

	Period to be reviewed
Yunnan Jianshui County Chemical Industry Factory** Jianshui Chemical Plant (also translated as Jianshui Chemical Factory and Jianshui General Chemical Plant)**	

\*\* Inadvertently omitted from previous notice.

<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>	
<i>France</i> : Low Enriched Uranium—C-427-819 ..... Eurodif S.A.	5/14/01-12/31/02
<i>Germany</i> : Low Enriched Uranium— C-428-829 Urenco Deutschland GmbH	5/14/01-12/31/02
<i>Republic of Korea</i> : Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate—C-580-837 ..... Dongkuk Steel Mill Co., Ltd. KISCO—Korea Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. Union Steel Manufacturing Co.	1/1/02-12/31/02
<i>The Netherlands</i> : Low Enriched Uranium—C-421-809 ..... Urenco Nederland BV	5/14/01-12/31/02
<i>United Kingdom</i> : Low Enriched Uranium— C-412-821 Urenco (Capenhurst) Ltd.	5/14/01-12/31/02
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>	
None.	

<sup>1</sup> If one of the above named companies does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of certain preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of the single PRC entity of which the named exporters are a part.

<sup>2</sup> If the above named company does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of creatine from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of the single PRC entity of which the named exporter is a part.

<sup>3</sup> If one of the above named companies does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of potassium permanganate from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of the single PRC entity of which the named exporters are a part.

During any administrative review covering all or part of a period falling between the first and second or third and fourth anniversary of the publication of an antidumping duty order under § 351.211 or a determination under § 351.218(f)(4) to continue an order or suspended investigation (after sunset review), the Secretary, if requested by a domestic interested party within 30 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the review, will determine whether antidumping duties have been absorbed by an exporter or producer subject to the review if the subject merchandise is sold in the United States through an importer that is affiliated with such exporter or producer. The request must include the name(s) of the exporter or producer for which the inquiry is requested.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305.

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: March 18, 2003.  
**Thomas F. Futtner**,  
*Acting Senior Office Director, Group II, Office  
4, Import Administration.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Federal Consistency Appeal by Islander East Pipeline Company From an Objection by the Connecticut Department on Environmental Protection**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

**ACTION:** Notice of stay of appeal proceedings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice: (1) Announces that processing of Islander East's administrative appeal (Consistency Appeal of Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C.) has been suspended, at the request of Islander East Pipeline Company and the State of Connecticut, through May 1, 2003; and (2) provides information about procedural aspects of the appeal that are affected by the stay of appeal proceedings.

**DATES:** The stay of appeal proceedings extends through May 1, 2003. The public comment period ends on May 8, 2003, but will be extended assuming processing of the appeal resumes. The federal agency comment period has been extended to run through May 1, 2003, and will be further extended after the appeal has recommended.

**ADDRESSES:** All e-mail comments on issues relevant to the Secretary's decision of this appeal may be submitted to [IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov). Comments may also be sent by mail to the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Materials from the appeal record are available at the Internet site <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm> and at the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services. Also, public filings made by the parties of the appeal are to be available for review at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Branden Blum, Senior Counselor, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, via e-mail at [GCOS.inquiries@noaa.gov](mailto:GCOS.inquiries@noaa.gov), or at 301-713-2967, extension 186.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In November 2002, the Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Islander East) filed a notice of appeal with the Department of Commerce, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, asking that the Secretary of Commerce override the State of Connecticut's objection to Islander East's proposed natural gas pipeline. The pipeline would extend from near North Haven, Connecticut, across the Long Island Sound to a terminus in Suffolk County (Long Island), New York. Connecticut's objection is based on the project's potential effects on the natural resources or land and water uses of Connecticut's coastal zone.

On March 14, 2003, Islander East requested, on behalf of itself and the State of Connecticut, that the Department's processing of the appeal be stayed in order to allow settlement negotiations to occur between the parties. The requested stay on March 17, 2003.

In addition to announcing the stay, this **Federal Register** notice provides information concerning procedural aspects of the Islander East appeal that are affected by the stay. The public comment period, which runs through May 8, 2003, will remain open during the stay. The federal agency comment period, which is scheduled to close on April 14, 2003, will remain open and be extended through May 1, 2003. After processing of the appeal resumes, both comment periods will be extended for a period generally commensurate with the length of the stay, taking into account the filing date for the State of Connecticut's initial brief. (The State's brief had been due on March 24, 2003. In light of the stay, the State's brief is now due 45 days after the appeal has recommenced.)

The scheduling of a public hearing on the appeal will be delayed until after processing of the appeal resumes, consistent with the request of Islander East and the State. A previous **Federal Register** notice indicated the location and date for the hearing would be announced in early March 2003. See 68 FR 5620.

A summary of relevant issues as well as additional background on the appeal appears in a January 24, 2003 **Federal Register** announcement, 68 FR 3513, a copy of which can be found at the Department of Commerce CZMA appeals Web site, <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma/htm>. The Web site also provides access to documents from the appeal record, such as the request to stay the proceedings of Islander East's appeal, and general

information concerning the appeal process.

Questions about the stay for the Islander East appeal may be sent to NOAA via e-mail ([GCOS.inquiries@noaa.gov](mailto:GCOS.inquiries@noaa.gov)) or made by telephone (301-713-2967, extension 186).

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Dated: March 19, 2003.

**James R. Walpole,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking of Ringed and Bearded Seals Incidental to On-ice Seismic Activities

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) has been issued to ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc. (CPA) to take small numbers of ringed and bearded seals, by harassment, incidental to conducting on-ice seismic operations in the Beaufort Sea during oil and gas exploration activities.

**DATES:** This authorization is effective from March 19, 2003, through July 1, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the application and/or a list of references used in this document may be obtained by writing to the Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225, or by telephoning one of the contacts listed here.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, ext 128, or Bradley Smith, Alaska Region (907) 271-5006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have no more than a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking are set forth.

On April 10, 1996 (61 FR 15884), NMFS published an interim rule establishing, among other things, procedures for issuing IHAs under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for activities in Arctic waters. For additional information on the procedures to be followed for this authorization, please refer either to that document or to 50 CFR 216.107.

## Description of the Activity

### Background

Deep seismic surveys use the "reflection" method of data acquisition. Reflection seismic exploration is the process of gathering information about the subsurface of the earth by measuring acoustic (sound or seismic) waves, which are generated on or near the surface. Acoustic waves reflect at boundaries in the earth that are characterized by acoustic impedance contrasts. The acoustic impedance of a rock layer is its density multiplied by its acoustic velocity. Geologists and geophysicists commonly attribute different acoustic impedances to different rock characteristics. Seismic exploration uses a controlled energy source to generate acoustic waves that travel through the earth (including sea ice and water, as well as subsea geologic formations), and then uses ground sensors to record the reflected energy transmitted back to the surface. Energy that is directed into the ground takes on numerous forms. When acoustic energy is generated, compression (p) and shear (s) waves form and travel in and on the earth. The compression and shear waves are affected by the geological formations