

have been worked after rolling) for example, products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. Excluded is grade X-70 plate. On August 25, 1999, the Department issued the final results of a changed-circumstances review revoking the order in part, with respect to certain carbon cut-to-length steel plate with a maximum thickness of 80 mm in steel grades BS 7191, 355 EM and 355 EMZ, as amended by Sable Offshore Energy Project Specification XB MOO Y 15 0001, types 1 and 2. *See Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Finland, Germany, and United Kingdom: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Reviews, and Revocation of Orders in Part*, 64 FR 46343 (August 25, 1999).

The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and custom purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

#### Initiation of Changed Circumstances Reviews

Pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) the Department may revoke a countervailing duty order based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (*i.e.*, a changed circumstances review). Section 751(b)(1) of the Act requires a changed circumstances review to be conducted upon receipt of a request containing information concerning changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review. Section 351.222(g) of the Department's regulations provides that the Department will conduct a changed circumstances review under 19 CFR 351.216, and may revoke an order in whole or in part, if it determines that the producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have expressed a lack of interest in the order, in whole or in part. *See* section 782(h) of the Act and section 351.222g(1) of the Department's regulations. In the event that the Department concludes that expedited action is warranted, sections 351.221(c)(3)(ii) and 351.222(f)(2)(iv) of the regulations permit the Department to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results.

The domestic producers state that they are producers of certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products and cut-to-length carbon steel plate products but do not identify the percentages of production of the domestic like products they represent. At present, the Department has no information on the record that the other known domestic producers have no interest in maintaining the countervailing duty orders with respect to the subject

merchandise imported from Germany. In particular, the Department does not have information on the record of these changed circumstances reviews indicating that the domestic producers requesting this review account for substantially all, or at least 85 percent, of the production of the domestic like products. *See Certain Tin Mill Products from Japan: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review*, 66 FR 52109 (October 12, 2001); *see*, also, 19 CFR 351.208(c). Accordingly, we are not combining this initiation with a preliminary determination, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii). This notice of initiation will accord all interested party an opportunity to address this proposed revocation.

In accordance with sections 751(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216, 351.221, and 351.222, based on an affirmative statement of no interest by the domestic parties in continuing the countervailing duty orders with respect to certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products and cut-to-length carbon steel plate products from Germany, as described above, we are initiating these changed circumstances administrative reviews.

If, as a result of these reviews, we revoke the orders, we intend to instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to end the suspension of liquidation of the subject merchandise on the effective date of the final notice of revocation, and to refund any estimated countervailing duties collected, for all unliquidated entries of such merchandise made on or after April 1, 2004. We will also instruct CBP to pay interest on such refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties on the subject merchandise will continue until publication of the final results of these changed circumstances reviews.

#### Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on the initiation of these changed circumstances reviews. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. All written comments may be submitted by interested parties not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303, with the exception that only three (3) copies need to be served on the Department, and shall be served on all interested parties on the Department's service list in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303.

The Department will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of preliminary results of changed circumstances reviews, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3), which will set forth the factual and legal conclusions upon which our preliminary results are based, and a description of any action proposed based on those results.

This notice is in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(b)), and 19 CFR 351.216, 351.221, and 351.222.

Dated: November 26, 2003.

**James J. Jochum,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112403C]

#### Endangered Species; Permit No. 1429

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

**ACTION:** Scientific research permit modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research permit no. 1429 submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) has been granted.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289, fax (301)713-0376; Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Opay, (301)713-1401 or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the provisions of 50 CFR 222.306 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

The modification extends the expiration date of the Permit from December 31, 2003, to December 31, 2004, for takes of green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles. The permit allows the SEFSC to conduct sea turtle bycatch reduction research in the pelagic longline fishery of the western north Atlantic Ocean. The purpose of the research is to develop and test methods to reduce bycatch that occurs incidental to commercial, pelagic longline fishing.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the threatened and endangered species which are the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 26, 2003.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Business Practice Implementation Board; Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Business Practice Implementation Board (DBB) met on Thursday, November 20, 2003, at the Pentagon, Washington, DC from 0815 until 0940. The mission of the DBB is to advise the Senior Executive Council (SEC) and the Secretary of Defense on effective strategies for implementation of best business practices of interest to the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board's Human Resources (Minority Representation in Senior DoD Ranks) and Acquisition (Fuel Hedging) task groups deliberated on their preliminary findings related to tasks assigned earlier this year.

**DATES:** Thursday, November 20, 2003, 0815 to 0940 hrs.

**ADDRESSES:** Pentagon, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The DBB may be contacted at: Defense

Business Practice Implementation Board, 1100 Defense Pentagon, Room 2E314, Washington, DC 20301-1100, via E-mail at [DBB@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:DBB@osd.pentagon.mil), or via phone at (703) 695-0499.

Dated: November 14, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Quarantining Guidance for the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Epidemic will meet in open session January 14, 2004, from 0930-1200 and from 1300-1500. The Task Force will meet at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 500, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will review the impact quarantining may have on DoD planning and operations by preventing the flow of personnel and material to areas of concern, eroding relationships with host countries, and impacting our forces through anxieties about family members.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate the Department's ability to provide information to integrate public health needs, on behalf of national security. Specifically, the Task Force will review: Existing doctrine and processes by which quarantine policy is generated; required cooperation with non-DoD agencies and non-US Government entities, including other countries; the capacity of local commanders to rapidly survey disease status, and establish need, ways and means for quarantine in relation to their assigned mission; methods, technologies and doctrine to allow safe transport of personnel through quarantined areas, and restriction of movement where needed; sample scenarios; coordination and allocation of DoD and non DoD resources to combat SARS; identification and tracking of

individuals potentially exposed to SARS; and features of the SARS guidance which may be applicable to future infectious disease outbreaks.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CDR David Waugh, USN, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3D865, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at [david.waugh@osd.mil](mailto:david.waugh@osd.mil), or via phone at (703) 695-4158.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must contact CDR Waugh no later than January 5, 2004, for further information about admission as seating is limited. Additionally, those who wish to make oral comments or deliver written comments should also request to be scheduled, and submit a written text of the comments by January 5, 2004, to allow time for distribution to Task Force members prior to the meeting. Individual oral comments will be limited to five minutes, with the total oral comment period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-62-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Penalty Revenue Credit Report

November 25, 2003.

Take notice that on November 20, 2003, CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing a refund report showing penalty revenues that will be refunded, with interest, to the Customers upon approval by the Commission.

MRT states that copies of its filing have been served upon all of its customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Protests will be considered by the Commission in