

inspectors are responsible for the enforcement of regulation pertaining to the construction, installation, operation, repair, and alteration of boilers and pressure vessels. Certification by a government body is consistent with the founding principles of the National Board.

Since its founding in 1919, the National Board has been assisting the states in the enforcement of boiler and pressure vessel safety legislation. Currently, most of the audits of boiler and pressure vessel manufacturers, installers, and assemblers in the United States are conducted by the National Board and its members. Also, all audits of manufacturers and assemblers of safety valves are conducted by the National Board. These audits are conducted to assure compliance with the requirements of the quality and construction standards, and to ensure compliance with the regulations of the states and cities. The ability to certify to ISO-9000 will allow manufacturers the option to expand their markets internationally.

The National Board has conducted audits at nuclear generating stations. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their deliberations has used results of the audits in its decisions on the licensing of stations. These audits are conducted on programs complying with 10 CFR 50 that are identical to ISO-9000.

Currently, requirements are in place by Canadian authorities requiring an accepted quality program for import into Canada. The U.S. fitting/flange manufacturers may have their quality program reviewed by provincial authorities or be in possession of a Certificate issued by an accredited registrar. The National Board is among organizations recognized by these authorities as a body that can certify manufacturers. Lacking accreditation, we are unable to assist U.S. manufacturers in their attempts to enter this market.

The National Board has been in discussions with the Registrar Accreditation Board (RAB) on the issue of certification of personnel. Their policy is that in order for an applicant for accreditation to be considered by them, RAB must certify the applicant's personnel. Other accreditors of ISO-9000 registrars recognize a registrar's ability to certify their own personnel in accordance with ISO-10011. This issue has caused a stalemate in our relationship with RAB preventing the National Board from becoming accredited by RAB.

On behalf of the members of the National Board, I look forward to working with NIST on the NVCASE program.

Yours truly,
Albert J. Justin,
Executive Director.

Interested parties should respond in writing to the above address. All comments submitted will become part of the public record and will be available for inspection and copying at the U.S. Department of Commerce Central Reference and Records and Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th and

Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230.

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Samuel Kramer,
Associate Director.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Coastal Zone Management; Federal Consistency Appeal

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of appeal and request for comments.

Jessie W. Taylor (Appellant), filed with the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) a notice of appeal pursuant to section 307(c)(3)(A) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 *et seq.*, and the Department of Commerce's implementing regulations, 15 CFR Part 930, Subpart H. The appeal is taken from an objection by the South Carolina Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (State) to the Appellant's project which involves placing fill material in approximately 0.6 acres of wetlands for the purpose of commercial development. The site of the proposed project consists of two undeveloped lots, which are located in a commercial area adjacent to Highway 17, in Surfside Beach, Horry County, South Carolina. The Appellant has certified that the project, for which a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit must be obtained, is consistent with the State's coastal management program (CMP).

The CZMA provides that a timely objection by a state precludes any federal agency from issuing licenses or permits for the activity unless the Secretary finds that the activity is either "consistent with the objectives" of the CZMA (Ground I) or "necessary in the interest of national security" (Ground II). Section 307(c)(3)(A). To make such a determination, the Secretary must find that the proposed project satisfies the requirements of 15 CFR 930.121 or 930.122.

The Appellant requests that the Secretary override the State's consistency objections based on Ground I. To make the determination that the proposed activity is "consistent with the objectives" of the CZMA, the Secretary must find that: (1) the proposed activity furthers one or more of the national objectives or purposes contained in section 302 or section 303 of the CZMA,

(2) the adverse effects of the proposed activity do not outweigh its contribution to the national interest, (3) the proposed activity will not violate the Clean Air Act or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and (4) no reasonable alternative is available that would permit the activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with the State's CMP. 15 CFR 930.121.

Public comments are invited on the findings that the Secretary must make as set forth in the regulations at 15 CFR 930.121. Comments are due within 30 days of the publication of this notice and should be sent to Mr. Roger B. Eckert, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies of comments will also be forwarded to the Appellant and the State.

All nonconfidential documents submitted in this appeal are available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the State and the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roger B. Eckert, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713-2967. (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance)

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Terry D. Garcia,
General Counsel.
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Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Fall Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of ICCAT will hold its annual fall meeting on November 6-8, 1996.

DATES: The open sessions will be held on November 6, 1996, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and November 7, 1996, from 8:30