandong Fufeng Fermentation Co., Ltd./Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd	0.00
Deosen Biochemical Ltd./Deosen Biochemical (Ordos) Ltd	154.07
A.H.A. International Co., Ltd	154.07
CP Kelco (Shandong) Biological Company Limited	77.04

Disclosure

The Department will disclose the calculations performed for these final results of review within five days of the date of publication of this notice, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b), the Department has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (''CBP'') shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review. The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication date of the final results of this review. We intend to instruct CBP to liquidate POR entries of subject merchandise from Deosen, AHA, and CP Kelco (Shandong) at the rates listed for those companies in the table above. Where the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis,* or where an importer- (or customer-) specific *ad valorem* or per-unit rate is zero or *de minimis,* the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.[14]

For entries that were not reported in the U.S. sales database submitted by an exporter individually examined during this review, but that entered under the case number of that exporter (*i.e.,* at the individually-examined exporter's cash deposit rate), the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the PRC-wide rate (*i.e.,* 154.07 percent).

Cash Deposit Requirements

Except as noted below, the following cash deposit requirements will be effective for shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of review, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For the exporters listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established in the final results of review that is listed for the exporter in the table; (2) for previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters not listed in the table above that have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the existing exporter-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) for all PRC exporters

[9] *See* Post-Preliminary Results Memorandum.

[10] *See* Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 1.

[11] *See Preliminary Results,* 80 FR at 47464–47465.

[12] *See* Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comments 2 and 3.

[13] *See* Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 4; *see also Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results, Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Preliminary Rescission of New Shipper Review; 2014–2015,* 81 FR 45455 (July 14, 2016) and accompanying PDM at 9, unchanged in *Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Rescission of New Shipper Review; 2014–2015,* 82 FR 4844 (January 17, 2017).

[14] *See Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification,* 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012).

of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate previously established for the PRC-wide entity, which is 154.07 percent; and (4) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporter that supplied that non-PRC exporter.

However, if the final results of the antidumping duty administrative review of xanthan gum from the PRC covering the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015 publish on or before the date of publication of the final results of the instant review,[15] then the cash deposit rates will be those rates established in the final results of the antidumping duty administrative review of xanthan gum from the PRC covering the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. The cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers Regarding the Reimbursement of Duties

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order (''APO'')

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing these final results of administrative review and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

[15] As noted above, on February 9, 2016, the Department deferred the final results of the instant administrative review.

Dated: February 13, 2017.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–552–802]

Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 2015–2016

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

SUMMARY: On November 9, 2016, the Department of Commerce (Department) published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the eleventh administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain warmwater shrimp from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam). We continue find that the mandatory respondents in this review do not qualify for a separate rate and are, therefore, considered part of the Vietnam-Wide Entity during the period of review (POR) February 1, 2015, through January 31, 2016.

DATES: Effective February 23, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irene Gorelik, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202–482–6905.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 9, 2016, the Department published the *Preliminary Results,*[1] and gave interested parties an opportunity to comment. On November 10, 2016, Ngoc Tri Seafood Joint Stock Company (Ngoc Tri) filed a case brief.[2] No other interested parties filed case briefs and no interested parties filed rebuttal briefs. We address Ngoc Tri's argument below.

Scope of the Order [3]

The merchandise subject to the order is certain frozen warmwater shrimp. The product is currently classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item numbers: 0306.17.00.03,

[1] *See Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015–2016,* 81 FR 78789 (November 9, 2016) (*Preliminary Results*).

[2] *See* Ngoc Tri Case Brief, dated November 10, 2016.

[3] *See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,* 70 FR 5152 (February 1, 2005) (*Order*).

0306.17.00.06, 0306.17.00.09, 0306.17.00.12, 0306.17.00.15, 0306.17.00.18, 0306.17.00.21, 0306.17.00.24, 0306.17.00.27, 0306.17.00.40, 1605.21.10.30, and 1605.29.10.10. Although the HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written product description, available in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum,[4] remains dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

Ngoc Tri's single argument was that the Department's instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) would inappropriately conflate its name with another company within the Vietnam-Wide Entity, ''Amanda Foods (Vietnam) Ltd. Ngoc Tri Seafood Company (Amanda's affiliate),'' which has a similar name. Ngoc Tri requests that the Department ensure that CBP understands that this entity is distinct from Ngoc Tri and that the Department should not collapse these two entities.[5]

As an initial matter, the Department rescinded the review with respect to Ngoc Tri on July 15, 2016.[6] In doing so, the Department subsequently issued instructions to CBP directing it to liquidate all POR entries of the subject merchandise for all the companies rescinded from review, which included Ngoc Tri.[7] The Department did not rescind its review of, or liquidate entries for, ''Amanda Foods (Vietnam) Ltd. Ngoc Tri Seafood Company (Amanda's affiliate),'' which remains under review and part of the Vietnam-Wide Entity (*see* Appendix I). Thus, the Department has rescinded Ngoc Tri from this administrative review, and has not conflated Ngoc Tri with any other company in its instructions to CBP. Moreover, CBP is able to contact the Department (and frequently does) with any questions regarding instructions that we issue to it.[8]

Final Determination of No Shipments

In the *Preliminary Results,* the Department determined the following companies did not have any reviewable transactions during the POR: (1) BIM Seafood Joint Stock Company; (2) Bien Dong Seafood Co., Ltd.; (3) Cam Ranh Seafoods Processing Enterprise Company; (4) Ben Tre Forestry and Aquaproduct Import Export Joint Stock Company; (5) Fine Foods Company (FFC) (Ca Mau Foods & Fishery Export Joint Stock Company); (6) Gallant Dachan Seafood Co., Ltd.; (7) Green Farms Joint Stock Company; (8) Minh Cuong Seafood Import Export Frozen Processing Joint Stock Company; (9) Quang Minh Seafood Co., Ltd.; (10) Quang Ninh Export Aquatic Products Processing Factory; (11) Tacvan Frozen Seafood Processing Export Company; (12); Trong Nhan Seafood Company Limited; and (13) Vinh Hoan Corp. As we have not received any information to contradict our preliminary finding, we determine that the above-named companies did not have any reviewable entries of subject merchandise during the POR, and intend to issue appropriate instructions that are consistent with our ''automatic assessment'' clarification, for these final results.[9]

Methodology

The Department conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (Act). In the *Preliminary Results,* the Department determined that, because the two mandatory respondents in this administrative review (Tan Phong Phu Seafood Co., Ltd. and C.P. Vietnam Corporation) had not responded to all portions of the questionnaire, they are ineligible for a separate rate and are part of the Vietnam-Wide Entity, subject to the Vietnam-Wide Entity rate of 25.76 percent.[10] As no interested parties commented on this determination and we have not received any information since the issuance of the *Preliminary Results* that provides a basis for reconsidering this determination, we find that the mandatory respondents are ineligible for a separate rate and are, consequently, subject to the Vietnam-Wide Entity rate of 25.76 percent.

The Department's policy regarding conditional review of the Vietnam-Wide Entity applies to this administrative review.[11] Under this policy, the Vietnam-Wide Entity will not be under review unless a party specifically requests, or the Department self-initiates, a review of the entity. Because no party requested a review of the Vietnam-Wide Entity, the entity is not under review and the entity's rate is not subject to change.

Final Results of Review

As noted above, the Department finds that the two mandatory respondents have not established their eligibility for a separate rate and are considered to be part of the Vietnam-Wide Entity. Moreover, as in the *Preliminary Results,* we determined that 51 additional companies for which a review was requested have not established eligibility for a separate rate and continue to be part of the Vietnam-Wide Entity in these final results.[12]

Furthermore, the statute and the Department's regulations do not address what rate to apply to respondents not selected for individual examination when the Department limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. Generally, the Department looks to section 735(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in an investigation, for guidance when calculating the rate for non-selected respondents that are not examined individually in an administrative review. Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act states that the all-others rate should be calculated by averaging the weighted-average dumping margins for individually-examined respondents, excluding rates that are zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts available. Section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act provides that, where all rates are zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts available, the Department may use ''any reasonable method'' for assigning a rate to non-examined respondents.

In this administrative review, we have not calculated any individual rates or assigned a rate based on facts available. Therefore, as determined in the

[4] *See Preliminary Results* and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 2–4.

[5] *See* Ngoc Tri Case Brief, dated November 10, 2016, at 1.

[6] *See Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015–2016,* 81 FR 46047 (July 18, 2016).

[7] The Department liquidated the POR entries of Ngoc Tri Seafood Joint Stock Company, under case reference file A–552–802–089, which is assigned solely to Ngoc Tri and not to any other company. *See* Partial Rescission Liquidation Instruction Message Number 6215301, dated August 2, 2016, available at: *http://adcvd.cbp.dhs.gov/adcvdweb/ad_cvd_msgs/21629?filter_cat=ALL&filter_type=ALL&page=1&per_page=10&search=6215301.*

[8] *See, e.g., Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,* 2014–2015, 81 FR 62717 (September 12, 2016) (*AR10 Final*) and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 12 (''CBP may inquire with the Department regarding, for example, the punctuation of a company's name as confirmation that they are the same company without the Department having to grant separate rate status to a name that does not meet the requirements for such.'').

[9] *See Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties,* 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011) (*Assessment Notice*); *see also* ''Assessment Rates'' section below.

[10] *See Preliminary Results,* 81 FR at 78790.

[11] *See Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings,* 78 FR 65963 (November 4, 2013).

[12] *See Preliminary Results,* 81 FR at 78790, 78792. *See also* Appendix I for a full list of all 51 companies and the two mandatory respondents not receiving a separate rate.

Preliminary Results,[13] we will assign to the non-individually examined separate rate respondents the most recently assigned separate rate in this proceeding, which is from the immediately preceding administrative review.[14] Using this method, we are assigning a separate rate margin of 4.78 percent to the 12 non-individually examined companies that demonstrated their eligibility for a separate rate.

The Department determines that the following dumping margins exist:

Exporter [15]	Dumping margins (percent)
Au Vung One Seafood Processing Import & Export Joint Stock Company	4.78
Cadovimex Seafood Import-Export and Processing Joint Stock Company	4.78
Cafatex Corporation, aka Taydo Seafood Enterprise	4.78
Gallant Ocean (Vietnam) Co., Ltd	4.78
Investment Commerce Fisheries Corporation	4.78
Kim Anh Company Limited	4.78
Ngo Bros Seaproducts Import-Export One Member Company Limited, aka Ngo Bros	4.78
Nha Trang Fisheries Joint Stock Company	4.78
Phuong Nam Foodstuff Corp	4.78
Taika Seafood Corporation	4.78
UTXI Aquatic Products Processing Corporation	4.78
Vietnam Fish One Co., Ltd., aka Viet Hai Seafood Co., Ltd	4.78

Disclosure and Public Comment

Normally, The Department will disclose the calculations used in our analysis to parties in this review within five days of the date of publication of the notice of final results in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, here, the Department has applied a separate rate [16] and a country-wide rate,[17] which were established in prior segments of the proceeding. Thus, there are no calculations on this record to disclose.

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b), the Department will determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review. The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of these final results of review. For the companies receiving a separate rate, we intend to assign an *ad valorem* assessment rate of 4.78 percent, consistent with the methodology described above. With regard to the mandatory respondents and the additional 51 companies identified in Appendix I as part of the Vietnam-Wide Entity, we will instruct CBP to apply an *ad valorem* assessment rate of 25.76 percent to all entries of subject merchandise during the POR which were produced and/or exported by those companies.

Additionally, consistent with its assessment practice in NME cases, for an exporter under review which the Department determined had no shipments of the subject merchandise, any suspended entries that it made under that exporter's case number (*i.e.,* at that exporter's rate) will be liquidated at the NME-wide rate.[18]

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for shipments of the subject merchandise from Vietnam entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by sections 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For the companies listed above, which have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is zero or *de minimis,* then zero cash deposit will be required); (2) for previously investigated or reviewed Vietnam and non-Vietnam exporters not listed above that received a separate rate in a prior segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the existing exporter-specific rate; (3) for all Vietnam exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that for the Vietnam-wide Entity; and (4) for all non-Vietnam exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the Vietnam exporter that supplied that non-Vietnam exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Reimbursement of Duties

This notice also serves as a reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested.

[13] *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 11.

[14] *See Preliminary Results,* 81 FR at 78790–91. *See also AR10 Final,* 81 FR at 62718.

[15] Due to the issues the Department has had in the past with variations of exporter names related to this *Order,* we remind exporters that the names listed in the rate box are the exact names, including spelling and punctuation, which the Department will provide to CBP and which CBP will use to assess POR entries and collect cash deposits.

[16] *See AR10 Final,* 81 FR at 62718.

[17] *See Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Frozen and Canned Warmwater Shrimp from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,* 69 FR 71005, 71008 (December 8, 2004) and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comments 6 and 10C (''We have applied a rate of 25.76 percent, a rate calculated in the initiation stage of the investigation from information provided in the petition (as adjusted by the Department).'').

[18] For a full discussion of this practice, *see Assessment Notice.*

Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: February 16, 2017.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Companies Subject to Review Determined To Be Part of the Vietnam-Wide Entity

1. Amanda Foods (Vietnam) Ltd. Ngoc Tri Seafood Company (Amanda's affiliate)
2. Amanda Seafood Co., Ltd.
3. An Giang Coffee JSC
4. Anvifish Joint Stock Co.
5. Asia Food Stuffs Import Export Co., Ltd.
6. Binh Thuan Import—Export Joint Stock Company (THAIMEX)
7. Binh An Seafood Joint Stock Company
8. B.O.P. Limited Co.
9. C.P. Vietnam Corporation, aka C.P. Vietnam Corporation (''C.P. Vietnam''), aka C.P. Vietnam Livestock Company Limited, aka C.P. Vietnam Livestock Corporation
10. Can Tho Agricultural and Animal Product Import Export Company (''CATACO''), aka Can Tho Agricultural and Animal Products Import Export Company (''CATACO''), aka Can Tho Agricultural and Animal Products Imex Company, aka Can Tho Agricultural Products
11. Can Tho Import Export Seafood Joint Stock Company (CASEAMEX)
12. Cautre Export Goods Processing Joint Stock Company
13. Coastal Fisheries Development Corporation (''COFIDEC'')
14. Danang Seaproducts Import-Export Corporation (''Seaprodex Danang'') (and its affiliates), aka Danang Seaproducts Import Export Corporation (and its affiliate, Tho Quang Seafood Processing and Export Company) (collectively, ''Seaprodex Danang'')), aka Danang Seaproducts Import Export Corporation (''Seaprodex Danang''), aka Seaprodex Danang, aka Tho Quang Co, aka Tho Quang Seafood Processing and Export Company, aka Frozen Seafoods Factory No. 32 (Tho Quang Seafood Processing and Export Company)
15. Duy Dai Corporation
16. D & N Foods Processing (Danang Company Ltd.)
17. Gallant Ocean (Quang Ngai) Co., Ltd.
18. Gn Foods
19. Hai Thanh Food Company Ltd.
20. Hai Vuong Co., Ltd.
21. Han An Trading Service Co., Ltd.
22. Hoang Hai Company Ltd.
23. Hua Heong Food Industries Vietnam Co. Ltd.
24. Huynh Huong Seafood Processing (Huynh Houng Trading and Import Export Joint Stock Company)
25. Kien Long Seafoods Co. Ltd.
26. Khanh Loi Seafood Factory
27. Long Toan Frozen Aquatic Products Joint Stock Company
28. Luan Vo Fishery Co., Ltd.
29. Minh Chau Imp. Exp. Seafood Processing Co., Ltd.
30. Mp Consol Co., Ltd.
31. New Wind Seafood Co., Ltd.
32. Ngoc Chau Co., Ltd. and/or Ngoc Chau Seafood Processing Company
33. Ngoc Sinh, aka Ngoc Sinh Fisheries, aka Ngoc Sinh Private Enterprises, aka Ngoc Sinh Seafoods, aka Ngoc Sinh Seafood Processing Company, aka Ngoc Sinh Seafood Trading & Processing Enterprise
34. Nhat Duc Co., Ltd. (''Nhat Duc''), aka Nhat Duc Co., Ltd., aka Duc Co. Ltd.
35. Phu Cuong Jostoco Seafood Corporation, aka Phu Cuong Jostoco Corp.
36. Quoc Ai Seafood Processing Import Export Co., Ltd.
37. S.R.V. Freight Services Co., Ltd.
38. Saigon Food Joint Stock Company
39. Sustainable Seafood
40. Tan Thanh Loi Frozen Food Co., Ltd.
41. Tan Phong Phu Seafood Co., Ltd., aka Tan Phong Phu Seafood Company Ltd. (''TPP Co., Ltd.''), aka Tan Phong Phu Seafood Co. Ltd. (''TPP Co., Ltd.'')
42. Thanh Doan Seaproducts Import & Export Processing Joint-Stock Company (THADIMEXCO)
43. Thanh Hung Frozen Seafood Processing Import Export Co., Ltd.
44. Thanh Tri Seafood Processing Co. Ltd.
45. Thinh Hung Co., Ltd.
46. Trang Khan Seafood Co., Ltd.
47. Tien Tien Garment Joint Stock Company
48. Tithi Co., Ltd.
49. Viet Cuong Seafood Processing Import Export Joint-Stock Company
50. Vietnam Northern Viking Technologies Co. Ltd.
51. Vinatex Danang
52. Vinh Loi Import Export Company (''VIMEX''), aka Vinh Loi Import Export Company (''Vimexco'')
53. Xi Nghiep Che Bien Thuy Sue San Xuat Kau Cantho

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–985]

Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, Final Partial Rescission; 2014–2015

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (''the Department'') has conducted an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on xanthan gum from the People's Republic of China (''PRC''). For these final results, we have treated Neimenggu Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (a.k.a. Inner Mongolia Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.)/Shandong Fufeng Fermentation Co., Ltd./Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (collectively, ''Fufeng''), Deosen Biochemical Ltd./Deosen Biochemical (Ordos) Ltd. (collectively, ''Deosen''), and A.H.A. International Co., Ltd. (''AHA'') as mandatory respondents. The period of review (''POR'') is July 01, 2014, through June 30, 2015. The Department published its *Preliminary Results* of review on August 15, 2016. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the *Preliminary Results,* and based upon our analysis of the comments received, we have not made any changes to the dumping margin calculations for these final results of review.

DATES: Effective February 23, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick O'Connor, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published its *Preliminary Results* on August 15, 2016.[1] On September 14, 2016, Inner Mongolia Jianlong Biochemical Co., Ltd. (''IMJ''), CP Kelco U.S., Inc. (''Petitioner''), and Deosen Biochemical (Ordos) Ltd., Deosen Biochemical Ltd. (collectively ''Deosen'') and A.H.A. International Co., Ltd. (''AHA'') (collectively, ''Deosen/AHA'') requested a hearing. Between September 14, 2016, and November 21, 2016, Archer Daniels Midland Company (''ADM''), Shanghai Smart Chemicals Co., Ltd. (''Shanghai Smart''), Neimenggu Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (*aka* Inner Mongolia Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.)/Shandong Fufeng Fermentation Co., Ltd./Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (''Fufeng''), Deosen/AHA, IMJ, and Petitioner submitted case briefs and rebuttal briefs.[2] On December 14, 2016, the

[1] *See Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Preliminary Determination of No Shipments, and Preliminary Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2014–2015,* 81 FR 54045 (August 15, 2016) (''*Preliminary Results*''), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

[2] Deosen/AHA submitted its case brief on September 14, 2016; however, because of filing deficiencies, Deosen/AHA refiled its case brief on November 21, 2016. *See also* Memorandum to the File, Re: ''Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic

Department held a hearing for interested parties. On December 8, 2016, January 10, 2017, and January 25, 2017, the Department extended the deadline for issuing the final results of this administrative review.[3]

Scope of the Order

The scope of the order covers dry xanthan gum, whether or not coated or blended with other products. Further, xanthan gum is included in this order regardless of physical form, including, but not limited to, solutions, slurries, dry powders of any particle size, or unground fiber. Merchandise covered by the scope of this order is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States at subheading 3913.90.20.[4] Although this tariff classification is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description remains dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

We addressed all issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs submitted by parties in this review in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice. Appendix I to this notice provides a list of the issues which parties raised. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (''ACCESS''). ACCESS is available to registered users at *http://access.trade.gov* and it is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit of the main Department of Commerce building, Room B8024. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at *http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/.* The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version are identical in content.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on a review of the record and comments received from interested parties regarding our *Preliminary Results,* we have made no changes since the preliminary results.

Adverse Facts Available

In the *Preliminary Results,* the Department applied total adverse facts available (''AFA'') to Deosen and AHA and assigned these companies a rate of 154.07 percent, the highest rate on the record of the proceeding. The Department determined that these companies significantly impeded the proceeding, withheld information requested by the Department, and failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of their ability to comply with requests for information.[5] As discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, we continue to apply a dumping margin based on AFA to Deosen and AHA for these final results of review.[6]

Separate Rates

In the *Preliminary Results,* the Department found that Fufeng, Deosen, AHA, CP Kelco (Shandong) Biological Company Limited (''CP Kelco (Shandong)'') and Shanghai Smart, demonstrated their eligibility for a separate rate but that the non-individually examined respondent Hebei Xinhe Biochemical Co. Ltd., (''Hebei Xinhe'') did not demonstrate its eligibility for a separate rate because it failed to file a separate rate application or a separate rate certification.[7] Thus, the Department treated Hebei Xinhe as part of the PRC-wide entity. We have considered interested parties' comments regarding our preliminary separate rates determination, and decided not to change the preliminary determination in these final results of review. We have considered interested parties' comments regarding our preliminary separate rates determination, and decided to: (1) Continue to grant Fufeng, Deosen, AHA, CP Kelco (Shandong), and Shanghai Smart separate rates status; and (2) continue to not grant IMJ separate rate status because it had no reviewable sales for these final results of review. For further details, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.[8]

Final Determination of No Shipments

In the *Preliminary Results,* the Department found that Meihua Group International Trading (Hong Kong) Limited, Langfang Meihua Bio-Technology Co., Ltd., and Xinjiang Meihua Amino Acid Co., Ltd. had no shipments and, therefore, no reviewable transactions during the POR.[9] No parties commented on this determination. For the final results of review, we continue to find that these companies had no shipments during the POR.

Final Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

Because IMJ's one sale during the POR is the same sale found to be a non-*bona fide* sale in a new shipper review, and there are no other reviewable sales by IMJ during the POR, we have rescinded this review with respect to IMJ.[10] For additional information regarding this determination, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.[11]

Dumping Margin for Non-Individually Examined Respondents Granted Separate Rate Status

Neither the Act, nor the Department's regulations, addresses the establishment of the dumping margin applied to separate rate companies not selected for individual examination where the Department limits its individual examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. The Department's practice in administrative reviews involving limited selection based on exporters accounting for the largest volume of subject merchandise during the period of review has been to look to section 735(c)(5) of the Act for guidance, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in an investigation. Under section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the Department avoids calculating an all-others rate using rates that are zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts available in investigations. Section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act provides that, where all dumping margins established for the mandatory respondents are zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts available, the Department may use ''any reasonable method'' for assigning an all-others rate.

of China: Telephone Call to Alston & Bird LLP, Counsel for Deosen Biochemical Ltd. and A.H.A International Co., Ltd.,'' dated November 14, 2016.

[3] *See* Memorandum to Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Operations, ''2014–2015 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,'' dated December 8, 2016; see also Memorandum to Gary Taverman, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Operations, ''2014–2015 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,'' dated January 10, 2017; see also Memorandum to Gary Taverman, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Operations, ''2014–2015 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,'' dated January 25, 2017.

[4] For the full text of the scope of the order, see Memorandum to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, ''Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Second Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,'' (''Issues and Decision Memorandum''), dated concurrently with this notice.

[5] *See* PDM at 7–9.

[6] *See* Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 1.

[7] *See Preliminary Results,* 81 FR at 54046.

[8] *See* Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comments 2 and 5.

[9] *See* Preliminary Results at 8 FR 54045.

[10] *See* Preliminary Results at 8 FR 54045 54046.

[11] *See* Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 4.

In these final results of review, the dumping margins determined for the mandatory respondents are either zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on AFA. Therefore, in accordance with section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act, we have applied to the non-individually examined companies eligible for a separate rate a dumping margin equal to the simple average of the zero and AFA rates determined for the mandatory respondents.[12]

Final Results of Administrative Review

We determine that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the POR:

Exporter	Weighted-average dumping margins (percentage)
Neimenggu Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (aka Inner Mongolia Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.)/Shandong Fufeng Fermentation Co., Ltd./Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd	0.00
Deosen Biochemical Ltd./Deosen Biochemical (Ordos) Ltd	154.07
A.H.A. International Co., Ltd	154.07
CP Kelco (Shandong) Biological Company Limited	77.04
Shanghai Smart Chemicals Co., Ltd	77.04

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b), the Department has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (''CBP'') shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review. The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication date of the final results of this review. We intend to instruct CBP to liquidate POR entries of subject merchandise from Deosen, AHA, CP Kelco (Shandong), and Shanghai Smart at the rates listed for those companies in the table above. Where the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis,* or where an importer- (or customer-) specific *ad valorem* or per-unit rate is zero or *de minimis,* the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.[13]

For entries that were not reported in the U.S. sales database submitted by an exporter individually examined during this review, but that entered under the case number of that exporter (*i.e.,* at the individually-examined exporter's cash deposit rate), the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the PRC-wide rate (*i.e.,* 154.07 percent). Additionally, if the Department determines that an exporter under review had no shipments of the subject merchandise, any suspended entries that entered under that exporter's case number will be liquidated at the PRC-wide rate.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of review, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For the exporters listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established in the final results of review that is listed for the exporter in the table; (2) for previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters not listed in the table above that have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the existing exporter-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate previously established for the PRC-wide entity, which is 154.07 percent; and (4) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporter that supplied that non-PRC exporter. The cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers Regarding the Reimbursement of Duties

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order (''APO'')

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing these final results of administrative review and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: February 13, 2017.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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[12] *See* Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 3.

[13] *See Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification,* 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012).

Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XF239

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) Steering Committee will convene a public meeting to discuss and approve the 5-year calendar for stock assessments, and to address any other concerns related to the WPSAR process: *https://www.pifsc.noaa.gov/peer_reviews/wpsar/index.php.* The steering committee consists of the Executive Director of the Council, the Director of the NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, and the Regional Administrator of the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 6, 2017, from 2 to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Honolulu Service Center, NOAA Fisheries, Pier 38, Honolulu Harbor, 1139 N. Nimitz Hwy, Suite 220, Honolulu, HI 96817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benjamin Richards at (808) 725–5320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public will have an opportunity to comment. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for the Steering Committee Meeting

March 6, 2017—2 p.m.–4 p.m.

1. Introductions.
2. Discuss and update the 5-year stock assessment review schedule, including any changes to the scheduling of reviews for stock assessments already on the calendar, and any new additions to the schedule.
3. Discuss and update review levels, *i.e.* whether the stock assessments on the calendar will be reviewed as benchmark assessments (new assessments) or assessment updates (updates of existing models with recent data).
4. Review the upcoming schedule and nominate additional products for review by the Center for Independent Experts, if necessary.
5. Public Comment.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Make direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to Benjamin Richards at (808) 725–5320 or *Benjamin.Richards@noaa.gov* at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 17, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB–2017–0003]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) is requesting to renew the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing information collection titled, ''Fair Credit Reporting Act (Regulation V).''

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before April 24, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at *www.regulations.gov.* Requests for additional information should be directed to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435–9575, or email: *CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to this mailbox.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Fair Credit Reporting Act (Regulation V) 12 CFR 1022.

OMB Control Number: 3170–0002.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 779,073.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,093,412.

Abstract: The consumer disclosures included in Regulation V are designed to alert consumers that a financial institution furnished negative information about them to a consumer reporting agency, that they have a right to opt out of receiving marketing materials and credit or insurance offers, that their credit report was used in setting the material terms of credit that may be less favorable than the terms offered to consumers with better credit histories, that they maintain certain rights with respect to a theft of their identity that they reported to a consumer reporting agency, that they maintain rights with respect to knowing what is in their consumer reporting agency file, that they can request a free credit report, and that they can report a theft of their identity to the Bureau. Consumers then can use the information provided to consider how and when to check and use their credit reports. This is a routine request for OMB to renew its approval of the collections of information currently approved under this OMB control number. The Bureau is not proposing any new or revised collections of information pursuant to this request.

Request for Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 15, 2017.

Darrin A. King,

Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Establishment of Academic Research Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''Bureau''), after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, will establish the Academic Research Council (''the Council'') no less than 15 days from the effective date of this notice. The Advisory Council was established to provide the Bureau's Office of Research advice and feedback on research methodologies, framing research questions, data collection, and analytic strategies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delicia Hand, Staff Director, Advisory Board and Councils Office, External Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002; Telephone: (202) 435–9348; email: *Delicia.hand@cfpb.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (''FACA'') (5 U.S.C. App.), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''Bureau'') hereby gives notice of re-establishment of the Academic Research Council. In December of 2015, language included in the 2016 Omnibus spending bill amended the Consumer Financial Protection Act to clarify the applicability of the FACA to the Bureau. The Advisory Council is a continuing committee being re-established for the purposes of compliance with FACA and applicable statutes as it now applies to the Bureau.

This committee is being established no less than 15 days after the publication of this notice by filing a charter with the Director of the Bureau and with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, and furnishing the charter to the Library of Congress and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the United States House of Representatives. The charter will also be posted on the Bureau's Web site at *www.consumerfinance.gov.* This charter will expire two years after the filing date unless renewed by appropriate action.

The Council will provide the Bureau's Office of Research advice and feedback on research methodologies, framing research questions, data collection, and analytic strategies. Additionally, the Council will provide both backward- and forward-looking feedback on the Office of Research's research work and will offer input into its research strategic planning process and research agenda.

The duties of the Council are solely advisory and shall extend only to the submission of advice and recommendations to the Bureau. No determination of fact or policy will be made by the Council, and the Council will have no formal decision-making role.

In appointing members to the Council, the Director shall seek to assemble academic experts in fields such as economics, statistics, psychology or behavioral science. In particular, academics with strong methodological and technical expertise in structural or reduced form econometrics, modeling of consumer decision-making, behavioral economics, experimental economics, program evaluation, psychology, or financial choice will be considered. The Council will be composed of approximately nine members. Council members will be designated as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and will serve four-year terms. Equal opportunity practices in accordance with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) policies shall be followed in all appointments to the Council.

Dated: January 20, 2017.

Leandra English,

Chief of Staff, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Establishment of Consumer Advisory Board

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''Bureau''), after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, has established the Consumer Advisory Board (''the Board'') as required by statute. The Board will ''advise and consult with the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial laws'' and ''provide information on emerging practices in the consumer financial products or services industry, including regional trends, concerns, and other relevant information,'' as outlined in section 1014(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delicia Hand, Staff Director, Advisory Board and Councils Office, External Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002; Telephone: (202) 435–9348; email: *Delicia.hand@cfpb.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (''FACA'') (5 U.S.C. App.), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau hereby gives notice of re-establishment of the Consumer Advisory Board, effective immediately. In December of 2015, language included in the 2016 Omnibus spending bill amended the Consumer Financial Protection Act to clarify the applicability of FACA to the Bureau. The Board is a continuing committee being re-established for the purposes of compliance with FACA and applicable statutes.

The Board is being established concurrently with the publication of this notice by filing a charter with the Director of the Bureau and with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, and furnishing the charter to the Library of Congress and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of

the United States Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the United States House of Representatives. The charter will also be posted on the Bureau's Web site at *www.consumerfinance.gov.* This charter will expire two years after the filing date unless renewed by appropriate action.

The Board's purpose is outlined in section 1014(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (''Dodd-Frank Act), which states that the Board shall ''advise and consult with the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial laws'' and ''provide information on emerging practices in the consumer financial products or services industry, including regional trends, concerns, and other relevant information.''

To carry out the Board's purpose, the scope of its activities shall include providing information, analysis, and recommendations to the Bureau. The Board will generally serve as a vehicle for market intelligence and expertise for the Bureau. Its objectives will include identifying and assessing the impact on consumers and other market participants of new, emerging, and changing products, practices, or services. The duties of the Board are solely advisory and shall extend only to the submission of advice and recommendations to the Bureau, which shall be non-binding on the Bureau. No determination of fact or policy will be made by the Board, and the Board will have no formal decision-making role and no access to confidential supervisory or other confidential information.

The Board shall consist of no fewer than approximately16 members including at least six members appointed upon the recommendation of the regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents on a rotating basis, and shall be chosen to ensure a fairly balanced membership. In accordance with the Dodd-Frank Act, ''in appointing the members of the Consumer Advisory Board, the Director shall seek to assemble experts in: Consumer protection, financial services, community development, fair lending and civil rights, and consumer financial products or services and representatives of depository institutions that primarily serve underserved communities, and representatives of depository institutions that primarily serve underserved communities, and representatives of communities that have been significantly impacted by higher-priced mortgage loans, and seek representation of the interests of covered persons and consumers, without regard to party affiliation.'' Equal opportunity practices in accordance with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''Bureau'') policies shall be followed in all appointments to the Board.

Dated: January 20, 2017.

Leandra English,

Chief of Staff, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Establishment of Community Banker Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''Bureau''), after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, will establish the Community Banker Advisory Council (''the Advisory Council'') no less than 15 days from the effective date of this notice. The Advisory Council was established to consult with the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the federal consumer financial laws as they pertain to community banks with total assets of $10 billion or less.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delicia Hand, Staff Director, Advisory Board and Councils Office, External Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002; Telephone: (202) 435–9348; email: *Delicia.hand@cfpb.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (''FACA'') (5 U.S.C. App.), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''the Bureau'') hereby gives notice of re-establishment of the Community Banker Advisory Council. In December of 2015, language included in the 2016 Omnibus spending bill amended the Consumer Financial Protection Act to clarify the applicability of the FACA to the Bureau. The Advisory Council is a continuing committee being re-established for the purposes of compliance with FACA and applicable statutes.

This committee is being established no less than 15 days after the publication of this notice by filing a charter with the Director of the Bureau and with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, and furnishing the charter to the Library of Congress and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the United States House of Representatives. The charter will also be posted on the Bureau's Web site at *www.consumerfinance.gov.* This charter will expire two years after the filing date unless renewed by appropriate action.

The Advisory Council shall advise the Bureau in its exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial laws as they pertain to banks or thrifts with total assets of $10 billion or less. To carry out the Advisory Council's purpose, the scope of its activities shall include providing information and analysis in support of recommendations to the Bureau. The output of Advisory Council meetings should serve to better inform the CFPB's policy development, rulemaking, and engagement functions as they relate to community banking institutions.

The duties of the Advisory Council are solely advisory and shall extend only to the submission of advice and recommendations to the Bureau relating to the activities and operations of community banks, which shall be non-binding on the Bureau. No determination of fact or policy will be made by the Advisory Council, and the Advisory Council will have no formal decision-making role and no access to confidential supervisory or other confidential information.

In appointing members to the Advisory Council, the Director shall seek to assemble members with diverse points of view, institution asset sizes, and geographical backgrounds. Only bank or thrift employees (CEOs, compliance officers, government relations officials, etc.) will be considered for membership. Membership is limited to employees of banks and thrifts with total assets of $10 billion or less that are not affiliates of depository institutions or credit unions with total assets of more than $10 billion. The Advisory Council will consist of approximately 15 to 20 members. Equal opportunity practices in accordance with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''Bureau'') policies shall be followed in all appointments to the Advisory Council.

Dated: January 20, 2017.

Leandra English,

Chief of Staff, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB–2017–0002]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) is requesting approval for a new information collection, titled, ''Student Loan Servicing Market Monitoring.''

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before April 24, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at *www.regulations.gov.* Requests for additional information should be directed to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435–9575, or email: *CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to this mailbox.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Student Loan Servicing Market Monitoring.

OMB Control Number: 3170–XXXX.

Type of Review: New collection (Request for a new OMB control number).

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,400.

Abstract: The Bureau will require quarterly data collection on aggregated student loan servicing metrics and borrower outcomes from student loan servicers. The order is intended to help the Bureau carry out its market monitoring goals and is pursuant to the Bureau's market monitoring authority under Section 1022(c)(4) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street and Consumer Protection Act.

Request for Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 16, 2017.

Darrin A. King,

Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Establishment of Credit Union Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''Bureau''), after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, will establish the Credit Union Advisory Council (''the Advisory Council'') no less than 15 days from the effective date of this notice. The Advisory Council was established to consult with the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the federal consumer financial laws as they pertain to credit unions with total assets of $10 billion or less.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delicia Hand, Staff Director, Advisory Board and Councils Office, External Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002; Telephone: (202) 435–9348; email: *Delicia.hand@cfpb.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (''FACA'') (5 U.S.C. App.), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''Bureau'') hereby gives notice of re-establishment of the Credit Union Advisory Council. In December of 2015, language included in the 2016 Omnibus spending bill amended the Consumer Financial Protection Act to clarify the applicability of the FACA to the Bureau. The Advisory Council is a continuing committee being re-established for the purposes of compliance with FACA and applicable statutes.

This committee is being established no less than 15 days after the publication of this notice by filing a charter with the Director of the Bureau and with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, and furnishing the charter to the Library of Congress and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the United States House of Representatives. The charter will also be posted on the Bureau's Web site at *www.consumerfinance.gov.* This charter will expire two years after the filing date unless renewed by appropriate action.

The Advisory Council shall advise the Bureau in its exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial laws as they pertain to credit unions with total assets of $10 billion or less. To carry out the Advisory Council's purpose, the scope of its activities shall include providing information, and analysis in support of recommendations to the Bureau. The output of Advisory Council meetings should serve to better inform the Bureau's policy development, rulemaking, and engagement functions as they relate to credit unions.

The duties of the Advisory Council are solely advisory and shall extend only to the submission of advice and recommendations to the Bureau relating to the activities and operations of credit unions, which shall be non-binding on the Bureau. No determination of fact or policy will be made by the Advisory Council, and the Advisory Council will have no formal decision-making role

and no access to confidential supervisory or other confidential information.

In appointing members to the Advisory Council, the Director shall seek to assemble members with diverse points of view, institution asset sizes, and geographical backgrounds. Only credit union employees (CEOs, compliance officers, government relations officials, etc.) will be considered for membership. Membership is limited to employees of credit unions with total assets of $10 billion or less that are not affiliates of depository institutions or credit unions with total assets of more than $10 billion. The Advisory Council will consist of approximately 15 to 20 members. Equal opportunity practices in accordance with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''Bureau'') policies shall be followed in all appointments to the Advisory Council.

Dated: January 20, 2017.

Leandra English,

Chief of Staff, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DOD–2013–OS–0176]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 27, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Licari, 571–372–0493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form and OMB Number: Trustee Report, DD 2826, OMB Control Number 0730–0012.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 300.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 300.

Needs and Uses: The collection is a required annual accounting report mailed to trustees of mentally incompetent retirees. The report is needed to account for funds entrusted to the trustee.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD Desk Officer, at *Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.* Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number and title 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 any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Frederick Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at WHS/ESD Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Dated: February 17, 2017.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information:

Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) Program.

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2017.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.031S.

DATES:

Applications Available: February 23, 2017.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 24, 2017.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 23, 2017.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The DHSI Program provides grants to assist Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) to expand educational opportunities for, and improve the academic attainment of, Hispanic students. DHSI Program grants also enable HSIs to expand and enhance the academic offerings, program quality, faculty quality, and institutional stability of colleges and universities that are educating the majority of Hispanic college students and help large numbers of Hispanic students and low-income individuals complete postsecondary degrees.

Background: Hispanic students are enrolling in postsecondary institutions at higher rates than ever before; however, we continue to lose a substantial number of Hispanic students prior to degree completion.[1] Additionally, while Hispanic students have very high enrollments at 2-year institutions, the transfer rate to 4-year institutions, as well as the rate of certificate and associate degree completion, continues to be low.[2] This is unacceptable especially considering the evidence showing how essential postsecondary education, including certification programs, is to full participation in today's competitive workforce. Given the growth of the Hispanic population, it is imperative that we ensure educational success for our youngest and fastest growing population. As a nation, we cannot afford to have such a large portion of our population undereducated and therefore underrepresented in competitive careers in a global economy. Progress toward higher rates of Hispanics with postsecondary degrees requires intentional and on-going support throughout every level of the educational pipeline.

To this end, in this competition, the Department is inviting applicants to focus on the various aspects of the teacher preparation pipeline. Currently, Hispanic teachers make up about 7.8 percent of the teacher workforce, yet Hispanic students make up over 24 percent of the public school system's elementary and secondary student

[1] *www.http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d15/tables/dt15_326.20.asp.*

[2] US Census Bureau, Population Division Survey, 2014 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, Table 1: Educational Attainment. 2015. *www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education/data/cps/2014/tables.html.*

body.[3] HSIs are in a position to enhance and develop programs that improve the preparation, support, and retention of Hispanic teachers. Investing in teacher preparation programs can provide benefits that lead to academic improvement of pre-kindergarten, elementary, and secondary students. A recent report by the Department, ''The State of Racial Diversity in the Educator Workforce,'' cited the social and academic gains for students of color when they are taught by teachers of color.[4] These gains have the potential to contribute to positive academic outcomes for this targeted population. To increase the number of Hispanic teachers, we will need to ensure postsecondary success for this population. This means we must also further efforts to facilitate transfer programs between 2-year and 4-year institutions. In this competition, we also include a transfer model priority for 2-year HSIs to partner with 4-year institutions. This, we believe, is a comprehensive approach to support multiple levels of the educational pipeline leading to educational success.

Priorities: This notice contains two competitive preference priorities and one invitational priority. The competitive preference priorities are from the authorized activities for the DHSI Program in section 503(b) of the HEA.

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2017 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award an application up to 10 additional points for each priority, depending on how well the application meets one of these priorities. Applicants may only respond to one of the priorities, for a total of up to 10 additional points.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1 (up to 10 additional points).

Projects that establish or enhance a program of teacher education designed to qualify teacher candidates to teach in public elementary schools and secondary schools.

Competitive Preference Priority 2 (up to 10 additional points).

Projects that develop or enhance articulation agreements and/or student support programs designed to facilitate the transfer from 2-year to 4-year institutions.

Invitational Priority: For FY 2017 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), we do not give an application that meets the invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is:

Promoting the Teacher Profession for Hispanic Students.

Projects that develop or enhance partnerships that:

(1) Are designed to increase the number of effective teachers with linguistic and cultural competency serving in high-need schools (as defined in section 200(11) of the HEA);

(2) Combine strong content knowledge with robust practical experience to meet the instructional needs of the local school district(s);

(3) Develop strong teacher pipelines that support the preparation, placement, and retention of effective teachers;

(4) Use outcome data of their recent graduates reported by their State, or otherwise obtained, to facilitate continuous improvement; and

(5) Share best practices and other information on implementation with other institutions.

Definitions: The following definitions are from the notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2014, (79 FR 73425) (Supplemental Priorities) and the DHSI Program regulations 34 CFR 606.7 and apply to the priorities and selection criteria in this notice:

Cooperative arrangement means an arrangement to carry out allowable grant activities between an institution eligible to receive a grant under the DHSI Program and another eligible or ineligible institution of higher education, under which the resources of the cooperating institutions are combined and shared to better achieve the purposes of the DHSI program and avoid costly duplication of effort.

Logic model (also referred to as theory of action) means a well-specified conceptual framework that identifies key components of the proposed process, product, strategy, or practice (*i.e.,* the active ''ingredients'' that are hypothesized to be critical to achieving the relevant outcomes) and describes the relationships among the key components and outcomes, theoretically and operationally.

Note: In developing logic models, applicants may want to use resources such as the Pacific Education Laboratory's Education Logic Model Application (*www.relpacific.mcrel.org/PERR.html* or *http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED544779.pdf*) to help design their logic models.

Strong theory means a rationale for the proposed process, product, strategy, or practice that includes a logic model.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1101–1101d; 1103–1103g.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended in 2 CFR part 3474. (d) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 606. (e) The Supplemental Priorities.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants—Individual Development Grants and Cooperative Arrangement Grants. Planning grants will not be awarded in FY 2017.

Note: For cooperative arrangement grants, under 34 CFR 606.12(a)(2) the application must include the names of participating institutions, the role of each institution, and the rational for each eligible participating institution's decision to request grant funds as part of a cooperative arrangement rather than as an individual grantee.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested $107,795,000 for awards for the DHSI program for FY 2017, of which we intend to use an estimated $11,500,000 for this competition. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2018 from the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: $500,000–$750,000.

Maximum Awards:

Individual Development Grants: $550,000.

Cooperative Arrangement Grants: $750,000.

We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding these maximum amounts for a single budget

[3] *https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator_caa.asp.*

[4] *https://www2.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/highered/racial-diversity/state-racial-diversity-workforce.pdf.*

period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Estimated Number of Awards: 20.

Note: The number of estimated awards is for total number of awards without distinction as an individual or cooperative arrangement grant.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* (a) Institutions of higher education (IHEs) that qualify as eligible HSIs are eligible to apply for new Individual Development Grants and Cooperative Arrangement Grants under the DHSI Program. To be an eligible HSI, an IHE must—

(i) Have an enrollment of needy students, as defined in section 502(b) of the HEA (section 502(a)(2)(A)(i) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)(2)(A)(i));

(ii) Have, except as provided in section 522(b) of the HEA, average educational and general expenditures that are low, per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student, in comparison with the average educational and general expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of institutions that offer similar instruction (section 502(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)(2)(A)(ii));

Note: To demonstrate an enrollment of needy students and low average educational and general expenditures per FTE undergraduate student, an IHE must be designated as an ''eligible institution'' in accordance with 34 CFR 606.3 through 606.5 and the notice inviting applications for designation as an eligible institution for the fiscal year for which the grant competition is being conducted.

Note: The notice announcing the FY 2017 process for designation of eligible institutions, and inviting applications for waiver of eligibility requirements, was published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2016 (81 FR 85210). Only institutions that the Department determines are eligible, or are granted a waiver, may apply for a grant in this program.

(iii) Be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association that the Secretary has determined to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training offered, or making reasonable progress toward accreditation, according to such an agency or association (section 502(a)(2)(A)(iv) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)(2)(A)(iv));

(iv) Be legally authorized to provide, and provide within the State, an educational program for which the institution awards a bachelor's degree (section 502(a)(2)(A)(iii) of the HEA), or be a junior or community college (20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)(2)(A)(iii));

(v) Have an enrollment of undergraduate FTE students that is at least 25 percent Hispanic students at the end of the award year immediately preceding the date of application (section 502(a)(5)(B) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)(5)(B)); and

(vi) Provide, as an attachment to the application, the documentation the IHE relied upon in determining that at least 25 percent of the IHE's undergraduate FTE students are Hispanic. The 25 percent requirement applies only to undergraduate Hispanic students and is calculated based upon FTE students as defined in section 502(a)(4) of the HEA. Instructions for formatting and submitting the verification documentation to *Grants.gov* are in the application package for this competition.

(b) For this program, the ''end of the award year immediately preceding the date of application'' refers to the end of the fiscal year prior to the application due date. For purposes of this competition, the data that we will use to determine percent enrollment is Fall 2015 enrollment.

(c) In considering applications for grants under this program, the Department will compare the data and documentation the institution relied on in its application with data reported to the Department's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), the IHE's State-reported enrollment data, and the institutional annual report. If different percentages or data are reported in these various sources, the institution must, as part of the 25 percent assurance verification, explain the reason for the differences. If the IPEDS data show that less than 25 percent of the institution's undergraduate FTE students are Hispanic, the burden is on the institution to show that the IPEDS data are inaccurate. If the IPEDS data indicate that the institution has an undergraduate FTE less than 25 percent, and the institution fails to demonstrate that the IPEDS data are inaccurate, the institution will be considered ineligible.

(d) A grantee under the DHSI Program, which is authorized by title V of the HEA, may not receive a grant under any HEA, title III, part A or part B program (section 505 of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1101D). The title III, part A programs include: The Strengthening Institutions Program; the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program; the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Programs; the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Program; and the Native American-Serving Non-Tribal Institutions Program. Furthermore, a current DHSI Program grantee may not give up its HSI grant in order to receive a grant under any title III, part A program (§ 606.2(c)(1)).

(e) An eligible HSI may only submit one application as an Individual Development Grant applicant and/or one under a Cooperative Arrangement Grant applicant.

(f) An eligible HSI that submits a Cooperative Arrangement Grant with a partnering branch campus that is a part of the same institution will not be awarded a grant (34 CFR 606.7(b)).

2. a. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This program does not require cost sharing or matching unless the grantee uses a portion of its grant for establishing or improving an endowment fund. If a grantee uses a portion of its grant for endowment fund purposes, it must match those grant funds with non-Federal funds (section 503(c)(2) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1101b(c)(2)).

b. *Supplement-Not Supplant:* This program involves supplement-not-supplant funding requirements. Grant funds shall be used so that they supplement and, to the extent practical, increase the funds that would otherwise be available for the activities to be carried out under the grant and in no case supplant those funds. (34 CFR 606.30(b).)

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address To Request Application Package:* Njeri Clark, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW., Room 4C137, Washington, DC 20202–0001. Telephone: (202) 453–6224 or by email: *Njeri.clark@ed.gov.*

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an accessible format (*e.g.,* braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) by contacting the program contact person listed in this section.

2. *Content and Form of Application Submission:* Requirements concerning the content and form of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this program.

Page Limit: The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria, the competitive

preference priority and the invitational priority that reviewers use to evaluate your application. We have established mandatory page limits. You must limit the application narrative that addresses the selection criteria and the priorities (if applicable) to no more than 55 pages. How the pages are allocated within the 55 page limit is up to the applicant.

Accordingly, under no circumstances may the application narrative exceed 55 pages.

Please include a separate heading for the competitive preference priority that you address.

For the purpose of determining compliance with the page limits, each page on which there are words will be counted as one full page. Applicants must use the following standards:

• A ''page'' is 8.5″ x 11″, on one side only, with 1″ margins at the top, bottom, and both sides. Page numbers and an identifier may be within the 1″ margins.

• Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, except titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, captions and all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs. These items may be single-spaced. Charts, tables, figures, and graphs in the application narrative count toward the page limit.

• Use a font that is either 12 point or larger, or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch). However, you may use a 10-point font in charts, tables, figures, graphs, footnotes, and endnotes.

• Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. An application submitted in any other font (including Times Roman or Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.

The page limit applies to all of the application narrative section which is your complete response to the selection criteria, the invitational priority (if applicable), and your response to one of the competitive preference priorities (if applicable). However, the page limit does not apply to the Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424); the Department of Education Supplemental Information form (SF 424); Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524); the assurances and certifications; or the one-page project abstract, program profile form, program activity budget detail form and supporting budget narrative. If you include any attachments or appendices not specifically requested in the application package, these items will be counted as part of your application narrative for purposes of the page-limit requirement.

We will reject your application if you exceed the page limit.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:*

Applications Available: February 23, 2017.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 24, 2017.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the *Grants.gov* Apply site (*Grants.gov*). For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or in paper format by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to *Other Submission Requirements* in section IV of this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual's application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in this notice.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 23, 2017.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This competition is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this competition.

5. *Funding Restrictions:* We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice. This program does not allow indirect costs.

(b) *Applicability of Executive Order 13202.* Applicants that apply for construction funds under the DHSI Program must comply with Executive Order 13202, as amended. This Executive order provides that recipients of Federal construction funds may not ''require or prohibit bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations, on the same or other construction project(s)'' or ''otherwise discriminate against bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors for becoming or refusing to become or remain signatories or otherwise to adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations, on the same or other related construction project(s).'' Projects funded under this program that include construction activity will be provided a copy of this Executive order and will be asked to certify that they will adhere to it.

6. *Data Universal Numbering System Number, Taxpayer Identification Number, and System for Award Management:* To do business with the Department of Education, you must—

a. Have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);

b. Register both your DUNS number and TIN with the System for Award Management (SAM) the Government's primary registrant database;

c. Provide your DUNS number and TIN on your application; and

d. Maintain an active SAM registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

You can obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet at the following Web site: *http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform.* A DUNS number can be created within one to two business days. If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service. If you are an individual, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration. If you need a new TIN, please allow two to five weeks for your TIN to become active.

The SAM registration process can take approximately seven business days, but may take upwards of several weeks, depending on the completeness and accuracy of the data you enter into the SAM database. Thus, if you think you might want to apply for Federal financial assistance under a program administered by the Department, please allow sufficient time to obtain and register your DUNS number and TIN. We strongly recommend that you register early.

Note: Once your SAM registration is active, it may be 24 to 48 hours before you can access the information in, and submit an application through, *Grants.gov.* If you are currently registered with SAM, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your DUNS number is correct. Also note that you will need to update your registration annually. This may take three or more business days.

Information about SAM is available at *www.SAM.gov.* To further assist you with obtaining and registering your DUNS number and TIN in SAM or updating your existing SAM account,

we have prepared a *SAM.gov* Tip Sheet, which you can find at: *http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/sam-faqs.html.*

In addition, if you are submitting your application via *Grants.gov*, you must (1) be designated by your organization as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (2) register yourself with *Grants.gov* as an AOR. Details on these steps are outlined at the following *Grants.gov* Web page: *www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html.*

7. *Other Submission Requirements:* Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

a. *Electronic Submission of Applications.*

Applications for grants under the DHSI Program, CFDA number 84.031S, must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide *Grants.gov* Apply site at *www.Grants.gov*. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not email an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement *and* submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the application deadline date is provided later in this section under *Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement.*

You may access the electronic grant application for the DHSI Program at *www.Grants.gov*. You must search for the downloadable application package for this program by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (*e.g.,* search for 84.031, not 84.031S).

Please note the following:

- When you enter the *Grants.gov* site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, as well as the hours of operation.
- Applications received by *Grants.gov* are date and time stamped. Your application must be fully uploaded and submitted and must be date and time stamped by the *Grants.gov* system no later than 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not accept your application if it is received—that is, date and time stamped by the *Grants.gov* system—after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements. When we retrieve your application from *Grants.gov*, we will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was date and time stamped by the *Grants.gov* system after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.
- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors, including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through *Grants.gov*.
- You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through *Grants.gov* that are included in the application package for this competition to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the *Grants.gov* system. You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to *Grants.gov* under News and Events on the Department's G5 system home page at *www.G5.gov*. In addition, for specific guidance and procedures for submitting an application through *Grants.gov*, please refer to the *Grants.gov* Web site at: *www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html.*
- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.
- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information you typically provide on the following forms: The Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424), the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- You must upload any narrative sections and all other attachments to your application as files in a read-only, non-modifiable Portable Document Format (PDF). Do not upload an interactive or fillable PDF file. If you upload a file type other than a read-only, non-modifiable PDF (*e.g.,* Word, Excel, WordPerfect, etc.) or submit a password-protected file, we will not review that material. Please note that this could result in your application not being considered for funding because the material in question—for example, the application narrative—is critical to a meaningful review of your proposal. For that reason it is important to allow yourself adequate time to upload all material as PDF files. The Department will not convert material from other formats to PDF.
- Your electronic application must comply with any page-limit requirements described in this notice.
- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive from *Grants.gov* an automatic notification of receipt that contains a *Grants.gov* tracking number. This notification indicates receipt by *Grants.gov* only, not receipt by the Department. *Grants.gov* will also notify you automatically by email if your application met all the *Grants.gov* validation requirements or if there were any errors (such as submission of your application by someone other than a registered Authorized Organization Representative, or inclusion of an attachment with a file name that contains special characters). You will be given an opportunity to correct any errors and resubmit, but you must still meet the deadline for submission of applications.

Once your application is successfully validated by *Grants.gov*, the Department will retrieve your application from *Grants.gov* and send you an email with a unique PR/Award number for your application.

These emails do not mean that your application is without any disqualifying errors. While your application may have been successfully validated by *Grants.gov*, it must also meet the Department's application requirements as specified in this notice and in the application instructions. Disqualifying errors could include, for instance, failure to upload attachments in a read-only, non-modifiable PDF; failure to submit a required part of the application; or failure to meet applicant eligibility requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that your submitted application has met all of the Department's requirements.

- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical Issues with the Grants.gov System: If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through *Grants.gov*, please contact the *Grants.gov* Support Desk, toll free, at 1–800–518–4726. You must

obtain a *Grants.gov* Support Desk Case Number and must keep a record of it.

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the *Grants.gov* system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically or by hand delivery. You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions described elsewhere in this notice.

If you submit an application after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with *Grants.gov*, along with the *Grants.gov* Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the *Grants.gov* system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. We will contact you after we determine whether your application will be accepted.

Note: The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to the unavailability of, or technical problems with, the *Grants.gov* system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to *Grants.gov* before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the *Grants.gov* system.

Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement: You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application through the *Grants.gov* system because—

- You do not have access to the Internet; or
- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to the *Grants.gov* system; *and*
- No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days; or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevents you from using the Internet to submit your application.

If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Beatriz Ceja, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 4C133, Washington, DC 20202–0001. FAX: (202) 401–8466.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

b. *Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.*

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) your application to the Department. You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.031S), LBJ Basement Level 1, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202–4260.

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

We will not consider applications postmarked after the deadline date.

c. *Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.*

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.031S), 550 12th Street SW., Room 7039, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202–4260.

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications: If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department—

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 11 of the SF 424 the CFDA number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

(2) The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245–6288.

V. Application Review Information

1. *Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this competition are from 34 CFR 606.22 and 34 CFR 75.210 and are as follows:

(a) *Quality of the applicant's comprehensive development plan.* (Up to 20 points).

The extent to which—

(1) The strengths, weaknesses, and significant problems of the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are clearly and comprehensively analyzed and result from a process that involved major constituencies of the institution; (up to 5 points)

(2) The goals for the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability are realistic and based on comprehensive analysis; (up to 5 points)

(3) The objectives stated in the plan are measurable, related to institutional goals, and, if achieved, will contribute to the growth and self-sufficiency of the institution; and (up to 5 points)

(4) The plan clearly and comprehensively describes the methods and resources the institution will use to institutionalize practice and improvements developed under the proposed project, including, in particular, how operational costs for personnel, maintenance, and upgrades of equipment will be paid with institutional resources. (Up to 5 points)

(b) *Quality of the project design.* (up to 5 points)

The Secretary considers the quality of the design of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the extent to which the

proposed project is supported by strong theory (as defined in this notice).

(c) *Quality of activity objectives.* (Up to 15 points)

The extent to which the objectives for each activity are—

(1) Realistic and defined in terms of measurable results; (up to 5 points) and

(2) Directly related to the problems to be solved and to the goals of the comprehensive development plan. (up to 10 points)

(d) *Quality of implementation strategy.* (Up to 15 points)

The extent to which—

(1) The implementation strategy for each activity is comprehensive; (up to 5 points)

(2) The rationale for the implementation strategy for each activity is clearly described and is supported by the results of relevant studies or projects; (up to 5 points) and

(3) The timetable for each activity is realistic and likely to be attained. (up to 5 points)

(e) *Quality of project management plan.* (Up to 10 points)

The extent to which—

(1) Procedures for managing the project are likely to ensure efficient and effective project implementation; (up to 5 points) and

(2) The project coordinator and activity directors have sufficient authority to conduct the project effectively, including access to the president or chief executive officer. (up to 5 points)

(f) *Quality of key personnel.* (Up to 5 points)

The extent to which—

(1) The past experience and training of key professional personnel are directly related to the stated activity objectives; (up to 2 points) and

(2) The time commitment of key personnel is realistic. (up to 3 points)

(g) *Quality of evaluation plan.* (Up to 15 points)

The extent to which—

(1) The data elements and the data collection procedures are clearly described and appropriate to measure the attainment of activity objectives and to measure the success of the project in achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan; (up to 5 points)

(2) The data analysis procedures are clearly described and are likely to produce formative and summative results on attaining activity objectives and measuring the success of the project on achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan; (up to 5 points) and

(3) The evaluation will provide guidance about effective strategies suitable for replication or testing in other settings. (up to 5 points)

(h) *Budget.* (up to 5 points)

The extent to which the proposed costs are necessary and reasonable in relation to the project's objectives and scope.

2. *Review and Selection Process:* We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary also requires various assurances including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Education (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

Tiebreaker: In tie-breaking situations for development grants described in 34 CFR 606.23(b), the DHSI Program regulations require that we award one additional point to an application from an IHE that:

(1) Has an endowment fund of which the current market value, per FTE enrolled student, is less than the average current market value of the endowment funds, per FTE enrolled student, at comparable institutions that offer similar instruction;

(2) Has expenditures for library materials per FTE enrolled student that are less than the average expenditures for library materials per FTE enrolled student at comparable institutions that offer similar instruction; or

(3) Proposes to carry out one or more of the following activities—

(i) Faculty development;

(ii) Funds and administrative management;

(iii) Development and improvement of academic programs;

(iv) Acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening management and academic programs;

(v) Joint use of facilities; or

(vi) Student services.

For the purpose of these funding considerations, we use 2014–2015 data.

If a tie remains after applying the tiebreaker mechanism above, priority will be given in the case of applicants for (a) Individual Development Grants, to applicants that addressed the statutory priority found in section 521(d) of the HEA; and (b) Cooperative Arrangement Grants, to applicants in accordance with section 524(b) of the HEA, under which the Secretary determines that the cooperative arrangement is geographically and economically sound or will benefit the applicant HSI.

If a tie still remains after applying the additional point(s) and the relevant statutory priority, we will determine the ranking of applicants based on the lowest endowment values per FTE enrolled student.

3. *Risk Assessment and Special Conditions:* Consistent with 2 CFR 200.205, before awarding grants under this program, the Department conducts a review of the risks posed by applicants. Under 2 CFR 3474.10, the Secretary may impose special conditions and, in appropriate circumstances, high-risk conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

4. *Integrity and Performance System:* If you are selected under this competition to receive an award that over the course of the project period may exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently $150,000), under 2 CFR 200.205(a)(2), we must make a judgment about your integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards—that is, the risk posed by you as an applicant—before we make an award. In doing so, we must consider any information about you that is in the integrity and performance system (currently referred to as the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), accessible through SAM. You may review and comment on any information yourself that Federal agency previously entered and that is currently in FAPIIS.

Please note that, if the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government exceeds $10,000,000, the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed $10,000,000.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S.

Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN); or, we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multiyear award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to *www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html.*

(c) Under 34 CFR 75.250(b), the Secretary may provide a grantee with additional funding for data collection analysis and reporting. In this case the Secretary establishes a data collection period.

4. *Performance Measures:* The Secretary has established the following key performance measures for assessing the effectiveness of the DHSI Program:

a. The annual rate of degree or certificate completion for all students, and specifically for Hispanic students, at DHSI grantee institutions.

b. The annual persistence rate at DHSI grantee institutions for all students, and for Hispanic students in particular, from one year to the next.

c. The percent of all students, and of Hispanic students in particular, that transfer from a 2-year HSI to a 4-year institution.

d. The annual percent change in the number of Hispanic students completing a teacher preparation program.

e. The number of all students, and the number of Hispanic students in particular, served by any direct student service supported by the grant.

f. Federal cost per undergraduate and graduate degree at institutions in the DHSI program.

5. *Continuation Awards:* In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: Whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

VII. Agency Contact

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Njeri Clark, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 4C137, Washington, DC 20202–0001. Telephone: (202) 453–6224 or by email: *Njeri.clark@ed.gov.*

If you use a TDD or a TTY, call the FRS, toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

Applicants should periodically check the DHSI Program Web site for further information. The address is: *www.ed.gov/programs/idueshsi/index.html.*

VIII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (*e.g.,* braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: *www.gpo.gov/fdsys.* At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at *www.federalregister.gov.* Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

Dated: February 17, 2017.

Linda Byrd-Johnson,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Higher Education Programs, and Senior Director, Student Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

February 16, 2017.

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Number: PR17–26–000.

Applicants: Enable Oklahoma Intrastate Transmission, LLC.

Description: Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e) + (g): Enable Revised Fuel Percentages April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 to be effective 4/1/2017; Filing Type: 1300.

Filed Date: 2/14/17.

Accession Number: 201702145136.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/7/17.

284.123(g) Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/17/17.

Docket Number: PR14–55–000.

Applicants: Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corporation.

Description: Annual Report for 2017 to demonstrate circumstances supporting waiver have not changed.

Filed Date: 2/7/17.

Accession Number: 201702075220.

Comments/Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/28/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17–403–000.

Applicants: Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Fuel Retention Rates—Spring 2017 to be effective 4/1/2017.

Filed Date: 2/16/17.

Accession Number: 20170216–5001.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/28/17.
Docket Numbers: RP17–404–000.
Applicants: PGPipeline LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Annual Adjustment of Fuel and Gas Loss Retention Percentage to be effective 4/1/2017.
Filed Date: 2/16/17.
Accession Number: 20170216–5064.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/28/17.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified date(s). Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf.* For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9959–55–OA]

Notification of a Public Meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Sulfur Oxides Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Sulfur Oxides Panel to peer review EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria (Second External Review Draft—December 2016)* and *Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide: Risk and Exposure Assessment Planning Document (External Review Draft).*

DATES: The CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) and Tuesday, March 21, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: *Location:* The public meeting will be held at the Residence Inn Arlington Capital View, 2850 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to obtain information concerning the public meeting may contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564–2050 or at *yeow.aaron@epa.gov.* General information about the CASAC, as well as any updates concerning the meetings announced in this notice, may be found on the CASAC Web page at *http://www.epa.gov/casac.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CASAC was established pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1977, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7409(d)(2), to review air quality criteria and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and recommend any new NAAQS and revisions of existing criteria and NAAQS as may be appropriate. The CASAC is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. Section 109(d)(1) of the CAA requires that the Agency periodically review and revise, as appropriate, the air quality criteria and the NAAQS for the six ''criteria'' air pollutants, including sulfur oxides. EPA is currently reviewing the primary (health-based) NAAQS for sulfur dioxide (SO_2), as an indicator for health effects caused by the presence of sulfur oxides in the ambient air.

Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel will hold a public face-to-face meeting to review EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria (Second External Review Draft—December 2016)* and *Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide: Risk and Exposure Assessment Planning Document (External Review Draft).* The CASAC Sulfur Oxides Panel and CASAC will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Technical Contacts: Any technical questions concerning the *Integrated Science Assessment for Sulfur Oxides—Health Criteria (Second External Review Draft—December 2016)* should be directed to Dr. Tom Long (*long.tom@epa.gov*), EPA Office of Research and Development. Any technical questions concerning the *Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide: Risk and Exposure Assessment Planning Document (External Review Draft)* should be directed to Dr. Stephen Graham (*graham.stephen@epa.gov*) and Dr. Nicole Hagan (*hagan.nicole@epa.gov*), EPA Office of Air and Radiation.

Availability of Meeting Materials: Prior to the meeting, the review documents, agenda and other materials will be available on the CASAC Web page at *http://www.epa.gov/casac/.*

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments on the topic of this advisory activity, including the charge to the panel and the EPA review documents, and/or the group conducting the activity, for the CASAC to consider as it develops advice for EPA. Input from the public to the CASAC will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for CASAC panels to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should follow the instructions below to submit comments.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes. Each person making an oral statement should consider providing written comments as well as their oral statement so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Interested parties should contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by March 13, 2017, to be placed on the list of public speakers.

Written Statements: Written statements will be accepted throughout the advisory process; however, for timely consideration by CASAC members, statements should be supplied to the DFO (preferably via

email) at the contact information noted above by March 13, 2017. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the Web page for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the CASAC Web site. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Aaron Yeow at (202) 564–2050 or *yeow.aaron@epa.gov.* To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Mr. Yeow preferably at least ten days prior to each meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: February 13, 2017.

Khanna Johnston,

Acting Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Staff Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OECA–2007–0468; FRL—9959–49–OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), ''Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Renewal)'' (EPA ICR No. 1808.08, OMB Control No. 2020–0007) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2017. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** (81 FR 68412) on October 4, 2016 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. 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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OECA–2007–0468, to (1) EPA online using *www.regulations.gov* (our preferred method), by email to *docket.oeca@epa.gov,* or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to *oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.* Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

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: Julie Roemele, Office of Federal Activities, Mail Code 2252A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564–5632; fax number: (202) 564–0072; email address: *roemele.julie@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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.*

Abstract: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) regulations at 40 CFR part 8, Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Rule), were promulgated pursuant to the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996 (Act), 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.,* as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2403a, which implements the Protocol on Environmental Protection (Protocol) to the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 (Treaty). The Rule provides for assessment of the environmental impacts of nongovernmental activities in Antarctica, including tourism, for which the United States is required to give advance notice under Paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Treaty, and for coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received from other Parties under the Protocol. The requirements of the Rule apply to operators of nongovernmental expeditions organized or proceeding from the territory of the United States to Antarctica and include commercial and non-commercial expeditions. The rule provides nongovernmental operators with the specific requirements they need to meet in order to comply with the requirements of Article 8 and Annex I to the Protocol. The provisions of the Rule are intended to ensure that potential environmental effects of nongovernmental activities undertaken in Antarctica are appropriately identified and considered by the operator during the planning process and that to the extent practicable appropriate environmental safeguards which would mitigate or prevent adverse impacts on the Antarctic environment are identified by the operator.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Nongovernmental operators with activities in Antarctica.

Respondent's Obligation to Respond: Mandatory (40 CFR part 8).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19 (total).

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Total Estimated Burden: 1,217 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total Estimated Cost: $93,444 (per year), includes $0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in Estimates: There is a decrease of 37 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is the result of a change to the level of environmental documentation EPA anticipates the operators will submit.

Courtney Kerwin,

Director, Regulatory Support Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OEI–2013–0565; FRL–9959–48–OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Confidentiality Rules (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), ''Confidentiality Rules (Renewal)'' (EPA ICR No. 1665.13, OMB Control No. 2020–0003) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through February 28, 2017. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** (81 FR 62883) on September 13, 2016, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. 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.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OEI–2013–0565 to (1) EPA online using *www.regulations.gov* (our preferred method), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to *oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.* Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

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: Larry Gottesman, Agency FOIA Officer, FOIA, Libraries and Accessibility Division, Office of Environmental Information, 2822T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202–566–2162; email address: *Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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.*

Abstract: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the requirements set forth in 40 CFR, Part 2, Subpart B, ''Confidentiality of Business Information (CBI)'' to establish rules to govern business confidentiality claims, *i.e.,* the handling by the Agency of business information which is or may be entitled to confidential treatment, determining whether such information is entitled to confidential treatment for reasons of business confidentiality and responding to Freedom of Information Act requests pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 for this information.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Manufacturing and non-manufacturing businesses submitting a document to EPA that it claims as CBI.

Respondent's Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 844 (total).

Frequency of Response: Once.

Total Estimated Burden: 488 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total Estimated Cost: $20,447 (per year).

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 1,045 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to a change in program requirements which reduces the reporting burden.

Courtney Kerwin,

Director, Regulatory Support Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OECA–2010–0291; FRL–9959–50–OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; State Review Framework (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), ''State Review Framework (Renewal)'' (EPA ICR No. 2185.06, OMB Control No. 2020–0031) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through February 28, 2017. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** 81 FR 70421 on October 12, 2016 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. 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.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OECA–2010–0291, to (1) EPA online using *www.regulations.gov* (our preferred method), by email to *docket.oeca@epa.gov,* or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to *oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.* Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

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: Christopher Knopes, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Compliance; Environmental Protection Agency, 1200

Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202–564–2337; email address: *knopes.christopher@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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.*

Abstract: The State Review Framework is an oversight tool designed to assess state performance in enforcement and compliance assurance. The Framework's goal is to evaluate state performance by examining existing data to provide a consistent level of oversight and develop a uniform mechanism by which EPA Regions, working collaboratively with their states, can ensure that state environmental agencies are consistently implementing the national compliance and enforcement program in order to meet agreed-upon goals. Furthermore, the Framework is designed to foster dialogue on enforcement and compliance performance between the states that will enhance relationships and increase feedback, which will in turn lead to consistent program management and improved environmental results. The Framework is described in the April 26, 2005 **Federal Register** Notice (79 FR 21408). This request will allow OECA to collect information from enforcement and compliance files reviewed during routine on-site visits of state or local agency offices that will assist in the evaluation of the State Review Framework implementation from FY 2017 to the end of FY 2019. It will allow also EPA to make inquiries to assess the State Review Framework process, including the consistency achieved among the EPA Regions and states, the resources required to conduct the reviews, and the overall effectiveness of the program.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: States, localities, and territories.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Required as part of program authorization under the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Acts.

Estimated number of respondents: 54 (total).

Frequency of response: Once every five years.

Total estimated burden: 2,765 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b)

Total estimated cost: $108,649 (per year), includes $0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in Estimates: There is a decrease of 2,862 hours (per year) in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease reflects full implementation of efficiencies instituted just prior to the submittal of the currently approved ICR in addition to continued experience on the part of respondents with the review process. Also, adjustments were made to the estimates because several alternative respondents were consulted to who had completed a more recent review.

Courtney Kerwin,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2016–0628; FRL–9957–44]

Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's receipt of an application 279–EUP–U from FMC Corporation requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the use of malathion. The Agency has determined that the permit may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, because of the potential significance, EPA is seeking comments on this application.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2016–0628, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.
- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at *http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html*.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at *http://www.epa.gov/dockets*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Goodis, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; main telephone number: (703) 305–7090; email address: *RDFRNotices@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through *regulations.gov* or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD–ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD–ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD–ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at *http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html*.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on

any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under section 5 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136c, EPA can allow manufacturers to field test pesticides under development. Manufacturers are required to obtain an EUP before testing new pesticides or new uses of pesticides if they conduct experimental field tests on 10 acres or more of land or one acre or more of water.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency has determined that the following EUP application may be of regional and national significance, and therefore is seeking public comment on the EUP application:

Experimental Use Permit Number: 279–EUP–U.

Docket ID Number: EPA–HQ–OPP–2016–0628.

Submitter: FMC Corporation, 2929 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Pesticide Chemical: Malathion.

Summary of Request: For use in generating mosquito data for two malathion formulations.

Contact: RD.

Following the review of the application and any comments and data received in response to this solicitation, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted. Any issuance of an EUP will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: December 29, 2016,

Daniel J. Rosenblatt,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–XXXX, 3060–0917, 3060–0918]

Information Collections Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; 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; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before March 27, 2017. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB, via email *Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov;* and to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov.* Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418–2991. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page *http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain*, (2) look for the section of the Web page called ''Currently Under Review,'' (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the ''Select Agency'' box below the ''Currently Under Review'' heading, (4) select ''Federal Communications Commission'' from the list of agencies presented in the ''Select Agency'' box, (5) click the ''Submit'' button to the right of the ''Select Agency'' box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the OMB control number of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; 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; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

OMB Control Number: 3060–XXXX.

Title: Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 832 respondents and 832 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: Wireless licensees who are required to conduct an interference study will be required to produce the study upon request and when an interference complaint occurs.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory. The statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 301, 303, 307, 308, 309, 316, 319, 332, 403, 1452 and 1454.

Total Annual Burden: 832 hours.

Total Annual Costs: $10.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality. However, applicants may request that any information supplied be withheld from public inspection, pursuant to 47 CFR 0.459 of the FCC's rules. This request must be justified pursuant to 47 CFR 0.457.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this new information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after this 60 day comment period in order to obtain the three-year clearance.

On October 26, 2015 the Federal Communications Commission released a Third Report and Order, *OET seeks to Supplement the Incentive Auction Proceeding Record Regarding Potential Interference Between Broadcast Television and Wireless Services,* ET Docket Nos. 13–26 and 14–14, which resolved the remaining technical issues affecting the operation of 600 MHz wireless licenses and broadcast television stations in areas where they operate on the same or adjacent channels in geographic proximity. Specifically, the Commission adopted a rule requiring wireless licensees to conduct an interference study prior to deploying or operating a wireless base station within a specified distance of a broadcast television station that is co-channel or adjacent channel to their spectrum. A wireless licensee is required to provide this interference study to the Commission upon request or to the broadcast television station when there is an interference complaint.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0917.

Title: CORES Registration Form, FCC Form 160.

Form Number: FCC Form 160.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondent and Responses: 93,000 respondents; 93,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes (0.167 hours).

Frequency of Response: One-time reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in the *Debt Collection Act of 1996* (DCCA), Public Law 104–134, Chapter 10, Section 31001.

Total Annual Burden: 15,531 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Impact Assessment: The Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) covering the PII in the CORES information system is being updated. Upon completion it will be posted at: *https://www.fcc.gov/general/privacy-act-information#pia.*

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The FCC is not requesting that respondents submit confidential information to the Commission. If the FCC requests that respondents submit information which respondents believe is confidential, respondents may request confidential treatment of such information pursuant to Section 0.459 of the FCC's rules, 47 CFR 0.459. The FCC has a system of records, FCC/OMD–25, Financial Operations Information System (FOIS), to cover the collection, purpose(s), storage, safeguards, and disposal of the personally identifiable information (PII) that individual respondents may submit on FCC Form 160, which is posted at: *https://www.fcc.gov/general/privacy-act-information#systems.*

The FCC will also redact PII submitted on this form before it makes FCC Form 160 available for public inspection. FCC Form 160 includes a ''privacy statement'' to inform applicants (respondents) of the FCC's need to obtain the information and the protections that the FCC has in place to protect PII.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is revising Form 160 to include Restricted Use FRNs. These FRNs are created in the FCC's Commission Registration System (CORES) and are used only for Form 323, Ownership Report for Commercial Broadcast Station (OMB Control No. 3060–0010) and Form 323–E, Ownership Report for Noncommercial Educational Broadcast Station (OMB Control No. 3060–0084). Registering for a Restricted Use FRN will require the same information as other FRNs with the following differences: respondents will be required to enter a date of birth and only the last four digits of the Social Security Number.

Respondents use FCC Form 160 to register in CORES. When registering, the respondent receives a unique FCC Registration Number (FRN), which is required for anyone doing business with the Commission. Respondents may also register in CORES on-line at *https://apps.fcc.gov/cores.* FCC Form 160 is used to collect information that pertains to the entity's name, address, contact representative, telephone number, email address(es), and fax number. The Commission uses this information to collect or report on any delinquent debt arising from the respondent's business dealings with the FCC, including both ''feeable'' and ''nonfeeable'' services; and to ensure that registrants (respondents) receive any refunds due. Use of the CORES System is also a means of ensuring that the Commission operates in compliance with the *Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996* (DCCA), Public Law 104–134, Chapter 10, Section 31001.

On November 19, 2010, the FCC adopted a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (NPRM), MD Docket No. 10–234, FCC 10–192, Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Practice and Procedure, Amendment of CORES Registration System. The NPRM proposes to eliminate some of the FCC's exceptions to the requirement that entities and individuals provide their Taxpayer Identification Number (''TIN'') at the time of registration; require FRN holders to provide their email address(es); give FRN holders the option to identify multiple points of contact; and require FRN holders to indicate their tax-exempt status and notify the Commission of pending bankruptcy proceedings. All remaining existing information collection requirements would stay as they are.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0918.

Title: CORES Update/Change Form, FCC Form 161.

Form Number: FCC Form 161.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 80,000 respondents; 80,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes (0.167 hours).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in the *Debt Collection Act of 1996* (DCCA), Public Law 104–134, Chapter 10, Section 31001.

Total Annual Burden: 13,360 hours.

Total Annual Costs: None.

Privacy Impact Assessment: The Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) covering the PII in the CORES information system is being updated. Upon completion it will be posted at: *https://www.fcc.gov/general/privacy-act-information#pia.*

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The FCC is not requesting that respondents submit confidential information to the Commission. If the FCC requests that respondents submit information which respondents believe is confidential, respondents may request confidential treatment of such information pursuant to Section 0.459 of the FCC's rules, 47 CFR 0.459. The FCC has a system of records, FCC/OMD–25, Financial Operations Information

System (FOIS), to cover the collection, purpose(s), storage, safeguards, and disposal of the personally identifiable information (PII) that individual respondents may submit on FCC Form 161, which is posted at: *https://www.fcc.gov/general/privacy-act-information#systems.*

The FCC will also redact PII submitted on this form before it makes Start Printed Page 41797FCC Form 161 available for public inspection. FCC Form 161 includes a ''privacy statement'' to inform applicants (respondents) of the FCC's need to obtain the information and the protections that the FCC has in place to protect PII.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is revising Form 161 to include Restricted Use FRNs. These FRNs are created in the FCC's Commission Registration System (CORES) and are used only for Form 323, Ownership Report for Commercial Broadcast Station (OMB Control No. 3060–0010) and Form 323–E, Ownership Report for Noncommercial Educational Broadcast Station (OMB Control No. 3060–0084). Registering for a Restricted Use FRN will require the same information as other FRNs with the following differences: respondents will be required to enter a date of birth and only the last four digits of the Social Security Number.

After respondents have registered in CORES and have been issued a FCC Registration Number (FRN), they may use FCC Form 161 to update and/or change their contact information, including name, address, telephone number, email address(es), fax number, contact representative, contact representative's address, telephone number, email address, and/or fax number. Respondents may also update their registration information in CORES on-line at *https://apps.fcc.gov/cores.* The Commission uses this information to collect or report on any delinquent debt arising from the respondent's business dealings with the FCC, including both ''feeable'' and ''nonfeeable'' services; and to ensure that registrants (respondents) receive any refunds due. Use of the CORES System is also a means of ensuring that the Commission operates in compliance with the *Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.*

On November 19, 2010, the FCC adopted a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (NPRM), MD Docket No. 10–234, FCC 10–192, Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Practice and Procedure, Amendment of CORES Registration System. The NPRM proposes to eliminate some of the FCC's exceptions to the requirement that entities and individuals provide their Taxpayer Identification Number (''TIN'') at the time of registration; require FRN holders to provide their email address(es); give FRN holders the option to identify multiple points of contact; and require FRN holders to indicate their tax-exempt status and notify the Commission of pending bankruptcy proceedings. All remaining existing information collection requirements would stay as they are.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC or Commission) Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) V will hold its eighth meeting.

DATES: March 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Room TW–C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffery Goldthorp, Designated Federal Officer, (202) 418–1096 (voice) or *jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov* (email); or Suzon Cameron, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, (202) 418–1916 (voice) or *suzon.cameron@fcc.gov* (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be held on March 15, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, Room TW–C305, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

The CSRIC is a Federal Advisory Committee that will provide recommendations to the FCC regarding best practices and actions the FCC can take to help ensure the security, reliability, and interoperability of communications systems. On March 19, 2015, the FCC, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, renewed the charter for the CSRIC for a period of two years through March 18, 2017. The meeting on March 15, 2017, will be the eighth and last meeting of the CSRIC under the current charter. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will provide audio and/or video coverage of the meeting over the Internet from the FCC's Web page at *http://www.fcc.gov/live.* The public may submit written comments before the meeting to Jeffery Goldthorp, CSRIC Designated Federal Officer, by email to *jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov* or U.S. Postal Service Mail to Jeffery Goldthorp, Associate Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Room 7–A325, Washington, DC 20554.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via email to *fcc504@fcc.gov* or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (tty). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information. Please allow at least five days' advance notice; last-minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the ''Government in the Sunshine Act'' (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:03 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters related to the Corporation's supervision, corporate, and resolution activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Thomas M. Hoenig, seconded by Director Thomas J. Curry (Comptroller of the Currency),

concurred in by Director Richard Cordray (Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), and Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters which were to be the subject of this meeting on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10) of the ''Government in the Sunshine Act'' (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10).

Dated: February 21, 2017.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2017–03604 Filed 2–21–17; 4:15 pm]

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 20, 2017.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (David L. Hubbard, Senior Manager) P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166–2034. Comments can also be sent electronically to *Comments.applications@stls.frb.org:*

1. *Connections Bancshares, Inc., Ashland, Missouri;* to acquire 80 percent of the voting shares of Kirksville Bancorp, Inc., Kirksville, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire shares of American Trust Bank, Kirksville, Missouri.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 17, 2017.

Yao-Chin Chao,

Assistant Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–9100–N]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—October Through December 2016

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This quarterly notice lists CMS manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other **Federal Register** notices that were published from October through December 2016, relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs and other programs administered by CMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: It is possible that an interested party may need specific information and not be able to determine from the listed information whether the issuance or regulation would fulfill that need. Consequently, we are providing contact persons to answer general questions concerning each of the addenda published in this notice.

Addenda	Contact	Phone Number
I CMS Manual Instructions	Ismael Torres	(410) 786-1864
II Regulation Documents Published in the **Federal Register**	Terri Plumb	(410) 786-4481
III CMS Rulings	Tiffany Lafferty	(410)786-7548
IV Medicare National Coverage Determinations	Wanda Belle, MPA	(410) 786-7491
V FDA-Approved Category B IDEs	John Manlove	(410) 786-6877
VI Collections of Information	William Parham	(410) 786-4669
VII Medicare –Approved Carotid Stent Facilities	Sarah Fulton, MHS	(410) 786-2749
VIII American College of Cardiology-National Cardiovascular Data Registry Sites	Sarah Fulton, MHS	(410) 786-2749
IX Medicare's Active Coverage-Related Guidance Documents	JoAnna Baldwin, MS	(410) 786-7205
X One-time Notices Regarding National Coverage Provisions	JoAnna Baldwin, MS	(410) 786-7205
XI National Oncologic Positron Emission Tomography Registry Sites	Stuart Caplan, RN, MAS	(410) 786-8564
XII Medicare-Approved Ventricular Assist Device (Destination Therapy) Facilities	Linda Gousis, JD	(410) 786-8616
XIII Medicare-Approved Lung Volume Reduction Surgery Facilities	Sarah Fulton, MHS	(410) 786-2749
XIV Medicare-Approved Bariatric Surgery Facilities	Sarah Fulton, MHS	(410) 786-2749
XV Fluorodeoxyglucose Positron Emission Tomography for Dementia Trials	Stuart Caplan, RN, MAS	(410) 786-8564
All Other Information	Annette Brewer	(410) 786-6580

I. Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is responsible for administering the Medicare and Medicaid programs and coordination and oversight of private health insurance. Administration and oversight of these programs involves the following: (1) Furnishing information to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, health care providers, and the public; and (2) maintaining effective communications with CMS regional offices, state governments, state Medicaid agencies, state survey

agencies, various providers of health care, all Medicare contractors that process claims and pay bills, National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), health insurers, and other stakeholders. To implement the various statutes on which the programs are based, we issue regulations under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services under sections 1102, 1871, 1902, and related provisions of the Social Security Act (the Act) and Public Health Service Act. We also issue various manuals, memoranda, and statements necessary to administer and oversee the programs efficiently.

Section 1871(c) of the Act requires that we publish a list of all Medicare manual instructions, interpretive rules, statements of policy, and guidelines of general applicability not issued as regulations at least every 3 months in the **Federal Register**.

II. Format for the Quarterly Issuance Notices

This quarterly notice provides only the specific updates that have occurred in the 3-month period along with a hyperlink to the full listing that is available on the CMS Web site or the appropriate data registries that are used as our resources. This is the most current up-to-date information and will be available earlier than we publish our quarterly notice. We believe the Web site list provides more timely access for beneficiaries, providers, and suppliers. We also believe the Web site offers a more convenient tool for the public to find the full list of qualified providers for these specific services and offers more flexibility and ''real time'' accessibility. In addition, many of the Web sites have listservs; that is, the public can subscribe and receive immediate notification of any updates to the Web site. These listservs avoid the need to check the Web site, as notification of updates is automatic and sent to the subscriber as they occur. If assessing a Web site proves to be difficult, the contact person listed can provide information.

III. How To Use the Notice

This notice is organized into 15 addenda so that a reader may access the subjects published during the quarter covered by the notice to determine whether any are of particular interest. We expect this notice to be used in concert with previously published notices. Those unfamiliar with a description of our Medicare manuals should view the manuals at *http://www.cms.gov/manuals.*

Dated: February 16, 2017.

Kathleen Cantwell,

Director, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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Publication Dates for the Previous Four Quarterly Notices

We publish this notice at the end of each quarter reflecting information released by CMS during the previous quarter. The publication dates of the previous four Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances notices are: February 4, 2016 (81 FR 6009), May 9, 2016 (81 FR 28072), August 5, 2016 (81 FR 51901) and November 2016 (81 FR 79489. We are providing only the specific updates that have occurred in the 3-month period along with a hyperlink to the website to access this information and a contact person for questions or additional information.

Addendum I: Medicare and Medicaid Manual Instructions (October through December 2016)

The CMS Manual System is used by CMS program components, partners, providers, contractors, Medicare Advantage organizations, and State Survey Agencies to administer CMS programs. It offers day-to-day operating instructions, policies, and procedures based on statutes and regulations, guidelines, models, and directives. In 2003, we transformed the CMS Program Manuals into a web user-friendly presentation and renamed it the CMS Online Manual System.

How to Obtain Manuals

The Internet-only Manuals (IOMs) are a replica of the Agency's official record copy. Paper-based manuals are CMS manuals that were officially released in hardcopy. The majority of these manuals were transferred into the Internet-only manual (IOM) or retired. Pub 15-1, Pub 15-2 and Pub 45 are exceptions to this rule and are still active paper-based manuals. The remaining paper-based manuals are for reference purposes only. If you notice policy contained in the paper-based manuals that was not transferred to the IOM, send a message via the CMS Feedback tool.

Those wishing to subscribe to old versions of CMS manuals should contact the National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce, 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, VA 22312 Telephone (703-605-6050). You can download copies of the listed material free of charge at: http://cms.gov/manuals.

How to Review Transmittals or Program Memoranda

Those wishing to review transmittals and program memoranda can access this information at a local Federal Depository Library (FDL). Under the FDL program, government publications are sent to approximately 1,400 designated libraries throughout the United States. Some FDLs may have arrangements to transfer material to a local library not designated as an FDL. Contact any library to locate the nearest FDL. This information is available at http://www.gpo.gov/libraries/

In addition, individuals may contact regional depository libraries that receive and retain at least one copy of most federal government publications, either in printed or microfilm form, for use by the general public. These libraries provide reference services and interlibrary loans; however, they are not sales outlets. Individuals may obtain information about the location of the nearest regional depository library from any library. CMS publication and transmittal numbers are shown in the listing entitled Medicare and Medicaid Manual Instructions. To help FDLs locate the materials, use the CMS publication and transmittal numbers. For example, to find the manual for Medicare Internet Only Manual Publication Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 22.3, Effective October 1, 2016 use (CMS-Pub. 100-04) Transmittal No. 3561.

Addendum I lists a unique CMS transmittal number for each instruction in our manuals or program memoranda and its subject number. A transmittal may consist of a single or multiple instruction(s). Often, it is necessary to use information in a transmittal in conjunction with information currently in the manual. For the purposes of this quarterly notice, we list only the specific updates to the list of manual instructions that have occurred in the 3-month period. This information is available on our website at www.cms.gov/Manuals.

Transmittal Number	Manual/Subject/Publication Number
	Medicare General Information (CMS-Pub. 100-01)
103	Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates for 2017 Basis for Determining the Part A Coinsurance Amounts Part B Annual Deductible Part B Premium
	Medicare Benefit Policy (CMS-Pub. 100-02)
228	Internet Only Manual Updates to Pub. 100-01, 100-02 and 100-04 to Correct Errors and Omissions (SNF) Requirements - General Medicare SNF PPS Overview Medicare SNF Coverage Guidelines Under PPS Hospital Providers of Extended Care Services Three-Day Prior Hospitalization Three-Day Prior Hospitalization - Foreign Hospital Effect on Spell of Illness Medical Service of an Intern or Resident-in-Training Medical and Other Health Services Furnished to SNF Patients Services Furnished Under Arrangements With Providers

	Definition of Durable Medical Equipment
229	Implementation of Changes in the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Payment for Dialysis Furnished for Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) in ESRD Facilities for Calendar Year (CY) 2017
230	Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Updates Index of Acronyms RHC General Information FQHC General Information RHC Staffing Requirements RHC Temporary Staffing Waivers RHC and FQHC Visits Multiple Visits on Same Day Day Payment Window RHC Services FQHC Services Emergency Services Non RHC/FQHC Services Description of Non RHC/FQHC Services RHC Payment Rate Payment Codes for FQHCs Billing Under the PPS FQHC PPS Payment Rate and Adjustments FQHC Payment Codes RHC and FQHC Cost Report Requirements RHC and FQHC Cost Report Forms RHC and FQHC Charges, Coinsurance, Deductible, and Waivers Commingling Dental, Podiatry, Optometry, and Chiropractic Services Graduate Medical Education Transitional Care Management (TCM) Services Chronic Care Management (CCM) Services Services and Supplies Furnished "Incident to" Physician's Services Provision of Incident to Services and Supplies Incident to Services and Supplies Furnished in the Patient's Home or Location Other than the RHC or FQHC Payment to Physician Assistants Services and Supplies Furnished Incident to NP, PA, and CNM Services Services and Supplies Incident to CP Services Mental Health Visits Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Language Pathology Services Requirements for Visiting Nursing Services Treatment Plans Hospice Services Hospice Attending Practitioner Provision of Services to Hospice Patients in a RHC or FQHC Preventive Health Services Preventive Health Services in RHCs Preventive Health Services in FQHCs Copayment for FQHC Preventive Health Services
231	Implementation of Changes in the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Payment for Dialysis Furnished for Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) in ESRD Facilities for Calendar Year (CY) 2017
Medicare National Coverage Determination (CMS-Pub. 100-03)	
	None
Medicare Claims Processing (CMS-Pub. 100-04)	
3618	Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement
3619	Table of Chemistry Panels Organ or Disease Oriented Panels
3620	Update to Pub 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 15: Ambulance SNF Billing
3621	Billing of Vaccine Services on Hospice Claims Hospice Claims for Vaccine Services Billing Requirements Claims Submitted to MACs Using Institutional Formats Payment for Pneumococcal Pneumonia Virus, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus Vaccines and Their Administration on Institutional Claims Institutional Claims Submitted by Home Health Agencies and Hospices Payment Procedures for Renal Dialysis Facilities (RDF)
3622	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet to Sensitivity of Instruction
3623	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet to Confidentiality of Instruction
3624	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet to Sensitivity of Instruction
3625	Ambulance Inflation Factor for CY 2017 and Productivity Adjustment Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF)
3626	Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) PPS Changes
3627	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet to Sensitivity of Instruction
3628	Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2017
3629	Denial of Home Health Payments When Required Patient Assessment Is Not Received
3630	Correcting Editing for Condition Code 54 and Updating Remittance Advice Messages on Home Health Claims
3631	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3632	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3633	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3634	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction
3635	Instructions to Process Services Not Authorized by the Veterans Administration (VA) in a Non-VA Facility Reported With Value Code (VC)

	42 Requirements for Processing Non Veterans Administration (VA) Authorized Inpatient Claims
3636	Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) - January 2017
3637	New Physician Specialty Code for Hospitalist Physician Specialty Codes
3638	Update to the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) Prospective Payment System (PPS) - Recurring File Updates
3639	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
3640	January 2017 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files
3641	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3642	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3643	Instructions for Retrieving the 2017 Pricing and HCPCS Data Files through CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications Systems
3644	Therapy Cap Values for Calendar Year (CY) 2017
3645	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3646	Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 23.0, Effective January 1, 2017
3647	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3648	Calendar Year (CY) 2017 Participation Enrollment and Medicare Participating Physicians and Suppliers Directory (MEDPARD) Procedures
3649	Payment for Oxygen Volume Adjustments and Portable Oxygen Equipment Billing for Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment
3650	Updates to Pub. 100-04, Chapters 8, 13 and 14 to Correct Remittance Advice Messages Physician Billing Requirements to the A/B MAC (B) Noninvasive Studies for ESRD Patients - Facility and Physician Services Medicare Summary Notices (MSN), Reason Codes, and Remark Codes Messages for Noncovered PET Services Coverage for PET Scans for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases Billing and Coverage Changes for PET Scans Effective for Services on or After April 3, 2009 Billing and Coverage Changes for PET Scans for Cervical Cancer Effective for Services on or After November 10, 2009 Metastasis of Cancer Effective for Claims With Dates of Services on or After February 26, 2010 Local Coverage Determination for PET Using New, Proprietary Radiopharmaceuticals for their FDA-Approved Labeled Indications for Oncologic Imaging Only Denial Messages for Noncovered Bone Mass Measurements Ambulatory Surgical Center Services on ASC List Applicable Messages for NTIOLs Applicable Messages for ASC 2008 Payment Changes Effective January 1, 2008 Applicable ASC Messages for Certain Payment Indicators Effective for Services Performed on or after January 1, 2009
3651	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3652	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3653	Implementation of the Restructured Clinical Lab Fee Schedule
3654	2017 Annual Update to the Therapy Code List
3655	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Implementation of Policy Changes for the CY 2017 Home Health Prospective Adjustments of Episode Payment - Outlier Payments Therapy Editing HH PPS Claims Beneficiary-Driven Demand Billing Under HH PPS Input/Output Record Layout Decision Logic Used by the Pricer on Claims Annual Updates to the HH Pricer Medical and Other Health Services Submitted Using Type of Bill 034x Billing Instructions for Disposable Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Services Payment System
3656	Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2017
3657	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3658	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3659	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3660	Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC), Claims Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) and PC Print Update
3661	Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update
3662	Instructions for Downloading the Medicare ZIP Code File for April 2017
3663	Common Edits and Enhancements Modules (CEM) Code Set Update
3664	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3665	Implement Operating Rules - Phase III Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) 360 Uniform Use of Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC), Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC) and Claim Adjustment Group Code (CAGC) Rule - Update from Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) CORE
3666	New Waived Tests
3667	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction

3668	Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) - January 2017
3669	HCPCS Code Update for Preventive Services Table of Preventive and Screening Services Rural Health Clinic (RHC)/Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Special Billing Instructions Deductible and Coinsurance HCPCS Code Advance Beneficiary Notice RHCs/FQHCs Special Billing Instructions RHCs/FQHCs Special Billing Instructions
3670	Update to Editing of Therapy Services to Reflect Coding Changes
3671	CY 2017 Update for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule Gap-filling DMEPOS Fees
3672	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3673	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3674	January 2017 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 18.0
3675	2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Annual Update Reminder
3676	Summary of Policies in the Calendar Year (CY) 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule, Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee Payment Amount and Telehealth Services List, and CT Modifier Reduction List
3677	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
3678	Prolonged Services Without Direct Face-to-Face Patient Contact Separately Payable Under the Physician Fee Schedule (Manual Update) Prolonged Services Without Direct Face-to-Face Patient Contact Service (Codes 99358 – 99359)
3679	Payment for Oxygen Volume Adjustments and Portable Oxygen Equipment Billing for Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment
3780	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction
3681	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
Medicare Secondary Payer (CMS-Pub. 100-05)	
115	Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) Web Updates to Claims Processing Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Policy and Procedures Regarding Ongoing Responsibility for Medicals (ORM)
116	Instructions on Using the Claim Adjustment Segment (CAS) for Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Part A CMS-1450 Paper Claims, Direct Data Entry (DDE), and 837 Institutional Claims Transactions
Medicare Financial Management (CMS-Pub. 100-06)	
273	Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments
	-1st Qtr Notfication for FY 2017
274	New Physician Specialty Code for Hospitalist
275	Pub. 100-06, Chapter 3, Section 90 (Provider Liability) Revision Claims Processing Timeliness - All Claims Part E - Interest Payment Data Classification of Claims for Counting Physician/Limited License Physician Specialty Codes
276	New Physician Specialty Code for Hospitalist Part D(1) - Claims Processing Timeliness - All Claims Part E - Interest Payment Data Classification of Claims for Counting Physician/Limited License Physician Specialty Codes
277	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
278	Medicare Financial Management Manual, Chapter 7, Internal Control Requirements OMB Circular A-123 GAO Standards for Internal Controls in the Federal Government Definition and Objectives Contractor Internal Control Review Process and Timeline Risk Assessment Risk Analysis Chart Certification Package for Internal Controls (CPIC) Requirements OMB Circular A-123, Appendix A: Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting (ICOFR) Certification Statement CPIC- Report of Material Weaknesses CPIC- Report of Internal Control Deficiencies Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) Number 18 (SSAE 18), Reporting on Controls at Service Providers Corrective Action Plans Submission, Review, and Approval of Corrective Action Plans Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Reports CMS Finding Numbers Initial CAP Report Quarterly CAP Report CMS CAP Report Template List of CMS Contractor Control Objectives
279	Instructions to Hospitals on the Election of a Medicare-Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Component of the Disproportionate Share (DSH) Payment Adjustment for Cost Reports that Involve SSI Ratios for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 and Earlier, or SSI Ratios for Hospital Cost-Reporting Periods for Patient Discharges Occurring Before October 1, 2004
Medicare State Operations Manual (CMS-Pub. 100-07)	
162	Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix J, Part II – Interpretive Guidelines – Responsibilities of Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
163	Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix W - Survey Protocol, Regulations and Interpretive Guidelines for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and Swing-Beds in CAHs

164	Revisions to the State Operations Manual (SOM) Chapter 2 Numbering System for CMS Certification Numbers (CCN) CCN for Medicare Providers
165	Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix W - Survey Protocol, Regulations and Interpretive Guidelines for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and Swing-Beds in CAHs
Medicare Program Integrity (CMS-Pub. 100-08)	
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681	Revision to Surety Bond Collection Procedures Claims Against Surety Bonds Model Letters for Claims Against Surety Bonds
682	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
683	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction
684	Incorporation of Cycle 2 Revalidation Policies Definitions Timeliness and Accuracy Standards Standards for Initial and Revalidation Applications Form CMS-855 Applications That Require a Site Visit Form CMS-855 Applications That Do Not Require a Site Visit Web-Based Applications - Timeliness Web-Based Applications That Require a Site Visit Web-Based Applications That Do Not Require a Site Visit Paper Applications - Accuracy Web-Based Applications - Accuracy Returns Model Revalidation Letter Model Large Group Revalidation Notification Letter Model Revalidation Pend Letter Model Revalidation Deactivation Letter Model Revalidation Past-Due Group Member Letter Model Deactivation Letter due to Inactive Provider/Supplier Letter Model Return Revalidation Letter Revalidation Lists Mailing Revalidation Letters Phone Calls Pend Status Deactivation Actions Receipt of Revalidation Application Revalidation Received and Development Required Revalidation Received after a Pend is Applied Revalidation Received after a Deactivation Occurs Change of Information Received Prior to Revalidation Letter Mailed Reassignment Applications Received After Revalidation Letter Mailed Revalidating Providers Involved in a Change of Ownership (CHOW) Large Group Revalidation Coordination Finalizing the Revalidation Application Revalidation Reporting Revalidation Files Available Online Revalidation Extension Requests
685	Incorporation of Cycle 2 Revalidation Policies Definitions Timeliness and Accuracy Standards Standards for Initial and Revalidation Applications Form CMS-855 Applications That Require a Site Visit Form CMS-855 Applications That Do Not Require a Site Visit Web-Based Applications - Timeliness Web-Based Applications That Require a Site Visit Web-Based Applications That Do Not Require a Site Visit Paper Applications - Accuracy Web-Based Applications - Accuracy Returns Model Revalidation Letter Model Large Group Revalidation Notification Letter Model Revalidation Pend Letter Model Revalidation Deactivation Letter Model Revalidation Past-Due Group Member Letter Model Deactivation Letter due to Inactive Provider/Supplier Letter Model Return Revalidation Letter Revalidation Lists Mailing Revalidation Letters Phone Calls Pend Status Deactivation Actions Receipt of Revalidation Application Revalidation Received and Development Required Revalidation Received after a Pend is Applied Revalidation Received after a Deactivation Occurs Change of Information Received Prior to Revalidation Letter Mailed Reassignment Applications Received After Revalidation Letter Mailed Revalidating Providers Involved in a Change of Ownership (CHOW Large Group Revalidation Coordination Finalizing the Revalidation Application Revalidation Reporting Revalidation Files Available Online Revalidation Extension Requests
686	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) Program: Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Certifying Official Handling Overpayments and Underpayments, MAC Feedback, and Appeals Resulting From the CERT Findings Handling Appeals Resulting From CERT Initiated Denials
687	Extrapolated Overpayments Conduct of Expanded Review Based on Statistical Sampling for Overpayment

	Estimation and Recoupment of Projected Overpayment by Contractors
688	Update to Pub. 100-08, Chapter 15 Medicaid State Agencies Correspondence Address and E-mail Addresses Form CMS-855A and Form CMS-855B Signatories Delegated Officials Supporting Documents Processing Alternatives – Form CMS-855B and Form CMS-855I Processing Alternatives – Form CMS-855O Processing Alternatives – Form CMS-855R Special Program Integrity Procedures Model Revocation Letter for Part B Suppliers and Certified Providers and Suppliers Favorable Corrective Action Plan/Reconsideration Decision –Denials Corrective Action Plans (CAPs Reconsideration Requests – Non-Certified Providers/Suppliers Additional Appeal Levels Appeals Involving Certified Providers and Certified Suppliers Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) Reconsideration Requests – Certified Providers and Certified Suppliers Additional Appeal Levels HHA Ownership Changes Revocations
689	Medicare Contractor Duties Correspondence Address and E-mail Addresses Contact Persons Certification Statement Signature Requirements Form CMS-855I and CMS-855O Signatories Form CMS-855R Signatories Form CMS-855A, Form CMS-855B and Form CMS-855S Signatories Authorized Officials Delegated Officials Submission of Paper and Internet-based PECOS Certification Statements Certification Statement Development Reserved for Future Use Reserved for Future Use Receipt/Review of Paper Applications Receipt/Review of Internet-Based PECOS Applications Processing Alternatives – Form CMS-855B and Form CMS-855I Processing Alternatives – Form CMS-855A Processing Alternatives – Form CMS- Paper Applications Internet-Based PECOS Applications General Principles – Paper and Internet-Based PECOS Applications Receiving Missing/Clarifying Data/Documentation Paper Applications Internet-Based PECOS Applications Special Program Integrity Procedures Rejections Changes of Information - General Procedures Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Internet-based PECOS Applications Release of Information Model Letter Guidance Reactivations - Deactivation for Non-Submission of a Claim Reactivations – Miscellaneous Policies
690	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet Confidentiality of Instruction
691	Contacting Non-Responders and Documentation Requests
Medicare Contractor Beneficiary and Provider Communications (CMS-Pub. 100-09)	
33	Medicare Contractor Beneficiary and Provider Communications Manual Beneficiary Customer Services Pub. 100-09 Chapter 2- Update Beneficiary Customer Services Escalation of Complex Beneficiary Inquiries to the MACs by the Beneficiary Contact Center (BCC) Next Generation Desktop (NGD) Training Disclosure of Information (Adherence to the Privacy Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule) Screening of Beneficiary Complaints Alleging Fraud or Abuse Medicare Customer Service – Next Generation Desktop (MCSC-NGD) Client Installation and Configuration Requirements Call Center User Group (CCUG Complex Beneficiary Inquiries Handling Complex Beneficiary Inquiries Controlling Complex Beneficiary Inquiries E-mail and Fax Responses to Complex Written Beneficiary Inquiries Telephone Responses to Complex Beneficiary Inquiries Written Responses to Complex Beneficiary Inquiries Timeliness of Responses to Complex Beneficiary Inquiries Congressional Beneficiary Inquiries Surveys Urgent Need Regional Offices Casework
Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (CMS- Pub. 100-10)	
28	QIO Manual Chapter 5 – "Quality of Care Review
29	QIO Manual Chapter 3 "Memoranda of Agreement for Case Review Authority and Scope for Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH PROVIDERS OF SERVICES Agreements with Providers of Services Hospital Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Home Health Agencies (HHAs) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) AGREEMENTS WITH PAYERS OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Joint Operating Agreements (JOA) Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) with State Agencies Responsible for Licensing and Certification of Providers and Practitioners
Medicare End Stage Renal Disease Network Organizations (CMS Pub 100-14)	
	None
Medicaid Program Integrity Disease Network Organizations (CMS Pub 100-15)	
	None

Medicare Managed Care (CMS-Pub. 100-16)	
123	Chapter 16b, Special Needs Plans
124	Update of Chapter 1 of the Managed Care Manual
Medicare Business Partners Systems Security (CMS-Pub. 100-17)	
	None
Demonstrations (CMS-Pub. 100-19)	
157	Shared System Enhancement 2015: Archive/Remove Inactive Medicare Demonstration Projects
158	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
159	IVIG Demonstration: Payment Update for 2017
160	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
161	Shared System Enhancement 2015: Archive/Remove Inactive Medicare Demonstration Projects
162	Affordable Care Act Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative – Recurring File Updates Models 2 and 4 January 2017 Updates
163	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
164	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
One Time Notification (CMS-Pub. 100-20)	
1723	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
1724	Common Working File (CWF) Reorganization of Daily Beneficiary Extract Files
1725	Changes to the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Facility Claim (Type of Bill 72X) to Accommodate Dialysis Furnished to Beneficiaries with Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)
1726	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet to Sensitivity of Instruction
1727	Section 504: Adding a Qualified Reader Preference in Alternate Formats
1728	Part B Detail Line Expansion – MCS Phase 6
1729	Analysis Only - Populate MCS PE Screens from PECOS (Phased Approach)
1730	Part B Detail Line Expansion – MCS Phase 5
1731	Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Heath Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Quarterly Report
1732	Phase Three: Changing Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Action on Informational Unsolicited Responses (IURs) From Canceled Claims to Adjustments
1733	Modifications to the National Coordination of Benefits Agreement (COBA) Crossover Process
1734	Phase 3 - Updating the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) to Make Payment for Drugs and Biologicals Services for Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Providers
1735	System Specific Enhancement 2014: Retaining Most Recent Update for Auxiliary (Aux) File Data in Common Working File (CWF)
1736	Shared System Enhancement 2014 – Identification of Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Obsolete On-Request Jobs - Analysis Only File (CWF)1693
1737	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
1738	Network Fee Reduction for Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) services submitted on Type of Bill 72x
1739	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
1740	Shared System Enhancement 2015: National Coverage Determination (NCD) Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Implementation
1741	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet Confidentiality of Instruction
1742	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet Confidentiality of Instruction
1743	Modifications to the National Coordination of Benefits Agreement (COBA) Crossover Process
1744	Audit Trail for Reason Code Edit Changes
1745	Part B Detail Line Expansion - Checkpoint Discussion Meetings
1746	Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program – Analysis of Meaningful Use Hospital Transition into Hospital Quality Reporting System
1747	Issuing Compliance Letters to Specific Providers and Suppliers Regarding Inappropriate Billing of Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs) for Medicare Cost-Sharing
1748	Adding a Foreign Language Tagline Sheet to Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs)
1749	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction
1750	Increasing the Number of Address Fields in MCS to Match the Address Fields in CWF in Order to Improve the Undeliverable Medicare Summary Notices (uMSNs) Situation: Phase One of Improving FFS9372
1751	Adding a Foreign Language Tagline Sheet to Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs)
1752	System Specific Enhancement 2014: String Testing Automation
1753	Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determination (NCDs)
1754	Common Working File and Fraud Prevention System 2.0 Predictive Modeling and Edits, Data Feed Migration
1755	ICD-10 Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determination (NCDs)
1756	Analysis Only - Modification of Process for Handling the Provider Enrollment Chain Ownership System (PECOS) Extract File
1757	Issuing Compliance Letters to Specific Providers and Suppliers Regarding Inappropriate Billing of Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs) for Medicare Cost-Sharing
1758	Updates for the Shared System Maintainers to implement the Social Security Number Removal Initiative (SSNRI)
1759	Changes to the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Facility Claim (Type of Bill 72X) to Accommodate Dialysis Furnished to Beneficiaries with Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)
1760	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
1761	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity

	Instruction
1762	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/ Intranet due to Sensitivity Instruction
1763	Shared Savings Program (SSP) Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Qualifying Stay Edits
Medicare Quality Reporting Incentive Programs (CMS- Pub. 100-22)	
	None
Information Security Acceptable Risk Safeguards (CMS-Pub. 100-25)	
	None

Addendum II: Regulation Documents Published in the Federal Register (October through December 2016)

Regulations and Notices

Regulations and notices are published in the daily **Federal Register**. To purchase individual copies or subscribe to the **Federal Register,** contact GPO at www.gpo.gov/fdsys. When ordering individual copies, it is necessary to cite either the date of publication or the volume number and page number.

The **Federal Register** is available as an online database through GPO Access. The online database is updated by 6 a.m. each day the **Federal Register** is published. The database includes both text and graphics from Volume 59, Number 1 (January 2, 1994) through the present date and can be accessed at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html. The following website http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/ provides information on how to access electronic editions, printed editions, and reference copies.

This information is available on our website at: http://www.cms.gov/quarterlyproviderupdates/downloads/Regs-3Q16QPU.pdf

For questions or additional information, contact Terri Plumb (410-786-4481).

Addendum III: CMS Rulings (October through December 2016)

CMS Rulings are decisions of the Administrator that serve as precedent final opinions and orders and statements of policy and interpretation. They provide clarification and interpretation of complex or ambiguous provisions of the law or regulations relating to Medicare, Medicaid, Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review, private health insurance, and related matters.

The rulings can be accessed at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Rulings. For questions or additional information, contact Tiffany Lafferty (410-786-7548).

Addendum IV: Medicare National Coverage Determinations (October through December 2016)

Addendum IV includes completed national coverage determinations (NCDs), or reconsiderations of completed NCDs, from the quarter covered by this notice. Completed decisions are identified by the section of the NCD Manual (NCDM) in which the decision appears, the title, the date the publication was issued, and the effective date of the decision. An NCD is a determination by the Secretary for whether or not a particular item or service is covered nationally under the Medicare Program (title XVIII of the Act), but does not include a determination of the code, if any, that is assigned to a particular covered item or service, or payment determination for a particular covered item or service. The entries below include information concerning completed decisions, as well as sections on program and decision memoranda, which also announce decisions or, in some cases, explain why it was not appropriate to issue an NCD. Information on completed decisions as well as pending decisions has also been posted on the CMS website. There were no updates that occurred in the 3-month period. This information is available at: www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/. For questions or additional information, contact Wanda Belle, MPA (410-786-7491).

Addendum V: FDA-Approved Category B Investigational Device Exemptions (IDEs) (October through December 2016)

Addendum V includes listings of the FDA-approved investigational device exemption (IDE) numbers that the FDA assigns. The listings are organized according to the categories to which the devices are assigned (that is, Category A or Category B), and identified by the IDE number. For the purposes of this quarterly notice, we list only the specific updates to the Category B IDEs as of the ending date of the period covered by this notice and a contact person for questions or additional information. For questions or additional information, contact John Manlove (410-786-6877).

Under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360c) devices fall into one of three classes. To assist CMS under this categorization process, the FDA assigns one of two categories to each FDA-approved investigational device exemption (IDE). Category A refers to experimental

IDEs, and Category B refers to non-experimental IDEs. To obtain more information about the classes or categories, please refer to the notice published in the April 21, 1997 **Federal Register** (62 FR 19328).

IDE	Device	Start Date
G160189	Exablate Model 4000 Type 1	10/01/2016
G160131	EMBOSPHERE MICROSPHERE	10/04/2016
G160191	RETINOIC ACID RECEPTOR ALPHA- INTERFERON RESPONSE FACTOR 8(RARA-IRF8)	10/07/2016
G160149	E-QURE Bioelectrical Signal Therapy (BST) Device	10/14/2016
G160200	FENIX Plus Continence Restoration System	10/18/2016
G160197	IMPELLA CP SYSTEM	10/19/2016
G160205	Agili-C	10/20/2016
G160203	BREATHID HP SYSTEM, BREATHID HP LAB SYSTEM	10/21/2016
G160168	TOPS System	10/26/2016
G040175	Relay Thoracic Stend Graft with Transport Delivery System for treatment of thoracic aortic aneurysms.	10/27/2016
G160136	Medtronic Spinal Cord Stimulation Systems	10/28/2016
G160206	Restylane Silk Injectables	10/28/2016
G160207	Cook Zenith TX2 Proximal Component, Cook Zenith TX2 Proximal Extension, Cook Zenith TX2 Proximal Taper	10/28/2016
G160211	BEAT AML MASTER TRIAL CLINICAL TRIAL ASSAY (BEAT AML GENOMIC PROFILING ASSAY)	11/01/2016
G160212	SENSE BRAIN INJURY MONITOR (SDX1)	11/02/2016
G160208	STARSTIM	11/04/2016
G160213	ARTISSE INTRASACCULAR DEVICE, ARTISSE DETACHMENT DEVICE	11/04/2016
G160214	EMBOSPHERE MICROSPHERES	11/04/2016
G160216	Morphology Recurrence Plot Mapping	11/09/2016
G160218	The GORE Cardioform ASD Occuluder	11/10/2016
G160219	ARTIC FRONT ADVANCE CARDIAC CRYOABLATION CATHETER	11/10/2016
G160223	Carillon Mitral Contour System	11/17/2016
G160226	Ovation Alto Abdominal Stent Graft System	11/17/2016
G160229	Custom bipolar electrode based on PermaLoc Electrode	11/18/2016
G160234	Embosphere (R) Microspheres	11/21/2016
G160233	Activa Deep Brain Stimulation Therapy System	11/23/2016
G100108	Exablate Model 2100 Type 3.0	12/02/2016
G160238	ALUVRA	12/06/2016
G160106	FemBLOC Permanent Contraceptive System; Component 1) FemBLOC Biopolymer; Component 2) FemBLOC Delivery System; Component 3) FemBLOC FemChec Tubal Occlusion Confirmation Device	12/07/2016
G160232	Zilver Vascular Stent	12/09/2016
G160243	Lynparza HRR Assay	12/13/2016
G160242	IN.PACT AV Access Paclitaxel-Coated PTA Balloon Catheter	12/14/2016
G160250	tRISTAN 624 bIOMAGNETOMETER	12/15/2016
G160172	Ranger Paclitaxel-Coated PTA Balloon Catheter	12/16/2016
G160180	OPTUNE (NovoTTF 100A System)	12/16/2016
G160209	LOTUS Edge Valve System, 23 mm; LOTUS Edge Valve System, 25 mm, LOTUS Edge Valve System, 27 mm	12/16/2016
G160247	Proclaim Elite Implantable Pulse Generator; Triple 16 Paddle Leads	12/16/2016
G160248	A Prospective Pilot Trial for PFO CLOSURE at the Time of ENDOCASCULAR Cardiac Electronic Device Implantation	12/16/2016
G160249	Hydrus Microstent	12/16/2016
G160251	da Vinci SP Surgical System, EndoWrist SP Instruments, and Accessories	12/16/2016
G160265	InPress Technologies Post Partum Hemorrhage Device	12/20/2016
G160253	PERIODONTAL STRUCTURE REPAIR DEVICE	12/20/2016
G160259	Edwards SAPIEN 3 Transcatheter Heart Valve and Accessories	12/20/2016
G100322	TheraSphere	12/21/2016
G130034	BIOFREEDOM Drug Coated Coronary Stent System	12/21/2016
G160256	NUCLEUS C1532 COCHLEAR IMPLANT	12/21/2016
G160263	EXTRACORPOREAL CPR FOR REFRACTORY OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST (EROCA)	12/21/2016
G160265	EMBOZENE MICROSPHERES	12/23/2016
G160121	Implantable Miniature Telescope (IMT) Models Wide Angle 2.2X and Wide Angle 2.7X	12/29/2016

Addendum VI: Approval Numbers for Collections of Information (October through December 2016)

All approval numbers are available to the public at Reginfo.gov. Under the review process, approved information collection requests are assigned OMB control numbers. A single control number may apply to several related information collections. This information is available at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. For questions or additional information, contact William Parham (410-786-4669).

Addendum VII: Medicare-Approved Carotid Stent Facilities, (October through December 2016)

Addendum VII includes listings of Medicare-approved carotid stent facilities. All facilities listed meet CMS standards for performing carotid artery stenting for high risk patients. On March 17, 2005, we issued our decision memorandum on carotid artery stenting. We determined that carotid artery stenting with embolic protection is reasonable and necessary only if performed in facilities that have been determined to be competent in performing the evaluation, procedure, and follow-up necessary to ensure

optimal patient outcomes. We have created a list of minimum standards for facilities modeled in part on professional society statements on competency. All facilities must at least meet our standards in order to receive coverage for carotid artery stenting for high risk patients. For the purposes of this quarterly notice, we are providing only the specific updates that have occurred in the 3-month period. This information is available at: http://www.cms.gov/MedicareApprovedFacilitie/CASF/list.asp#TopOfPage For questions or additional information, contact Sarah Fulton, MHS (410-786-2749).

Facility	Provider Number	Effective Date	State
The following facilities are new listings for this quarter.			
Baxter Regional Medical Center 624 Hospital Drive Mountain Home, AR 72653	1033147921	10/26/2016	AR
Wellington Regional Medical Center 10101 Forest Hill Boulevard Wellington, FL 33414	1720078702	11/08/2016	FL
St Mark's Hospital 1100 East 3900 South Salt Lake City, UT 84124	470046	11/30/2016	NE
The following facilities have editorial changes (in bold).			
FROM: Peace River Regional Medical Center **TO: Bayfront Health Port Charlotte** 2500 Harbor Boulevard Port Charlotte, FL 33952	100077	08/24/2009	FL
FROM: Community Heart and Vascular Hospital **TO: Community Health Network, Inc** 1500 N. Ritter Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46219	15-0074	08/04/2005	IN

Addendum VIII: American College of Cardiology's National Cardiovascular Data Registry Sites (October through December 2016)

Addendum VIII includes a list of the American College of Cardiology's National Cardiovascular Data Registry Sites. We cover implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) for certain clinical indications, as long as information about the procedures is reported to a central registry. Detailed descriptions of the covered indications are available in the NCD. In January 2005, CMS established the ICD Abstraction Tool through the Quality Network Exchange (QNet) as a temporary data collection mechanism. On October 27, 2005, CMS announced that the American College of Cardiology's National Cardiovascular Data Registry (ACC-NCDR) ICD Registry satisfies the data reporting requirements in the NCD. Hospitals needed to transition to the ACC-NCDR ICD Registry by April 2006.

Effective January 27, 2005, to obtain reimbursement, Medicare NCD policy requires that providers implanting ICDs for primary prevention clinical indications (that is, patients without a history of cardiac arrest or spontaneous arrhythmia) report data on each primary prevention ICD procedure. Details of the clinical indications that are covered by Medicare and their respective data reporting requirements are available in the Medicare NCD Manual, which is on the CMS website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/IOM/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=99&sortByDID=1&sortOrder=ascending&itemID=CMS014961

A provider can use either of two mechanisms to satisfy the data reporting requirement. Patients may be enrolled either in an Investigational Device Exemption trial studying ICDs as identified by the FDA or in the ACC-NCDR ICD registry. Therefore, for a beneficiary to receive a Medicare-covered ICD implantation for primary prevention, the beneficiary must receive the scan in a facility that participates in the ACC-NCDR ICD registry. The entire list of facilities that participate in the ACC-NCDR ICD registry can be found at www.ncdr.com/webncdr/common

For the purposes of this quarterly notice, we are providing only the specific updates that have occurred in the 3-month period. This information is available by accessing our website and clicking on the link for the

American College of Cardiology's National Cardiovascular Data Registry at: www.ncdr.com/webncdr/common. For questions or additional information, contact Sarah Fulton, MHS (410 786 2749).

Facility	City	State
The following facilities are new listings for this quarter.		
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center	Mattoon	IL
Kaiser Permanente - Vacaville Medical Center	Vacaville	CA
Jersey Community Hospital District	Jerseyville	IL
Roane Medical Center	Harriman	TN
The following facilities are terminations for this quarter.		
Unity Hospital	Fridley	MN
St. Mary's Medical Center	West Palm Beach	FL
Wheaton Franciscan Inc. - Wisconsin Heart Hospital	Milwaukee	WI
Vaughan Regional Medical Center	Selma	AL
Northshore Regional Medical Center	Slidell	LA
TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center	Nashville	TN
St. Elizabeth Boardman	Boardman	OH

Facility	City	State
Tristar Horizon Medical Center	Dickson	TN
Wilcox Memorial Hospital (Hawai'i Pacific)	Lihue	HI
Mercy Tiffin Hospital	Tiffin	OH
Guthrie Corning Hospital	Corning	NY
CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Livingston	Livingston	TX

Addendum IX: Active CMS Coverage-Related Guidance Documents (October through December 2016)

CMS issued a guidance document on November 20, 2014 titled "Guidance for the Public, Industry, and CMS Staff: Coverage with Evidence Development Document". Although CMS has several policy vehicles relating to evidence development activities including the investigational device exemption (IDE), the clinical trial policy, national coverage determinations and local coverage determinations, this guidance document is principally intended to help the public understand CMS's implementation of coverage with evidence development (CED) through the national coverage determination process. The document is available at http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/medicare-coverage-document-details.aspx?MCDId=27. There are no additional Active CMS Coverage-Related Guidance Documents for the 3-month period. For questions or additional information, contact JoAnna Baldwin, MS (410-786-7205).

Addendum X: List of Special One-Time Notices Regarding National Coverage Provisions (October through December 2016)

There were no special one-time notices regarding national coverage provisions published in the 3-month period. This information is available at www.cms.hhs.gov/coverage. For questions or additional information, contact JoAnna Baldwin, MS (410-786 7205).

Addendum XI: National Oncologic PET Registry (NOPR) (October through December 2016)

Addendum XI includes a listing of National Oncologic Positron Emission Tomography Registry (NOPR) sites. We cover positron emission tomography (PET) scans for particular oncologic indications when they are performed in a facility that participates in the NOPR.

In January 2005, we issued our decision memorandum on **positron emission tomography** (PET) scans, which stated that CMS would cover PET scans for particular oncologic indications, as long as they were performed in the context of a clinical study. We have since recognized the National Oncologic PET Registry as one of these clinical studies. Therefore, in order for a beneficiary to receive a Medicare-covered PET scan, the beneficiary must receive the scan in a facility that participates in the registry. There were no additions, deletions, or editorial changes to the listing of National Oncologic Positron Emission Tomography Registry (NOPR) in the 3-month period. This information is available at http://www.cms.gov/MedicareApprovedFacilitie/NOPR/list.asp#TopOfPage. For questions or additional information, contact Stuart Caplan, RN, MAS (410-786-8564).

Addendum XII: Medicare-Approved Ventricular Assist Device (Destination Therapy) Facilities (October through December 2016)

Addendum XII includes a listing of Medicare-approved facilities that receive coverage for ventricular assist devices (VADs) used as destination therapy. All facilities were required to meet our standards in order to receive coverage for VADs implanted as destination therapy. On October 1, 2003, we issued our decision memorandum on VADs for the clinical indication of destination therapy. We determined that VADs used as destination therapy are reasonable and necessary only if performed in facilities that have been determined to have the experience and infrastructure to ensure optimal patient outcomes. We established facility standards and an application process. All facilities were required to meet our standards in order to receive coverage for VADs implanted as destination therapy.

We are providing only the specific updates to the list of Medicare-approved facilities that meet our standards that have occurred in the 3-month period. This information is available at http://www.cms.gov/MedicareApprovedFacilitie/VAD/list.asp#TopOfPage. For questions or additional information, contact Linda Gousis, JD, (410-786-8616).

Facility	Provider Number	Date Approved	State
The following facilities are new listings for this quarter.			
NorthShore University Health System 1301 Central Street, Suite 300 Evanston, IL 60201	14-0010	10/26/2016	IL
St. Francis Hospital 100 Port Washington Boulevard Roslyn, NY 11576	33-0182	11/09/2016	NY
Swedish Medical Center Cherry Hill 500 17th Avenue Seattle, WA 98122	500025	11/09/2016	WA

Facility	Provider Number	Date Approved	State
The following facilities have editorial changes (in bold).			
FROM: UT Southwestern University Hospital **TO: UT Southwestern Medical Center** 6201 Harry Hines Blvd. Dallas, TX 75390 **Other information:** **Joint Commission certified on 2/3/09. Hospital previously listed as St. Paul Medical Center.**	450044	12/10/2003	TX
FROM: Methodist Hospital, The **TO: Houston Methodist Hospital** 6565 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77030 **Other information:** **DNV GL certified 12/6/16**; JCAHO certified 10/29/08	450358	**12/06/2016**	TX
FROM: Community Heart and Vascular **TO: Community Health Network, Inc.** 8075 N Shadeland Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46250 **Other information:** Joint Commission Certified	150074	10/01/2014	IN

Addendum XIII: Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS) (October through December 2016)

Addendum XIII includes a listing of Medicare-approved facilities that are eligible to receive coverage for lung volume reduction surgery. Until May 17, 2007, facilities that participated in the National Emphysema Treatment Trial were also eligible to receive coverage. The following three types of facilities are eligible for reimbursement for Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS):

- National Emphysema Treatment Trial (NETT) approved (Beginning 05/07/2007, these will no longer automatically qualify and can qualify only with the other programs);
- Credentialed by the Joint Commission (formerly, the Joint Commision on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)) under their Disease Specific Certification Program for LVRS; and
- Medicare approved for lung transplants.

Only the first two types are in the list. There were no updates to the listing of facilities for lung volume reduction surgery published in the 3-month pcriod. This information is available at www.cms.gov/MedicareApprovedFacilitie/LVRS/list.asp#TopOfPage. For questions or additional information, contact Sarah Fulton, MHS (410-786-2749).

Addendum XIV: Medicare-Approved Bariatric Surgery Facilities (October through December 2016)

Addendum XIV includes a listing of Medicare-approved facilities that meet minimum standards for facilities modeled in part on professional society statements on competency. All facilities must meet our standards in order to receive coverage for bariatric surgery procedures. On February 21, 2006, we issued our decision memorandum on bariatric surgery procedures. We determined that bariatric surgical procedures are reasonable and necessary for Medicare beneficiaries who have a body-mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 35, have at least one co-morbidity related to obesity and have been previously unsuccessful with medical treatment for obesity. This decision also stipulated that covered bariatric surgery procedures are reasonable and necessary only when performed at facilities that are: (1) certified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a Level 1 Bariatric Surgery Center (program standards and requirements in effect on February 15, 2006); or (2) certified by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS) as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence (BSCOE) (program standards and requirements in effect on February 15, 2006).

There were no additions, deletions, or editorial changes to Medicare-approved facilities that meet CMS's minimum facility standards for bariatric surgery that have been certified by ACS and/or ASMBS in the 3-month period. This information is available at www.cms.gov/MedicareApprovedFacilitie/BSF/list.asp#TopOfPage. For questions or additional information, contact Sarah Fulton, MHS (410-786-2749).

Addendum XV: FDG-PET for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases Clinical Trials (October through December 2016)

There were no FDG-PET for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases Clinical Trials published in the 3-month period.

This information is available on our website at www.cms.gov/MedicareApprovedFacilitie/PETDT/list.asp#TopOfPage. For questions or additional information, contact Stuart Caplan, RN, MAS (410-786-8564).

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AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; the accuracy of the estimated burden; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395–5806, *or* Email: *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.*

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web site address at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995.*

2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.*

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786–1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786–1326.

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. The term ''collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Conditions of Participation for Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs) and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* The Conditions of Participation (CoPs) and accompanying requirements specified in the regulations are used by our surveyors as a basis for determining whether a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility (CORF) qualifies to be awarded a Medicare provider agreement. We believe the health care industry practice demonstrates that the patient clinical records and general content of records are necessary to ensure the well-being and safety of patients and that professional treatment and accountability are a normal part of industry practice. *Form Number:* CMS–10282 (OMB control number: 0938–1091); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 509; *Total Annual Responses:* 509 *Total Annual Hours:* 6,815. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jacqueline Leach at 410–786–4282.)

Dated: February 16, 2017.

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being-Third Cohort (NSCAW III): Data Collection.

OMB No.: 0970–0202.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to collect data on a third cohort of children and families for the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW III). NSCAW is the only source of nationally representative, longitudinal, firsthand information about the functioning and well-being, service needs, and service utilization of children and families who come to the attention of the child welfare system. Information is collected about children's cognitive, social, emotional, behavioral, and adaptive functioning, as well as family and community factors that are likely to influence their functioning. Family service needs and service utilization also are addressed in the data collection.

A previous notice provided the opportunity for public comment on the proposed Phase 1 recruitment and sampling process (FR V.81, 4/8/2016). This notice is specific to the Phase 2 data collection activities: (1) Baseline and (2) 18-month follow-up data collection. Data collection includes child interviews and direct assessments, as well as caregiver and caseworker interviews. The overall goal is to maintain the strengths and continuity of the prior surveys while better positioning the study to address changes in the child welfare population.

Respondents: Children, and their associated caregivers and caseworkers.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of respondents (rounded)	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Baseline					
Child Interview and Direct Assessments	4,565	1,522	1	1.33	2,024
Caregiver Interview	4,565	1,522	1	1.67	2,541
Caseworker Interview	1,826	609	3	.75	1,370
18-month Follow-up					
Child Interview and Direct Assessment	3,650	1,217	1	1.33	1,618
Caregiver Interview	3,650	1,217	1	1.67	2,032
Caseworker Interview	840	280	3	1.0	840

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,425.

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20201, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: *OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov.*

OMB Comment: OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Email: *OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV*, Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

Mary Jones,

ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request; Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection (ICR–REV); Centers for Independent Living Annual Performance Report (CILPPR)

AGENCY: Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on ACL's intention to collect information necessary to determining grantee compliance with Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, As Amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the proposed action. This notice solicits comments on a proposed revision to an existing data collection related to the Centers for Independent Living Program Performance Report (CIL PPR, formerly the Section 704 Part II Report).

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by April 7.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: *veronica.hogan@acl.hhs.gov.* Submit written comments on the collection of information by mail to Veronica Hogan, Administration for Community Living, 330 C Street, Room 1133D, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Veronica Hogan at (202) 795–7365 or *veronica.hogan@acl.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the 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. ''Collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or update of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. The proposed data collection represents a revision of a currently approved collection (ICR–Rev).

In order to comply with the above requirement, the Independent Living Administration (ILA) is requesting approval of a revision of a previously approved collection, the Centers for Independent Living Program Performance Report (CILPPR), formerly known as the 704 Part II report (0985–0043). Sections 704(m)(4)(D), 706(d), 721(b)(3), and 725(c) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA, Pub. L. 113–128) and the corresponding regulations at 45 CFR part 1329, require centers for independent living (CILs) to submit annual performance reports to the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in order to receive continuation funding under the CIL (IL Part C) program.

The CIL PPR is submitted annually by all CILs receiving IL Part C funds. The CIL PPR is used by ACL to assess grantees' compliance with title VII of the Act, with section 1329 of the Code of Federal Regulations and with applicable provisions of the HHS regulations at 45 CFR part 75. The CIL PPR serves as the primary basis for ACL's monitoring activities in fulfillment of its responsibilities under sections 706 and 722 of the Act. The CIL PPR also enables ACL to collect

qualitative and quantitative data to track performance outcomes and efficiency measures of the centers for independent living (CILs) programs with respect to the annual and long-term performance targets established in compliance with GPRA. The CIL PPR is also used by ACL to design CIL training and technical assistance programs authorized by section 721 of the Act.

New Requirements

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), enacted on July 22, 2014, added a new core service to the list of ''independent living core services'' that ACL funded Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are required to provide. Prior to WIOA, CILs were required to provide four core independent living services: (1) Information and referral services; (2) independent living skills training; (3) peer counseling, including cross-disability peer counseling; (4) and individual and systems advocacy. WIOA added a fifth core service for ''transition services.'' This new core service has three components. It requires CILs to:

- Facilitate the transition of individuals with significant disabilities from nursing homes and other institutions to home- and community-based residences, with the requisite supports and services;
- Provide assistance to individuals with significant disabilities who are at risk of entering institutions so that the individuals remain in the community; and
- Facilitate the transition of youth with significant disabilities, who were eligible for individualized education programs (IEPs) under Section 614(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and who have completed their secondary education or otherwise left school to post-secondary life.

The new core services promote full access to community living, which is in keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Supreme Court ruling in *Olmstead* v. *L.C.*, and subsequent legislation and regulations. These critical services also align with the core of ACL's mission. Modifications to the performance measures were developed this year in response to these changes, which will require additional data to be submitted so ACL can report on activities related to the new requirement. The proposed reporting form may be found on the ACL Web site at: *https://acl.gov/Programs/AoD/ILA/Index.aspx#cil*.

The estimated hour burden per respondent for the CIL PPR (IL Part C) in 2017 will change from the 35 hours estimated in FY 2014 to 36.5 hours, an additional hour and a half due to the addition of the fifth core service area. The number of hours is multiplied by 356 CILs, resulting in a total estimated hour aggregate burden of 12,994 hours.

Number of centers	Frequency of responses per year	Hours per response	Total burden hours
356	1	493	12,994

Dated: February 16, 2017.

Daniel P. Berger,

Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Data Collection Materials for the Evaluation of the Administration for Community Living's American Indian, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian Programs (OAA Title VI)

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of information the agency proposes to collect related to an evaluation of the American Indian, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian Programs. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to the evaluation of the Title VI of the Older Americans Act.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by April 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: *Kristen.Hudgins@acl.hhs.gov.* Submit written comments on the collection of information to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, Attention: Kristen Hudgins.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Hudgins, 202–795–7732.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the 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. ''Collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency request or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60- day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, ACL is publishing a notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of ACL's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology. The Data Collection Materials for the Evaluation of the Administration for Community Living's American Indian, Alaska

Natives and Native Hawaiian Programs (OAA Title VI) is a new data collection (ICR-New) that will include focus groups for Elders and caregiver program participants, interviews with Title VI staff, and a survey for caregiver program participants. The Evaluation of the Administration for Community Living's American Indian, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian Programs will allow ACL/AoA to document the value of the Title VI programs for individuals, families, communities and Tribes/Tribal Organizations. ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours (in minutes) per response	Total burden hours
Elder and Caregiver Focus Groups	600 (at 2 focus groups of 10 people on average per 30 grantees).	1	120	1,200
Program Staff Interviews	30	1	60	30
Caregiver Survey	1,110 (at an average of 37 respondents per 30 grantees).	1	25	462.5
Total				1,692.5

The proposed data collection tools may be found on the ACL Web site at: *https://aoa.acl.gov/Program_Results/Program_survey.aspx.*

Dated: February 14, 2017.

Daniel P. Berger,

Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings 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: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel, Advanced Laboratories for Accelerating the Reach and Impact Research Centers.

Date: March 13, 2017.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Renaissance Washington DC, Dupont Circle, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Karen Gavin-Evans, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 6153, MSC 9606, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–451–2356, *gavinevanskm@mail.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel, NIH Pathway to Independence Awards (K99) AIDS.

Date: March 14, 2017.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: David M. Armstrong, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center/Room 6138/MSC 9608, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892–9608, 301–443–3534, *armstrda@mail.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel, Non-Invasive Neuromodulation—Mechanisms & Dose/Response Relationships.

Date: March 15, 2017.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW., Washington, DC 20015.

Contact Person: Rebecca Steiner Garcia, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6149, MSC 9608, Bethesda, MD 20892–9608, 301–443–4525, *steinerr@mail.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel, BRAIN Initiative: Foundations of Non-Invasive Functional Human Brain Imaging and Recording.

Date: March 17, 2017.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Vinod Charles, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6151, MSC 9606, Bethesda, MD 20892–9606, 301–443–1606, *charlesvi@mail.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel, Non-Invasive Neuromodulation—New Tools & Techniques.

Date: March 22, 2017.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Rebecca Steiner Garcia, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6149, MSC 9608, Bethesda, MD 20892–9608, 301–443–4525, *steinerr@mail.nih.gov.*

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: February 17, 2017.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel, Review of time-sensitive R21's.

Date: March 10, 2017.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS/National Institutes of Health, Keystone Building, 530 Davis Drive, Room 3003, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Laura A. Thomas, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research and Training, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919–541–2824, *laura.thomas@nih.gov.*

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: *February 17, 2017.*

Natasha M. Copeland,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings 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; Member Conflict: Neurodevelopmental and Other Neurological Disorders.

Date: March 8, 2017.

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Samuel C Edwards, Ph.D., IRG Chief, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5210, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1246, *edwardss@csr.nih.gov.*

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: HIV/AIDS Innovative Research Applications.

Date: March 15, 2017.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Kenneth A Roebuck, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5106, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1166, *roebuckk@csr.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Neurodegenerative Disease.

Date: March 15, 2017.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Christine A Piggee, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4186, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–0657, *christine.piggee@nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Imaging Guided Drug Delivery.

Date: March 16, 2017.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Doubletree Hotel Bethesda, (Formerly Holiday Inn Select), 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Chiayeng Wang, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5213, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–2397, *chiayeng.wang@nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Social and Behavioral Influences on HIV Prevention and Treatment.

Date: March 17, 2017.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Shalanda A Bynum, Ph.D., MPH, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3206, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–755–4355, *bynumsa@csr.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Cell and Molecular Biology.

Date: March 21–22, 2017.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Doubletree Hotel Bethesda, (Formerly Holiday Inn Select), 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Amy Kathleen Wernimont, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–6427, *amy.wernimont@nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Chemo/Dietary Prevention.

Date: March 23, 2017.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Syed M Quadri, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6210, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1211, *quadris@csr.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Topics in Cell Biology.

Date: March 23, 2017.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Janet M Larkin, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1102, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–806–2765, *larkinja@csr.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Metabolic Reprogramming to Improve Immunotherapy.

Date: March 23, 2017.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Syed M Quadri, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6210, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1211, *quadris@csr.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Emerging Technologies in Neuroscience.

Date: March 24, 2017.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Sharon S Low, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5104, MSC 5104, Bethesda, MD 20892–5104, 301–237–1487, *lowss@csr.nih.gov.*

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: February 17, 2017.

Anna Snouffer,

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for licensing to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for companies and may also be available for licensing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Licensing information and copies of the patent applications listed below may be obtained by communicating with the indicated licensing contact at the Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD, 20852; tel. 301–496–2644. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of unpublished patent applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Technology description follows.

CD300b Expression Exacerbates Endotoxemia and Septic Peritonitis

Description of Technology: The innate immune system is the first line of host defense against invading pathogens. Lipopolysaccharides (LPS), present in gram-negative bacteria membranes, cause strong immune responses following detection by the Toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4) on immune cells. This detection results in the release of pro-inflammatory cytokines, such as tumor necrosis factor alpha, interleukin-6, and interferon gamma, to assist with clearance of the infectious insult. In parallel, interleukin-10 (IL–10), an anti-inflammatory cytokine, is induced to limit the immune response. This is because unchecked immune activation leads to a more severe immunopathology, such as septic shock and subsequently death. Current therapies to treat sepsis are ineffective, and clinical trials based on neutralization of specific inflammatory cytokines have failed.

The inventors, listed below, have discovered that CD300b is a LPS binding receptor. This interaction results in a reduced IL–10 production, leading to an amplification of lethal inflammation. *In vitro,* anti-CD300b antibodies block LPS binding to CD300b, stopping association with TLR4 and CD14 and increases IL–10 levels. *In vivo,* administration of anti-CD300b antibodies protects animals from septic shock, due to a reduce level of pro-inflammatory cytokines but subsequent increase in the anti-inflammatory cytokine, IL–10.

This technology is available for licensing for commercial development in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404, as well as for further development and evaluation under a research collaboration.

Potential Commercial Applications: As a means of treating endotoxemia and septic peritonitis.

Competitive Advantages: No current therapeutics are available to treat septic shock.

Development Stage: Pre-clinical.

Inventors:

John E. Coligan, NIAID, NIH
Oliver H. Voss, NIAID, NIH
Konrad Krzewski, NIAID, NIH

Publications: Voss, Oliver H., et al. ''Lipopolysaccharide-induced CD300b receptor binding to toll-like receptor 4 alters signaling to drive cytokine responses that enhance septic shock.'' Immunity 44.6 (2016): 1365–1378.

Intellectual Property: HHS Reference No. E–112–2016/0—U.S. Patent Application No. 62/308,144 filed 03/14/2016.

Licensing Contact: Chris Kornak, 240–627–3705, *chris.kornak@nih.gov.*

Collaborative Research Opportunity: The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is seeking statements of capability or interest from parties interested in collaborative research to further co-develop CD300b antagonists. For collaboration opportunities, please contact Chris Kornak, 240–627–3705, *chris.kornak@nih.gov.*

Dated: February 16, 2017.

Suzanne Frisbie,

Deputy Director, Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Elucidation of Mechanisms of Radiation-Induced Endovascular Injury and Development of Treatments/Mitigators for Radiation-Induced Endothelial Cell and Vascular Dysfunction (U01).

Date: March 16–17, 2017.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Zhuqing (Charlie) Li, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural

Activities, Room # 3G41B, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC9823, Bethesda, MD 20892–9823, (240) 669–5068, *zhuqing.li@nih.gov.*

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: *February 17, 2017.*

Natasha M. Copeland,

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

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92–463, notice is hereby given that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Drug Testing Advisory Board (DTAB) will meet in person and via web conference on March 20, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT and March 21, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board will meet in open session on March 20, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. , to provide updates on the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs, provide data on hair testing programs currently in use in the private sector, research data on marijuana edibles, and the most current data from Quest Diagnostics Drug Testing Index.

The board will meet in closed session on March 20, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT and on March 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EDT to hear about current confidential practices in the hair testing industry, and to discuss proposals for the Oral Fluid Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs. Therefore, these portions of the meeting are closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (9)(B), and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, Section 10(d).

Meeting information and a roster of DTAB members may be obtained by accessing the SAMHSA Advisory Committees Web site, *http://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/advisory-councils/drug-testing-advisory-board-dtab,* or by contacting Brian Makela.

Committee Name: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Drug Testing Advisory Board.

Dates/Time/Type: March 20, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., EDT: OPEN. March 20, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., EDT: CLOSED. March 21, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., EDT: CLOSED.

Place: Parklawn Building, Room 5W07, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Contact: Brian Makela, Division of Workplace Programs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 16N02B, Rockville, Maryland 20857, *Telephone:* 240–276–2600, *Fax:* 240–276–2610, *Email: brian.makela@samhsa.hhs.gov*.

Brian Makela,

Chemist, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615—NEW

Agency Information Collection Activities: Independent Evaluation of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, Form G–1503; New Collection

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 (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed new 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 April 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615–NEW in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS–2016–0007. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only *one* of the following methods to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at *http://www.regulations.gov* under e-Docket ID number USCIS–2016–0007;

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140, telephone number 202–272–8377 (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 Web site at *http://www.uscis.gov,* or call the USCIS National Customer Service 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: *http://www.regulations.gov* and enter USCIS–2016–0007 in the search box. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://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 *http://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:* New Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Independent Evaluation of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* G–1503; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: Federal Government; or State, local or Tribal Government. The SAVE program is a voluntary program for federal, state, and local government agencies to assist participating agencies with verifying the immigration status of the benefit's applicants. The SAVE program has expanded into a nation-wide program that conducts immigration status verifications.

(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 respondents for the information collection G–1503 is as follows: SAVE Evaluation Site Visit Protocols Questionnaire—550 respondents responding at an estimated .33 hours per response. SAVE Evaluation Web Survey—240 respondents responding at an estimated 2.25 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 722 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* There is no estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information.

Dated: February 17, 2017.

Samantha Deshommes,

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 HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615–0091]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document, Form N–565; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

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 (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 April 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615–0091 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS–2006–0052. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only *one* of the following methods to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at *http://www.regulations.gov* under e-Docket ID number USCIS–2006–0052;

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140, telephone number 202–272–8377 (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 Web site at *http://www.uscis.gov,* or call the USCIS National Customer Service 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: *http://www.regulations.gov* and enter USCIS–2006–0052 in the search box. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://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 *http://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:* Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* N–565; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or households. Form N–565 is used to apply for a replacement of a Declaration of Intention, Certificate of Citizenship or Replacement Certificate, or to apply for a special certificate of naturalization as a U.S. citizen to be recognized by a foreign country.

(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 respondents for the information collection N–565 is 30,085 and the estimated hour burden per response is .916 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 27,558 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 3,685,413.

Dated: February 17, 2017.

Samantha Deshommes,

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–5997–N–08]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report Local Contracting Agencies (HUD Programs)

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–5806, Email: *OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email *Anna. P. Guido@hud.gov,* or telephone 202–402–5535. This is not a toll-free number. Person with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on December 9, 2016 at 81 FR 89128.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report Local Contracting Agencies (HUD Programs).

OMB Approval Number: 2501–0019.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Department of Labor (DOL) Regulations 29 CFR 5.7(b), requires Federal agencies administering programs subject to Davis-Bacon and Related Act (DBRA) and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) labor standards to furnish a Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division. Some HUD programs are administered by state and local agencies for the labor standards compliance. HUD must collect information from such agencies in order to capture enforcement activities for all HUD programs in its reports to DOL.

Respondents: (*i.e.* affected public): State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Estimated Number of Responses: 9,000.

Frequency of Response: 2.

Average Hours per Response: 2.

Total Estimated Burden: 18, 000.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Total	4,500	2	9,000	2	18,000	$35.74	$643,320.00

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond: including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submission of responses. HUD encourages interested parties to

submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: February 15, 2017.

Anna P. Guido,

Department Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 2017–03524 Filed 2–22–17; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5997–N–09]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Implementation Phase Review of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax:202–395–5806, Email: *OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Anna P. Guido at *Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov* or telephone 202–402–5535. This is not a toll-free number. Person with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on September 20, 2016 at 81 FR 64497.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Implementation Phase Review of the LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative.

OMB Approval Number: 2506-New.

Type of Request: New collection.

Form Number: None.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative began in the summer of 2013 as part of a federal interagency initiative. The initiative's goal is to prevent homelessness among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, and to intervene early when homelessness occurs for these youth. Federal partners from the U.S. Departments of Education, Health, and Juvenile Justice, as well as the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, support this HUD initiative. The initiative supports the federal goal to end youth homelessness by 2020 and contributes to the development of a model for preventing LGBT youth homelessness that other communities can replicate. There are two communities participating in this initiative and both receive technical assistance (TA) to support their initiative planning (and later in the process, their initiative implementation).

This request for OMB clearance covers the implementation phase which will document the approach and experiences of both communities as they have implemented their local plans. Furthermore, this review will examine the resources required to carry out implementation, what worked well, what challenges emerged and how they were addressed, lessons learned, and recommendations both sites offer for potential replication. To produce this information, HUD will collect quantitative and qualitative data from primary sources using four methods: interviews, surveys, focus groups, and document review. Participants will consist of the local initiative leads as well as individuals involved in local initiative steering committees and subcommittees and community members associated with the initiative.

Respondents (*i.e.* affected public): Organizations participating in the two local initiatives, including local lead organization, and participants on the local steering committees and subcommittees, and community members.

EXHIBIT A–1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS AND ANNUAL COST FOR LGBTQ IMPLEMENTATION PHASE DOCUMENTATION REVIEW

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Interviews	13	1	13	1.00	13.00	$30.54	$397.02
Focus Group	24	1	24	1.00	24.00	30.54	732.96
Survey	110	1	110	0.25	27.50	30.54	839.85
Total	147			2.25	64.50	30.54	1,969.83

* Hourly wage rates are based on the 2015 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates by the Department of Labor (*http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm*). The hourly wage rate in Exhibit A–2 represents the mean hourly wage of "Social and Community Managers."

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: February 15, 2017.

Anna P. Guido,

Department Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: March 2, 2017, 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Via tele-conference hosted at Inter-American Foundation, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 1200 North Building, Washington, DC 20004.

STATUS: Meeting of the Board of Directors, Closed to the Public as provided by 22 CFR 1004.4(b).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Executive Session

PORTION TO BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

- Executive session to discuss recruitment of President/CEO—closed session as provided by 22 CFR 1004.4(b).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Paul Zimmerman, General Counsel, (202) 683–7118.

Paul Zimmerman,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

[S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 178S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A00 17XS501520]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments for 1029–0116

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is announcing that the information collection request for Revision; Renewal; and Transfer, Assignment, or Sale of Permit Rights, has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reauthorization. The information collection package was previously approved and assigned control number 1029–0116. This notice describes the nature of the information collection activity and the expected burdens.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by March 27, 2017, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395–5806, or via email to *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.* Also, please send a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 203—SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically at *jtrelease@osmre.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request, contact John Trelease at (202) 208–2783 or electronically to *jtrelease@osmre.gov.* You may also review the information collection request online at *http://www.reginfo.gov.* Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSMRE has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval for the collection of information for 30 CFR part 774—Revision; Renewal; and Transfer, Assignment, or Sale of Permit Rights. OSMRE is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection.

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 OMB control number for Part 774 is 1029–0116 and is referenced in § 774.9.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 15, 2016 (81 FR 63493). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection:

Title: 30 CFR part 774—Revisions; Renewals; and Transfer, Assignment, or Sale of Permit Rights.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0116.

Summary: Sections 506 and 511 of Public Law 95–87 provide that persons seeking permit revisions, renewals, transfer, assignment, or sale of their permit rights for coal mining activities submit relevant information to the regulatory authority to allow the regulatory authority to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements for the action anticipated.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: Surface coal mining permit applicants and State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 4,311 responses from permit applicants and 4,229 responses from State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 302,815.

Total Annual Non-wage Costs: $1,059,644.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information, to the address listed above. Please refer to OMB control number 1029–0116 in all correspondence.

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.

Dated: February 1, 2017.

John A. Trelease,

Acting Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Report on Occupational Employment and Wages

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) sponsored information collection request (ICR) revision titled, ''Report on Occupational Employment and Wages,'' to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before March 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site at *http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201611-1220-001* (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129, TTY 202–693–8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to *DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov*.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL–BLS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202–395–5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov*. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: *DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129, TTY 202–693–8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to *DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov*.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks approval under the PRA to revise the Report on Occupational Employment and Wages information collection. The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey is a Federal/State establishment survey of wage and salary workers designed to produce data on current detailed occupational employment and wages for each Metropolitan Statistical Area and Metropolitan Division as well as by detailed industry classification. OES survey data assists in the development of employment and training programs established by the Perkins Vocational Education Act of 1998. This ICR has been classified as a revision, because the BLS seeks to reinstate an industry-specific long form as a supplemental tool for data collection. That form had been discontinued in October 2016. The Wagner-Peyser Act authorizes this information collection. *See* 29 U.S.C. 49l–2.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1220–0042. The current approval is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2016; however, the DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. New requirements would only take effect upon OMB approval. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 22, 2016 (81 FR 23753).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1220–0042. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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;
- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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.

Agency: DOL–BLS.

Title of Collection: Report on Occupational Employment and Wages.

OMB Control Number: 1220–0042.

Affected Public: Federal Government; State, Local, and Tribal Governments; and Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 297,521.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 297,521.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 148,760 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $0.

Dated: February 16, 2017.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (17–009)]

NASA Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Annual Invitation for Public Nominations by U.S. Citizens for Service on NASA Federal Advisory Committees on Science.

SUMMARY: NASA announces its annual invitation for public nominations for service on four new Federal advisory committees of NASA that advise NASA on science. The four new committees,

formerly subcommittees of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC) Science Committee (NAC SC), have been established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), and will advise four divisions of the NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD). On December 2, 2016, NASA published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing their establishment [**Federal Register**, Vol. 81, No. 232, pages 87082–87083].

U.S. citizens may submit self-nominations for consideration to fill vacancies on these four new committees. There will be member vacancies from time to time throughout the year, and NASA will consider self-nominations to fill such intermittent vacancies. *Nominees will only be contacted should a vacancy be available and it is judged that their area(s) of expertise is appropriate for that specific vacancy.* NASA is committed to selecting members to serve on these committees based on their individual expertise, knowledge, experience, current/past contributions to the relevant subject area and overall diversity of the committee. All member appointments are non-compensated. However, NASA does cover travel and per diem expenses for all member appointments.

DATES: The deadline for NASA receipt of all public nominations is March 8, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To be considered by NASA, self-nomination packages from interested U.S. citizens must be sent to NASA as an email and must include the name of the specific committee of interest. Self-nomination packages are limited to specifying interest in only one committee per year. The following information is required to be included as part of each self-nomination package: (1) A cover email including the name of the specific committee of interest; (2) a professional resume (one-page maximum, included as an attachment); and, (3) a professional biography (one-page maximum; included as an attachment). All public self-nomination packages must be submitted electronically via email to NASA at one of the addresses listed below; paper-based documents sent through postal mail (hard-copies) will not be accepted. Note: Self-nomination packages that do not include the three (3) mandatory elements listed above will not receive further consideration by NASA.

Please submit the nomination as a single package containing the cover email and both required attachments electronically to the specific email address identified for the committee of interest:

- Astrophysics Advisory Committee (APAC): *apac-execsec@hq.nasa.gov*
- Earth Science Advisory Committee (ESAC): *esac-execsec@hq.nasa.gov*
- Heliophysics Advisory Committee (HPAC): *hpac-execsec@hq.nasa.gov*
- Planetary Science Advisory Committee (PAC): *pac-execsec@hq.nasa.gov*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain further information on these committees, please visit the Web sites noted below for each. For any questions, please contact Ms. DaMara Belson, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, (202) 358–2457; or email *damara.m.belson@nasa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Nominees from any category of organizations or institutions within the U.S. are welcome, including, but not limited to, educational, industrial, and not-for-profit organizations, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs), NASA Centers, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and other Government agencies. Nominees need not be presently affiliated with any organization or institution.

The following qualifications/experience are highly desirable in nominees, and should be clearly presented in their self-nomination packages:

- Substantial (7–10 years post-Ph.D.) research experience including publications in the scientific field of the committee for which they are nominated, or comparable experience;
- Leadership in scientific and/or education and public outreach fields as evidenced by award of prizes, invitation to national and international meetings as speaker, organizer of scientific meetings/workshops, or comparable experience;
- Participation in NASA programs either as member of NASA mission science team, Research and Analysis program, membership on an advisory/working group or a review panel, or comparable experience;
- Good knowledge of NASA programs in the scientific field of the committee for which they are applying, including the latest NASA Science Plan (available as a link from *http://science.nasa.gov/about-us/science-strategy/*); and,
- Knowledge of the latest Decadal Survey conducted by the National Academies or other relevant advisory reports for the scientific field of the committee.

These are not full-time positions and the likelihood that a vacancy will occur in the coming year is unknown at this time. Committee members will be required to attend meetings of the committee approximately two or three times a year, either in person or via telecon and/or virtual meeting medium. Each nominee of potential interest to NASA will be required to submit a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form-450) to NASA, and undergo conflict of interest review and clearance by the NASA Office of the General Counsel prior to formal appointment. Committee members will be formally appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs), unless they are Regular Government Employees (RGEs).

An overview of each of the four committees is listed below.

- *Astrophysics Advisory Committee (APAC)* (*science.nasa.gov/science-advisory_committees/apac*)—The Astrophysics Advisory Committee is a new FACA committee of NASA, and replaces the Astrophysics Subcommittee of the NAC SC. The APAC shall draw on the expertise of its members to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director, Astrophysics Division, SMD, on astrophysics programs, policies, plans and priorities. The scope of the APAC includes projects and observational and theoretical study of the origins, evolution, and destiny of the universe and the search for and study of Earth-like planets and habitable, extrasolar environments. In addition to scientific research, the scope encompasses considerations of the development of near-term enabling technologies, systems, and computing and information management capabilities, developments with the potential to provide long-term improvements in future operational systems, as well as training of the next generation of astronomers, and education and public outreach.
- *Earth Science Advisory Committee (ESAC)* (*science.nasa.gov/science-advisory_committees/esac*)—The Earth Science Advisory Committee is a new FACA committee of NASA, and replaces the Earth Science Subcommittee of the NAC SC. The ESAC shall draw on the expertise of its members to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director, Earth Science Division, SMD, on Earth Science programs, policies, plans and priorities. The ESAC's recommendations and analysis can be used to inform decisions on the programmatic scope and priorities, as well as the implementation of Earth science programs. In addition, the ESAC

will provide a regular forum for broad discussion of Earth science and the role of Earth science within and outside of NASA.

• *Heliophysics Advisory Committee (HPAC)* (*science.nasa.gov/science-advisory_committees/hpac*)—The Heliophysics Advisory Committee is a new FACA committee of NASA, and replaces the Heliophysics Subcommittee of the NAC SC. The HPAC shall draw on the expertise of its members to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director, Heliophysics Division, SMD, on heliophysics programs, policies, plans and priorities. The scope of the HPAC includes all aspects of heliophysics, including the dynamical behavior of the Sun and its heliosphere; the dynamical behavior of the magnetosphere, ionosphere, and upper atmosphere of Earth and other planets; the multi-scale interaction between solar system plasmas and the interstellar medium; energy transport and coupling throughout the heliophysics domain; and space weather. In addition to scientific research, the scope encompasses considerations of the development of enabling technologies, systems, and computing and information management capabilities, as well as developments with the potential to provide long-term improvements to future space weather operational systems.

• *Planetary Science Advisory Committee (PAC)* (*science.nasa.gov/science-advisory_committees/pac*)—The Planetary Science Advisory Committee is a new FACA committee of NASA, and replaces the Planetary Science Subcommittee of the NAC SC. The PAC shall draw on the expertise of its members to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director, Planetary Science Division, SMD, on planetary science programs, policies, plans and priorities. The scope of the PAC includes all aspects of planetary science, scientific exploration of the Moon and Mars, the robotic exploration of the solar system, astrobiology, exoplanet research, space- and ground-based research, technology development, planning, and training required to support these science areas. In addition to scientific research, the scope encompasses considerations of the development of near-term enabling technologies, systems, and computing and information management capabilities, as well as developments with the potential to provide long-term improvements in future operational systems. Responsibility for biological planetary protection is outside the purview of the PAC.

Patricia D. Rausch,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2017–0052]

Clarification of Licensee Actions in Enforcement Guidance Memorandum EGM 15–002, Enforcement Discretion for Tornado-Generated Missile Protection Noncompliance, Revision 1

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft interim staff guidance; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is soliciting public comment on its draft Interim Staff Guidance (ISG), Clarification of Licensee Actions in Receipt of Enforcement Discretion per Enforcement Guidance Memorandum (EGM) 15–002, ''Enforcement Discretion for Tornado-Generated Missile Protection Noncompliance,'' Revision 1. The NRC staff is publishing this revised ISG for public comment. The revisions provide clarifying guidance to facilitate staff understanding of expectations for consistent oversight associated with implementing enforcement discretion for tornado missile protection noncompliance(s), as discussed in EGM 15–002, Revision 1.

DATES: Submit comments by March 27, 2017. 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 before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2017–0052. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: *Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.* For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

• *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN–12–H08, 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: James Hickey, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2180, email: *James.Hickey@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2017–0052 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 Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2017–0052.

• *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* To begin the search, select ''*ADAMS Public Documents*'' and then select ''*Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.*'' For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 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) it is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. The ISG, ''Clarification of Licensee Actions in Receipt of Enforcement Discretion Memorandum 15–002, ''Enforcement Discretion for Tornado-Generated Missile Protection Noncompliance,'' Revision 1, is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16342A940. The EGM 15–002, ''Enforcement Discretion for Tornado-Generated Missile Protection Noncompliance,'' Revision 1 is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16355A286.

• *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2017–0052 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 posts all comment submissions at *http://www.regulations.gov* as well as entering 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 submissions into ADAMS.

II. Background

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), Division of Risk Analysis (DRA) completed a generic bounding risk analysis (ADAMS Accession No. ML14114A556) that concluded that the issues associated with the inoperability of a Structure, System, or Component due to a tornado-generated missile are likely to be of low risk significance, and do not require immediate plant shutdown. Based on the conclusions of the NRR/DRA analysis, the staff issued EGM 15–002, dated June 10, 2015. In its implementation of EGM 15–002, the NRC staff found that additional refinements are needed to address reportability, enforcement of long standing design issues, and the duration of the enforcement discretion resulting from all the non-conforming conditions being assessed together. As a result, the staff issued EGM 15–002, Revision 1, dated February 7, 2017.

This revised ISG adds additional information for inspection and review staff to support implementation of the changes made in EGM 15–002, Revision 1. This revised draft ISG provides an approach to extending the discretion period. The draft revisions to this ISG also revise provisions concerning reportability requirements under § 50.72 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), discusses enforcement discretion for long-term design non conformances, and reinforces the need for licensees to follow the corrective action program when dispositioning the impact of identified tornado missile non-conformances on operability. This revised ISG will expire with the expiration of EGM 15–002, Revision 1.

III. Proposed Action

By this action, the NRC is requesting public comments on draft ISG–16–001, Revision 1. This draft ISG provides an approach to extending the discretion period, revises reportability requirements under 10 CCFR 50.72, discusses enforcement discretion for long-term design non conformances, and reinforces the need for licensees to follow their corrective action program when dispositioning the impact of identified tornado missile non-conformances on operability.

IV. Backfit Discussion

Issuance of this ISG in final form would not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule). As discussed in the ''Backfitting'' section of draft DSS–ISG- 2016–001, Revision 1, this ISG contains guidance for NRC staff for implementing EGM–15–002. This ISG does not constitute backfitting as defined in the Backfit Rule and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52, and the NRC staff did not prepare a backfit analysis. This is because this ISG requires no response by licensees, and concerns only NRC staff implementation of enforcement discretion pursuant to EGM–15–0002.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of February 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert Taylor,

Director, Division of Safety Systems, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72–09; NRC–2017–0051]

Department of Energy; Fort St. Vrain Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application, docketing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has docketed a license amendment application from the Department of Energy (DOE or the licensee) for amendment of Materials License No. SNM–2504, for the Fort St. Vrain independent spent fuel storage installation located in Platteville, Colorado. If granted, the amendment would update the licensee delegation of authority in the license, the technical specifications, and the final safety analysis report. These documents currently delegate authority under the license to the Manager, DOE Idaho Operations Office. The amendment would replace that reference with the Deputy Manager, Idaho Cleanup Project in each of the documents.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2017–0051 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 Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2017–0051. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: *Carol.Gallagher@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 *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* To begin the search, select ''ADAMS Public Documents'' and then select ''*Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.*'' For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 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:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jose R. Cuadrado, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–0606; email: *Jose.Cuadrado@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

By letter dated September 8, 2016, DOE submitted to the NRC an application to amend the license, technical specifications, and the final safety analysis report, for the Fort St. Vrain independent spent fuel storage installation, located in Platteville, Colorado (ADAMS Accession No. ML16258A179). Materials License No. SNM–2504 authorizes the licensee to receive, store, and transfer spent nuclear fuel from the decommissioned FSV

Nuclear Generating Station. The proposed amendment would revise the licensee delegation of authority in the license, the technical specifications, and the final safety analysis report. These documents currently delegate authority under the license to the Manager, DOE Idaho Operations Office. This amendment would replace that reference with the Deputy Manager, Idaho Cleanup Project in each of the documents.

In a letter to DOE dated December 9, 2016, the NRC notified DOE that the application was acceptable to begin a technical review (ADAMS Accession No. ML16347A129). The NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards has docketed this application under Docket No. 72–09. If the NRC approves the amendment, the approval will be documented in an amendment to NRC Materials License No. SNM–2504. The Commission will approve the license amendment if it determines that the request complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the NRC's rules and regulations, and make findings consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act and part 51 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). These findings will be documented in a safety evaluation report.

II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing

The Commission may issue either a notice of hearing or a notice of proposed action and opportunity for hearing in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(1) or, if a determination is made that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected, take immediate action on the amendment in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2), and provide notice of the action taken and an opportunity for interested persons to request a hearing on whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of February 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Bernard H. White, IV,

Acting Chief, Spent Fuel Licensing Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72–25; NRC–2017–0049]

Department of Energy; Idaho Spent Fuel Facility Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application, docketing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has docketed a license amendment application from the Department of Energy (DOE or the licensee) for amendment of Materials License No. SNM–2512, for the Idaho Spent Fuel Facility independent spent fuel storage installation located at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in Butte County, Idaho. If granted, the amendment would update the licensee delegation of authority in the license, the technical specifications, and the final safety analysis report. These documents currently delegate authority under the license to the Manager, DOE Idaho Operations Office. The amendment would replace that reference with the Deputy Manager, Idaho Cleanup Project in each of the documents.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2017–0049 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 Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2017–0049. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: *Carol.Gallagher@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: Jose R. Cuadrado, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–0606; email: *Jose.Cuadrado@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

By letter dated September 8, 2016, DOE submitted to the NRC an application to amend the license, technical specifications, and the final safety analysis report, for the Idaho Spent Fuel Facility independent spent fuel storage installation, located on the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in Butte County, Idaho (ADAMS Accession No. ML16258A178). Materials License No. SNM–2512 authorizes the licensee to receive, store, and transfer spent nuclear fuel elements from the Peach Bottom Unit 1 reactor and various TRIGA reactors; reflector modules and rods from the Shippingport reactor; and associated radioactive materials and components related to the fuel elements' receipt, transfer, and storage. The proposed amendment would revise the licensee delegation of authority in the license, the technical specifications, and the final safety analysis report. These documents currently delegate authority under the license to the Manager, DOE Idaho Operations Office. This amendment would replace that reference with the Deputy Manager, Idaho Cleanup Project in each of the documents.

In a letter to DOE dated December 9, 2016, the NRC notified DOE that the application was acceptable to begin a technical review (ADAMS Accession No. ML16347A133). The NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards has docketed this application under Docket No. 72–25. If the NRC approves the amendment, the approval will be documented in an amendment to NRC Materials License No. SNM–2512. The Commission will approve the license amendment if it determines that the request complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the NRC's rules and regulations, and make findings consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act and 10 CFR part 51. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report.

II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing

The Commission may issue either a notice of hearing or a notice of proposed action and opportunity for hearing in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(1) or, if a determination is made that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected, take immediate action on the amendment in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2), and provide notice of the action taken and an opportunity for interested persons to request a hearing on whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of February 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Bernard H. White, IV,

Acting Chief, Spent Fuel Licensing Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on March 8, 2017, Room T–2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, March 8, 2017—12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Quynh Nguyen (Telephone 301–415–5844 or Email: *Quynh.Nguyen@nrc.gov*) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 21, 2015 (80 FR 63846).

Information regarding changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the DFO if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. After registering with security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (240–888–9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: February 15, 2017.

Mark L. Banks,

Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[IA–16–075; NRC–2017–0053]

In the Matter of Casey Pooler

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Order; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an Order prohibiting Mr. Casey Pooler from involvement in NRC-licensed activities for a period of 3 years. The Order also requires Mr. Pooler to notify the NRC of any current involvement in NRC-licensed activities. Additionally, Casey Pooler is required to notify the NRC of his first employment in NRC-licensed activities for a period of one year following the 3-year prohibition period.

DATES: *Effective Date:* See attachment.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2017–0053 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 Web Site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2017–0053. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: *Carol.Gallagher@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 *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* To begin the search, select ''*ADAMS Public Documents*'' and then select ''*Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.*'' For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.* The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.
- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Furst, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–287–9087; Email: *David.Furst@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Order is attached.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of February 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Patricia K. Holahan,

Director, Office of Enforcement.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[IA–16–075]

In the Matter of Casey Pooler

Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC Licensed Activities

I.

Casey Pooler was employed as a contract security officer at the NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC (NextEra)

Seabrook Station (Seabrook). NextEra holds License No. NPF–86 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to part 50 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), on March 15, 1990. The license authorizes the operation of Seabrook (facility) in accordance with the conditions specified therein. The facility is located on the Licensee's site in Seabrook, New Hampshire.

II.

On August 24, 2015, an investigation was initiated at the Licensee's facility to evaluate the circumstances surrounding a security response weapon that NextEra staff identified as having foreign material lodged inside the barrel. Based on the results of the investigation, the NRC determined that Mr. Pooler deliberately placed the material inside the weapon. Specifically, the weapon had been staged at a Seabrook security post on August 2, 2015. It was returned to the armory on August 21, 2015, for routine cleaning. While cleaning the weapon, the armorer found that a foam earplug insert and two pieces of rolled up paper had been stuffed in the barrel. NextEra notified the NRC Senior Resident Inspector at Seabrook, who in turn, informed regional staff and management. The region immediately dispatched security inspectors and investigators and, on August 24, 2015, formally launched a high-priority investigation by the NRC's Office of Investigations (OI).

During initial interviews, Mr. Pooler acknowledged to OI that he had stood watch in the position with the affected rifle on two occasions during the subject period. However, he testified that he had not placed the materials in the weapon and that he had no information about how the materials got inside of it. Afterward, Mr. Pooler made several comments to other security officers indicating that he may have been involved in tampering with the rifle. He asked a coworker to contact the OI agents and ask them to meet him at an off-site location. Although OI agents contacted Mr. Pooler, he declined to meet with them at that time.

On multiple occasions between August 27 and September 24, 2015, OI attempted to re-interview Mr. Pooler, but he declined each request. On October 19, 2015, Mr. Pooler spoke with OI and stated that he believed he placed the materials in the weapon. He told OI that he did not know why he did it, and adamantly stated that he was not trying to hurt anyone or to assist anyone with gaining access to the site. He acknowledged that it was reasonable to assume that he didn't come forward about what he had done because he was afraid of being fired. Mr. Pooler also affirmed that he was not aware of adverse issues with any other weapons or equipment at the site.

Based on the OI investigation, the NRC determined that Mr. Pooler committed an apparent violation (AV) of 10 CFR 50.5(a)(1), in that his deliberate actions caused NextEra to be in violation of 10 CFR 73.55(k)(2), which requires licensees to ensure that all firearms necessary to implement the site security plans and protective strategy are in working condition. Specifically, Mr. Pooler placed foreign material into the barrel of a rifle staged at a Seabrook security post that was established to implement the site protective strategy. Because of the foreign material, the licensee could not ensure that the rifle would fire properly.

In a letter dated December 1, 2016, the NRC described the AV and informed Mr. Pooler that the NRC was considering escalated enforcement action against him. In the letter, the NRC also offered Mr. Pooler the opportunity to discuss the AV during a pre-decisional enforcement conference (PEC) or to engage the NRC in an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mediation session or to provide a written response before the NRC made an enforcement decision. In a December 13, 2016, telephone call with NRC Region I Enforcement staff, Mr. Pooler's attorney informed the NRC that he neither required a PEC or an ADR mediation session, nor intended to submit a written response, but that Mr. Pooler was willing to cooperate with the NRC's intended enforcement action.

III.

Based on the above, it appears that Casey Pooler, a contract employee of the Licensee, engaged in deliberate misconduct that caused the Licensee to be in violation of 10 CFR 73.55(k)(2). Casey Pooler's action has raised serious doubt as to whether he can be relied upon to comply with the NRC's requirements. Consequently, the NRC lacks the requisite reasonable assurance that licensed activities can be conducted in compliance with the Commission's requirements and that the health and safety of the public will be protected if Casey Pooler were permitted at this time to be involved in NRC-licensed activities. Therefore, Casey Pooler is prohibited from any involvement in NRC-licensed activities for a period of three years from the date of this Order. Additionally, Casey Pooler is required to notify the NRC of his first employment in NRC-licensed activities for a period of one year following the prohibition period.

IV.

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 103, 161b, 161i, 182 and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202, and 10 CFR 50.5. *It is hereby ordered, effective upon the date of issuance, that:*

1. Casey Pooler is prohibited for three years from the date of this Order from engaging in, supervising, directing, or in any other way conducting NRC-licensed activities. NRC-licensed activities are those activities that are conducted pursuant to a specific or general license issued by the NRC, including, but not limited to, those activities of Agreement State licensees conducted in the NRC's jurisdiction pursuant to the authority granted by 10 CFR 150.20.

2. If Mr. Pooler is currently involved with another licensee in NRC-licensed activities, he must immediately cease those activities; inform the NRC of the name, address and telephone number of the employer; and provide a copy of this order to the employer.

3. For a period of one year after the three-year period of prohibition has expired, Mr. Pooler shall, within 20 days of acceptance of his first employment offer involving NRC-licensed activities or his becoming involved in NRC-licensed activities, as defined in Paragraph IV.1 above, provide notice to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, of the name, address, and telephone number of the employer or the entity where he is, or will be, involved in the NRC-licensed activities. In the notification, Mr. Pooler shall include a statement of his commitment to compliance with regulatory requirements and the basis why the Commission should have confidence that he will now comply with applicable NRC requirements.

The Director, Office of Enforcement, or designee, may, in writing, relax or rescind any of the above conditions upon demonstration by Mr. Pooler of good cause.

V.

The NRC has determined that Mr. Pooler's communications with the NRC, both during the investigation and subsequently through his attorney, are sufficient to constitute an answer to the Order. Therefore, to satisfy the requirements of 10 CFR 2.202, Mr. Pooler need only acknowledge to the NRC that he has received the Order. This may be done by Mr. Pooler or

through his attorney, and may be accomplished by telephone call or electronic mail message to the NRC Region I Senior Enforcement Specialist Marjorie McLaughlin ((610) 337–5240 or *Marjorie.mclaughlin@nrc.gov*). Any person adversely affected by this Order may submit a written answer to this Order within 30 days of its publication in the **Federal Register**. In addition, Mr. Pooler and any other person adversely affected by this Order may request a hearing on this Order within 30 days of its publication in the **Federal Register**. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to answer or request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–001, and include a statement of good cause for the extension.

VI.

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including a request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition), any motion or other document filed in the proceeding prior to the submission of a request for hearing or petition to intervene, and documents filed by interested governmental entities that request to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with the NRC's E-Filing rule (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007, as amended at 77 FR 46562, August 3, 2012). 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. Detailed guidance on making electronic submissions may be found in the Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC and on the NRC Web site at *http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html.* Participants may not submit paper copies of their filings unless they seek an exemption in accordance with the procedures described below.

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 its 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 its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the hearing in this 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 Web site at *http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html.* Once a participant has obtained a digital ID certificate and a docket has been created, the participant can then submit adjudicatory documents. Submissions must be in Portable Document Format (PDF). Additional guidance on PDF submissions is available on the NRC's public Web site at *http://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. Eastern Time on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email notice confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email notice 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 so that they can 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 Web site at *http://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., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding government holidays.

Participants who believe that they have a 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 by: (1) First class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; or (2) courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service to the Office of the Secretary, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving the document on all other participants. Filing is considered complete by first-class mail as of the time of deposit in the mail, or by courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service upon depositing the document with the provider of the service. A presiding officer, having granted an exemption request from using E-Filing, may require a participant or party to use E-Filing if the presiding officer subsequently determines that the reason for granting the exemption from use of E-Filing no longer exists.

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket which is available to the public at *https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd,* unless excluded pursuant to an order of the Commission or the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as described above, click cancel when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing dockets 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. For example, in some instances, individuals provide home addresses in order to demonstrate proximity to a facility or site. 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 are requested not to include copyrighted materials in their submission.

If a person other than Mr. Pooler requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.309(d) and (f). If a hearing is requested by Mr. Pooler or a person whose interest is

adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearings. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained. In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV above shall be final 30 days from the date this Order is published in the **Federal Register** without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section IV shall be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of February 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Patricia K. Holahan,

Director, Office of Enforcement.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice of modification to existing systems of records.

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service® (Postal Service) is proposing to modify a General Privacy Act Systems of Records to support administrative retention and data element collection, as well as a new benefit offered to employees for third-party tax preparation services.

DATES: These revisions will become effective without further notice on March 27, 2017 unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed or delivered to the Privacy and Records Office, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Room 1P830, Washington, DC 20260–1101. Copies of all written comments will be available at this address for public inspection and photocopying between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janine Castorina, Chief Privacy and Records Management Officer, Privacy and Records Office, 202–268–3069 or *privacy@usps.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is in accordance with the Privacy Act requirement that agencies publish their systems of records in the **Federal Register** when there is a revision, change, or addition, or when the agency establishes a new system of records. The Postal Service™ has determined that one General Privacy Act System of Records (SOR) should be revised to modify Categories of Records in the System, Purpose(s), Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and the Purposes of Such Uses, along with Retention and Disposal.

The Postal Service is proposing modifications to SOR 100.400 to reflect a new benefit to allow employees, who voluntarily elect to be able to automatically upload information from their individual W–2 and 1095–C forms directly to a third-party tax preparation service. Employee tax information, such as their Form W–2, Wage and Tax Statement and Form 1095–C, Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage information, will remain securely safeguarded within USPS computer information systems and only uploaded to third-party tax preparation services upon voluntary request and consent of the individual employee. Uploading this information in a tax preparation service is considered an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) best practice. This will save employees from having to enter the information manually, providing convenience and reducing the risk of potential keying errors. Therefore, the SOR is being revised to include an appropriate purpose, routine use for the transfer of tax information, and retention of the employee tax information. In addition, other updates are included to account for separate administrative changes, which include the collection of employee's ACE ID for computer access in the Time and Attendance System for employees entering payroll information. Similarly, Retention and Disposal times are being updated to more accurately reflect record retention for monetary awards, ideas submitted by employees under the formal ideas program, and for overtime administrative records.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11), interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, or arguments on this proposal. A report of the proposed modifications has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget for their evaluations. The Postal Service does not expect this amended system of records to have any adverse effect on individual privacy rights.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated, the Postal Service proposes changes in the existing system of records as follows:

USPS 100.400

SYSTEM NAME:

Personnel Compensation and Payroll Records

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CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

[Change item 1 to read as follows:]

1. *Employee and family member information:* Name(s), Social Security Number(s), Employee Identification Number, ACE ID, date(s) of birth, postal assignment information, work contact information, home address(es) and phone number(s), finance number(s), occupation code; occupation title; duty location, and pay location.

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PURPOSE:

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[Add 9 to read as follows:]

9. To generate W–2 and 1095–C information for use with external third-party tax preparation services at the request of the individual employee.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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[Add L to read as follows:]

l. Disclosure of W–2 and 1095–C tax information records to external third-party tax preparation services.

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Retention and Disposal

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[Change 3 and 4 to read as follows:]

3. Records of monetary awards with a status that they have been processed, processing failed, cancelled, and reported (Service Award Pins, Retirement Service Awards, Posthumous Service Awards) are retained 7 years, as payroll records would have been affected/processed. Records of award submissions with the status approved, deleted, and/or draft are retained 31 days, as payroll records would not have been affected/processed.

4. Records of employee submitted ideas are maintained for 2 years after being closed.

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[Add 8 and 9 to read as follows:]

8. Overtime administrative records are retained for 7 years.

9. Tax preparation records are limited to an employee's previous year's wages, tax documentation and health insurance

coverage as required by the Affordable Care Act.

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Stanley F. Mires,

Attorney, Federal Compliance.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 32481; 812–14590]

Blackstone Alternative Investment Funds and Blackstone Alternative Investment Advisors LLC; Notice of Application

February 16, 2017.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'').

ACTION: 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 and rule 18f–2 under 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''). The requested exemption would permit an investment adviser to hire and replace certain sub-advisers without shareholder approval and grant relief from the Disclosure Requirements as they relate to fees paid to the sub-advisers.

APPLICANTS: Blackstone Alternative Investment Funds (the ''Trust''), a Massachusetts business trust registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company with multiple series, and Blackstone Alternative Investment Advisors LLC a Delaware limited liability company registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (''BAIA'' or the ''Advisor,'' and, collectively with the Trust, the ''Applicants'').

FILING DATES: The application was filed December 14, 2015, and amended on May 26, 2016 and February 8, 2017.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on March 13, 2017, 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 writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

APPLICANTS: 345 Park Avenue, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10154.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Loko, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551–6883, or Holly Hunter-Ceci, Acting Assistant Chief Counsel, at (202) 551–6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission's Web site by searching for the file number, or an applicant using the Company name box, at *http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm* or by calling (202) 551–8090.

Summary of the Application

1. The Advisor will serve as the investment adviser to the Subadvised Series pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust (each an ''Investment Management Agreement'').[1] The Advisor will provide the Subadvised Series with continuous and comprehensive investment management services subject to the supervision of, and policies established by, each board of trustees of the Trust (''Board''). The Investment Management Agreement permits the Advisor, subject to the approval of the Board, to delegate to one or more sub-advisers (each, a ''Sub-Advisor'' and collectively, the ''Sub-Advisors'') the responsibility to provide the day-to-day portfolio investment management of each Subadvised Series, subject to the supervision and direction of the Advisor. The primary responsibility for managing the Subadvised Series will remain vested in the Advisor. The Advisor will hire, evaluate, allocate assets to and oversee the Sub-Advisors, including determining whether a Sub-Advisor should be terminated, at all times subject to the authority of the Board.

2. Applicants request an exemption to permit the Advisor, subject to Board approval, to hire certain Sub-Advisors pursuant to Sub-Advisory Agreements and materially amend existing Sub-Advisory Agreements without obtaining the shareholder approval required under section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f–2 under the Act.[2] Applicants also seek an exemption from the Disclosure Requirements to permit a Subadvised Series to disclose (as both a dollar amount and a percentage of the Subadvised Series's net assets): (a) The aggregate fees paid to the Advisor and any Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors; (b) the aggregate fees paid to Sub-Advisors other than Affiliated Sub-Advisors and (c) the aggregate fees paid to any Affiliated Sub-Advisor (collectively, ''Aggregate Fee Disclosure'').

3. Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the terms and conditions stated in the Application. Such terms and conditions provide for, among other safeguards, appropriate disclosure to Subadvised Series shareholders and notification about sub-advisory changes and enhanced Board oversight to protect the interests of the Subadvised Series' shareholders.

4. Section 6(c) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions from any provisions of the Act, or any rule thereunder, if such relief is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act. Applicants believe that the requested relief meets this standard because, as further explained in the Application, the Investment Management Agreements will remain subject to shareholder approval, while the role of the Sub-Advisors is substantially similar to that

[1] Applicants request relief with respect to any existing and any future series of the Trust and any other existing or future registered open-end management company or series thereof that intends to rely on the requested order in the future and that: (a) Is advised by BAIA or its successor or by any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with BAIA or its successor (each, also an ''Advisor''); (b) uses the multi-managers structure described in the application; and (c) complies with the terms and conditions of the application (any such series, a ''Subadvised Series''). For purposes of the requested order, ''successor'' is limited to an entity that results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization.

[2] The requested relief will not extend to any Sub-Advisor, other than a Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor, that is an affiliated person, as defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Act, of a Subadvised Series or the Advisor, other than by reason of serving as a sub-adviser to one or more of the Subadvised Series (''Affiliated Sub-Advisor'').

of individual portfolio managers, so that requiring shareholder approval of Sub-Advisory Agreements would impose unnecessary delays and expenses on the Subadvised Series. Applicants believe that the requested relief from the Disclosure Requirements meets this standard because it will improve the Advisor's ability to negotiate fees paid to the Sub-Advisors that are more advantageous for the Funds.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–80050; File No. SR–BatsBZX–2017–13]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Option Regulatory Fees as They Relate to the Equity Options Platform

February 16, 2017.

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 February 8, 2017, Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. (the ''Exchange'' or ''BZX'') 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 Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act [3] and Rule 19b–4(f)(2) thereunder,[4] which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members [5] and non-Members of the Exchange pursuant to BZX Rules 15.1(a) and (c) to amend its Options Regulatory Fee (''ORF'').

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's Web site at *www.bats.com,* at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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 parts 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 modify the fee schedule applicable to the Exchange's options platform (''BZX Options'') to amend the rate of its ORF.[6] Currently, the Exchange charges an ORF in the amount of $0.0010 per contract side. The Exchange proposes to decrease the amount of ORF to $0.0009 per contract side.[7] The proposed change to ORF should continue to balance the Exchange's regulatory expenses against the anticipated revenue.

The per-contract ORF is assessed by the Exchange on each Member for all options transactions executed and cleared, or simply cleared, by the Member, that are cleared by OCC in the ''customer'' range, regardless of the exchange on which the transaction occurs. The ORF is collected indirectly from Members through their clearing firms by OCC on behalf of the Exchange. The ORF is also charged for transactions that are not executed by a Member but are ultimately cleared by a Member. Thus, in the case where a non-Member executes a transaction and a Member clears the transaction, the ORF is assessed to the Member who clears the transaction. Similarly, in the case where a Member executes a transaction and another Member clears the transaction, the ORF is assessed to the Member who clears the transaction.

The ORF is designed to recover a material portion of the costs to the Exchange of the supervision and regulation of Members' customer options business, including performing routine surveillances and investigations, as well as policy, rulemaking, interpretive and enforcement activities. The Exchange believes that revenue generated from the ORF, when combined with all of the Exchange's other regulatory fees and fines, will continue to cover a material portion, but not all, of the Exchange's regulatory costs.[8]

The Exchange will continue to monitor the amount of revenue collected from the ORF to ensure that it, in combination with its other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed the Exchange's total regulatory costs. The Exchange expects to monitor its regulatory costs and revenues at a minimum on a semi-annual basis. If the Exchange determines regulatory revenues exceed or are insufficient to cover a material portion of its regulatory costs, the Exchange will adjust the ORF by submitting a fee change filing to the Commission. The Exchange will continue to notify Members of adjustments to the ORF at least 30

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

[4] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2).

[5] The term ''Member'' is defined as ''any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.'' *See* Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

[6] The Exchange also proposes to insert a colon after the title ''Options Regulatory Fee''.

[7] The Exchange notes that it previously proposed to decrease its ORF of $0.0008 per contract in August 2016 and to assess ORF to each Member and non-Member for all options transactions cleared by OCC in the ''customer'' range, regardless of the exchange on which the transaction occurred. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78453 (August 1, 2016), 81 FR 51954 (August 5, 2016) (SR–BatsBZX–2016–42). The Exchange then filed to delay the implementation of SR–BatsBZX–2016–42 until February 1, 2017. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78746 (September 1, 2016), 81 FR 62225 (September 8, 2016) (SR–BatsBZX–2016–52). The Commission later issued an order suspending and [sic] SR–BatsBZX–2016–42 and instituted proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change asking whether the [sic] ''a sufficient regulatory nexus exists between the Exchange and a non-Member to justify imposition of the ORF on such non-Member.'' *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78849 (September 15, 2016), 81 FR 64960 (September 21, 2016). On January 10, 2017, the Exchange withdrew SR–Bats–BZX–2016–42. The Exchange also proposes in this filing to remove text from its fee schedule adopted by SR–BatsBZX–2016–52 which delayed the implementation of SR–BatsBZX–2016–42 until February 1, 2017.

[8] The Exchange notes that its regulatory responsibilities with respect to compliance with options sales practice rules has been allocated to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (''FINRA'') under a 17d–2 Agreement. The ORF is not designed to cover the cost of options sales practice regulation.

calendar days prior to the effective date of the change.[9]

Implementation Date

The Exchange proposes to implement changes to the ORF immediately.[10]

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6 of the Act.[11] Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,[12] in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues or providers of routing services if they deem fee levels to be excessive.

The Exchange believes the decreased ORF is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it would be objectively allocated to Members in that it would be charged to all Members on all their transactions that clear as customer transactions at the OCC. The Exchange believes that decreasing the ORF is reasonable because the Exchange's collection of ORF needs to be balanced against the amount of regulatory revenue collected by the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed adjustment noted herein will serve to continue to balance the Exchange's regulatory revenue against its anticipated regulatory costs. In addition, the Exchange believes the amount of the ORF is reasonable as it is significantly lower than ORFs charged by other exchanges. By way of comparison, MIAX charges an ORF of $0.0045 per contract side,[13] and both NYSE Arca and NYSE Amex charge an ORF of $0.0055 per contract side.[14] The CBOE charges an ORF of $0.0081 per contract.[15]

The Exchange has designed the ORF to generate revenues that, when combined with all of the Exchange's other regulatory fees, will be less than or equal to the Exchange's regulatory costs, which is consistent with the Commission's view that regulatory fees be used for regulatory purposes and not to support the Exchange's business side. In this regard, the Exchange believes that the decreased level of the fee is reasonable and appropriate.

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 ORF is not intended to have any impact on competition. Rather, it is designed to enable the Exchange to recover a material portion of the Exchange's cost related to its regulatory activities. The Exchange is obligated to ensure that the amount of regulatory revenue collected from the ORF, in combination with its other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed regulatory costs.

The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. The decreased ORF continues to also be comparable to ORFs charged by other options exchanges.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

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 Act[16] and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder.[17] 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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or
- Send an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include File No. SR–BatsBZX–2017–13 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 No. SR–BatsBZX–2017–13. 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 Web site (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the

[9] The Exchange announced the proposed changes to ORF on December 30, 2016. *See Bats Options Exchange Regulatory Fee Schedule Update Effective February 1, 2017 available at http://cdn.batstrading.com/resources/fee_schedule/2017/Bats-Options-Exchange-Regulatory-Fee-Schedule-Update-Effective-February-1-2017.pdf.*

[10] The Exchange originally filed the proposed rule change on January 30, 2017. (SR–BatsBZX–2017–02). On February 8, 2017, the Exchange withdrew SR–BatsBZX–2017–02 and submitted this filing.

[11] 15 U.S.C. 78f.

[12] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[13] *See* MIAX fee schedule *available at http://www.miaxoptions.com/sites/default/files/MIAX_Options_Fee_Schedule_06012016.pdf* (dated January 1, 2017).

[14] *See* NYSE Arca Options fee schedule *available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/arca-options/NYSE_Arca_Options_Fee_Schedule.pdf* (dated January 1, 2017); *and* NYSE Amex fee schedule *available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/amex-options/NYSE_Amex_Options_Fee_Schedule.pdf* (dated January 1, 2017).

[15] *See* CBOE fee schedule *available at http://www.cboe.com/framed/pdfframed.aspx?content=/publish/feeschedule/CBOEFeeSchedule.pdf&section=SEC_RESOURCES&title=CBOE%20Fee%20Schedule* (dated January 3, 2017).

[16] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[17] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f).

Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR–BatsBZX–2017–13, and should be submitted on or before March 16, 2017.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[18]

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 05/05–0320]

LFE Growth Fund III, LP; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that LFE Growth Fund III, LP, 319 Barry Avenue South, Suite 215, Wayzata, MN 55391, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the ''Act''), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730, Financings which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration (''SBA'') Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730). LFE Growth Fund III, LP proposes to provide debt financing to Wellbeats, Inc., 11600 96th Ave. North, Maple Grove, MN 55369. The proceeds will be used to fund growth of the company.

The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a)(1) of the Regulations because LFE Growth Fund III, LP and LFE Growth Fund II, LP are Associates and because LFE Growth Fund II, LP has a greater than ten percent interest in Wellbeats. Therefore this transaction is considered financing an Associate requiring SBA prior written exemption.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction, within fifteen days of the date of this publication, to the Associate Administrator for Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: February 15, 2017.

Michele Schimpp,

Acting Associate Administrator for Office of Investment and Innovation.

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[18] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15049 and #15050]

California Disaster #CA–00259

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of California (FEMA–4301–DR), dated 02/14/2017.

Incident: Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, and Mudslides.

Incident Period: 01/03/2017 through 01/12/2017.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 02/14/2017.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/17/2017.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/14/2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 02/14/2017, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Alameda, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
For Economic Injury:	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15049B and for economic injury is 15050B.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15051 and #15052]

Disaster #CA–00260

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the Hoopa Valley Tribe (FEMA–4302–DR), dated 02/14/2017.

Incident: Severe Winter Storm.

Incident Period: 01/03/2017 through 01/05/2017.

Effective Date: 02/14/2017.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/17/2017.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/14/2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on

02/14/2017, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Area: Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
For Economic Injury:	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15051B and for economic injury is 15052B.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA 2016–0054]

Notice Announcing Addresses for Service of Process

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice announcing addresses for summons and complaints.

SUMMARY: Our Office of the General Counsel (OGC) is responsible for processing and handling summonses and complaints in lawsuits involving judicial review of our final decisions on individual claims for benefits under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act (Act). This notice sets out the names and current addresses of those offices and the jurisdictions for which each office has responsibility.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Mansfield, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Program Law, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6404, (410) 966–2305. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1–800–772–1213 or TTY 1–800–325–0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at *http://www.socialsecurity.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You should mail summonses and complaints in cases involving judicial review of our final decisions on individual claims for benefits under titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Act directly to the OGC location responsible for the jurisdiction in which the complaint has been filed. This notice replaces the notice we published on January 28, 2014 (79 FR 4519–04), and reflects the current jurisdictional assignments for our Regional Chief Counsels' Offices and our Office of Program Law. This notice reflects a change in the OGC jurisdictional assignments that will take effect for civil actions filed on or after January 1, 2017. The only change in this notice from our 2014 notice reflects the reassignment of responsibility for cases filed in the Northern District of Indiana to our Office of Program Law. The jurisdictional responsibilities, names, and addresses of our OGC offices are as follows:

Alabama

U.S. District Court—Middle District of Alabama: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Atlanta (Region IV).

U.S. District Court—Northern District of Alabama: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Atlanta (Region IV).

U.S. District Court—Southern District of Alabama: Office of Program Law, Baltimore.

Alaska

U.S. District Court—Alaska: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Seattle (Region X).

Arizona

U.S. District Court—Arizona: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Seattle (Region X).

Arkansas

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Arkansas: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).

U.S. District Court—Western District of Arkansas: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).

California

U.S. District Court—Central District of California: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, San Francisco (Region IX).

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of California: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, San Francisco (Region IX).

U.S. District Court—Northern District of California: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, San Francisco (Region IX).

U.S. District Court—Southern District of California: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, San Francisco (Region IX).

Colorado

U.S. District Court—Colorado: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Denver (Region VIII).

Connecticut

U.S. District Court—Connecticut: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, New York (Region II).

Delaware

U.S. District Court—Delaware: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Philadelphia (Region III).

District of Columbia

U.S. District Court—District of Columbia: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Philadelphia (Region III).

Florida

U.S. District Court—Middle District of Florida: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Atlanta (Region IV).

U.S. District Court—Northern District of Florida: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Atlanta (Region IV).

U.S. District Court—Southern District of Florida: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Atlanta (Region IV).

Georgia

U.S. District Court—Middle District of Georgia: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Atlanta (Region IV).

U.S. District Court—Northern District of Georgia: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Atlanta (Region IV).

U.S. District Court—Southern District of Georgia: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Atlanta (Region IV).

Guam

U.S. District Court—Guam: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, San Francisco (Region IX).

Hawaii

U.S. District Court—Hawaii: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, San Francisco (Region IX).

Idaho

U.S. District Court—Idaho: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Seattle (Region X).

Illinois

U.S. District Court—Central District of Illinois: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Chicago (Region V).

U.S. District Court—Northern District of Illinois: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Chicago (Region V).

U.S. District Court—Southern District of Illinois: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Chicago (Region V).

Indiana

U.S. District Court—Northern District of Indiana: Office of Program Law, Baltimore.
U.S. District Court—Southern District of Indiana: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Chicago (Region V).

Iowa

U.S. District Court—Northern District of Iowa: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).
U.S. District Court—Southern District of Iowa: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).

Kansas

U.S. District Court—Kansas: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Denver (Region VIII).

Kentucky

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Kentucky: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Denver (Region VIII).
U.S. District Court—Western District of Kentucky: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Chicago (Region V).

Louisiana

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Louisiana: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).
U.S. District Court—Middle District of Louisiana: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).
U.S. District Court—Western District of Louisiana: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).

Maine

U.S. District Court—Maine: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Boston (Region I).

Maryland

U.S. District Court—Maryland: Office of Program Law, Baltimore.

Massachusetts

U.S. District Court—Massachusetts: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Boston (Region I).

Michigan

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Michigan: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Boston (Region I).
U.S. District Court—Western District of Michigan: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Boston (Region I).

Minnesota

U.S. District Court—Minnesota: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).

Mississippi

U.S. District Court—Northern District of Mississippi: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).
U.S. District Court—Southern District of Mississippi: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).

Missouri

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Missouri: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Kansas City (Region VII).
U.S. District Court Western District of Missouri: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Kansas City (Region VII).

Montana

U.S. District Court—Montana: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Seattle (Region X).

Nebraska

U.S. District Court—Nebraska: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).

Nevada

U.S. District Court—Nevada: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, San Francisco (Region IX).

New Hampshire

U.S. District Court—New Hampshire: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Boston (Region I).

New Jersey

U.S. District Court—New Jersey: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Philadelphia (Region III).

New Mexico

U.S. District Court—New Mexico: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Denver (Region VIII).

New York

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of New York: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, New York (Region II).
U.S. District Court—Northern District of New York: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, New York (Region II).
U.S. District Court—Southern District of New York: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, New York (Region II).
U.S. District Court—Western District of New York: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, New York (Region II).

North Carolina

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of North Carolina: Office of Program Law, Baltimore.
U.S. District Court—Middle District of North Carolina: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Philadelphia (Region III).
U.S. District Court—Western District of North Carolina: Office of Program Law, Baltimore.

North Dakota

U.S. District Court—North Dakota: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).

Northern Mariana Islands

U.S. District Court—Northern Mariana Islands: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, San Francisco (Region IX).

Ohio

U.S. District Court—Northern District of Ohio: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Chicago (Region V).
U.S. District Court—Southern District of Ohio: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Chicago (Region V).

Oklahoma

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Oklahoma: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Denver (Region VIII).
U.S. District Court—Northern District of Oklahoma: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Denver (Region VIII).
U.S. District Court—Western District of Oklahoma: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Denver (Region VIII).

Oregon

U.S. District Court—Oregon: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Seattle (Region X).

Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Pennsylvania: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Philadelphia (Region III).
U.S. District Court—Middle District of Pennsylvania: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Philadelphia (Region III).
U.S. District Court—Western District of Pennsylvania: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Philadelphia (Region III).

Puerto Rico

U.S. District Court—Puerto Rico: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, New York (Region II).

Rhode Island

U.S. District Court—Rhode Island: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Boston (Region I).

South Carolina

U.S. District Court—South Carolina: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Philadelphia (Region III).

South Dakota

U.S. District Court—South Dakota: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Dallas (Region VI).

Tennessee

U.S. District Court—Eastern District of Tennessee: Office of the Regional Chief Counsel, Kansas City (Region VII).
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Nancy A. Berryhill,

Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9893]

Notice of Determinations: Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: ''Secrets of the Sea: A Tang Shipwreck and Early Trade in Asia'' Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.;* 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257–1 of December 11, 2015), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition ''Secrets of the Sea: A Tang Shipwreck and Early Trade in Asia,'' imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Asia Society Museum, New York, New York, from on or about March 7, 2017, until on or about June 4, 2017, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: *section2459@state.gov*). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Alyson Grunder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 2001–37

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Revenue Procedure 2001–37, Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Elections.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 24, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Tuawana Pinkston, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6528, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the revenue procedure should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 317–5746, or through the internet at *RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Elections.

OMB Number: 1545–1731.

Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 2001–37.

Abstract: Revenue Procedure 2001–37 provides guidance for implementing the elections (and revocation of such elections) established under the ''FSC Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000''.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 56.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 19.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: February 15, 2017.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS, Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Section 1045 Application to Partnerships

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing regulation related to section 1045 Application to Partnerships.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 24, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Tuawana Pinkston, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6527, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 317–5746, or through the internet at *RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Section 1045 Application to Partnerships.

OMB Number: 1545–1893.

Regulation Project Number: TD 9353.

Abstract: This document contains regulations relating to the application of section 1045 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to partnerships and their partners. These regulations provide rules regarding the deferral of gain on a partnership's sale of qualified small business stock and deferral of gain on a partner's sale of qualified small business stock distributed by a partnership. The final regulations affect partnerships that invest in qualified small business stock and their partners. This document also provides notice of a public hearing on the proposed regulations.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of the currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will

be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: February 14, 2017.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS, Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0079]

Agency Information Collection Activity (Employment Questionnaire (VA Form 21–4140 and VA Form 21–4140–1))

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

VA Forms 21–4140 and 21–4140–1 are to be used to gather the necessary information to determine continued entitlement to individual unemployability for veterans who are unable to secure or follow a substantially gainful occupation as a result of his or her service-connected disabilities. Additionally, per 38 CFR 3.901, veterans must knowingly submit false information in order for it to be considered fraud. Therefore, VA requires veterans who are receiving individual unemployability benefits to certify that they are still unemployed or are marginally employed. The form will be completed annually by all recipients of individual unemployability who are under age 60.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at *www.Regulations.gov* or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to *nancy.kessinger@va.gov.* Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0079'' in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or FAX (202) 632–8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: (Employment Questionnaire (VA Form 21–4140 and VA Form 21–4140–1)).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0079.

Type of Review: Revision of an approved collection.

Abstract: VA Forms 21–4140 and 21–4140–1 are to be used to gather the necessary information to determine continued entitlement to individual unemployability for veterans who are unable to secure or follow a substantially gainful occupation as a result of his or her service-connected disabilities. Additionally, per 38 CFR 3.901, veterans must knowingly submit false information in order for it to be considered fraud. Therefore, VA requires veterans who are receiving individual unemployability benefits to certify that they are still unemployed or are marginally employed. The form will be completed annually by all recipients of individual unemployability who are under age 60.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,833.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,

Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0660]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Request for Contact Information (VA Form Letter 21–30)

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

VA Form Letter 21–30 is used to locate a fiduciary, beneficiary, claimant, or witness when a field examination is necessary in order to gather information that is needed to maintain program integrity.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System

(FDMS) at *www.Regulations.gov* or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to *nancy.kessinger@va.gov.* Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0660'' in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or FAX (202) 632–8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Request for Contact Information (VA Form Letter 21–30).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0660.

Type of Review: Revision of an approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form Letter 21–30 is used to locate a fiduciary, beneficiary, claimant, or witness when a field examination is necessary in order to gather information that is needed to maintain program integrity. Without this information, continued entitlement to the benefits could not be determined.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,

Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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