

above. In reaching a final decision on this Draft Permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make responses available to the public on EPA Region 1's website. All comments must be postmarked or delivered by the close of the public comment period.

General Information: The Draft NCCW GP includes effluent limitations and requirements for eligible facilities based on technology and/or water quality considerations of the unique discharges from these facilities. The effluent limits established in the Draft NCCW GP ensure that the surface water quality standards of the receiving water(s) will be attained and/or maintained.

Obtaining Authorization: To obtain coverage under the General Permit, facilities meeting the eligibility requirements outlined in Part 1 of this General Permit may submit a notice of intent (NOI) in accordance with Part 5 of this General Permit and 40 CFR 122.28(b)(2)(i) & (ii). The contents of the NOI shall include at a minimum, the legal name and address of the owner or operator, the facility name and address, type of facility or discharges, the receiving stream(s) and be signed by the operator in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 122.22.

Other Legal Requirements:
Endangered Species Act (ESA): In accordance with the ESA, EPA has updated the provisions and necessary actions and documentation related to potential impacts to threatened and endangered species from discharges of NCCW eligible for coverage under the Draft NCCW GP. Concurrently with the public notice of the Draft NCCW GP, EPA plans to initiate an informal consultation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) under ESA section 7, through the submission of a biological assessment (BA) and request for concurrence letter summarizing the results of EPA's assessment of the potential effects to endangered and threatened species and their critical habitats under NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction as a result of EPA's issuance of the Draft NCCW GP.

In this document, EPA has made a preliminary determination that the proposed issuance of the Draft NCCW GP is not likely to adversely affect the shortnose sturgeon, Atlantic sturgeon, Atlantic sturgeon designated critical habitat, leatherback sea turtles, loggerhead sea turtles, Kemp's ridley sea turtles, green sea turtles, North Atlantic right whales, North Atlantic right whale designated critical habitat and fin whales. EPA plans to request that

NOAA Fisheries review this submittal and inform EPA whether it concurs with this preliminary finding. In addition, EPA has addressed its responsibilities with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under ESA section 7, through an assessment of the potential effects to endangered and threatened species and their critical habitats under USFWS jurisdiction as a result of EPA's issuance of the Draft NCCW GP. As part of the assessment, EPA prepared an Effects Determination for the endangered northern long eared bat. The USFWS recorded the determination of "No Effect" on the northern long-eared bat by letter, dated March 30, 2023.¹ The determination of "No Effect" concluded EPA's consultation responsibilities for the NCCW GP NPDES permitting action under ESA section 7(a)(2) with respect to the northern long-eared bat. EPA also made the assessment that no action areas expected to be covered by the Draft NCCW GP overlap with the documented habitat of the dwarf wedgemussel² in the Connecticut River Watershed. Therefore, no ESA section 7 consultation is required for the dwarf wedgemussel with USFWS for this GP.

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): Under the 1996 Amendments (Pub. L. 104-267) to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* (1998)), EPA is required to consult with NOAA Fisheries if EPA's actions or proposed actions that it funds, permits or undertakes "may adversely impact any essential fish habitat." 16 U.S.C. 1855(b). In the Fact Sheet accompanying the Draft NCCW GP, EPA notes that the general permit action minimizes adverse effects to aquatic organisms, including those with designated EFH in the receiving waters. EFH species associated with the receiving waters of facilities covered by the Draft NCCW GP may include Atlantic salmon as well as the life stages of a number of coastal EFH designated species, along with three habitat areas of particular concern. EPA has made the determination that additional mitigation is not warranted under section 305(b)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and has provided this determination to NOAA Fisheries for their review.

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA): Facilities which adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Registry of Historic Places under the NHPA are not authorized to discharge under the Draft

NCCW GP. EPA is requesting that facilities certify, prior to obtaining coverage, that there are either no historic properties present or that their discharge and related activities do not have the potential to impact historic properties.

Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA): The CZMA, 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and its implementing regulations (15 CFR part 930) require a determination that any federally licensed activity affecting the coastal zone with an approved Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) is consistent with the CZMA.

Concurrent with the public notice, EPA will request that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, MA CZM, Project Review Coordinator provide a consistency concurrence that the proposed Draft NCCW GP is consistent with the MA CZMP.

Concurrent with the public notice, EPA will request that the New Hampshire Coastal Program, Project Review Coordinator, provide a consistency concurrence that the proposed Draft NCCW GP is consistent with the NH CZMP.

Authority: This action is being taken under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

David Cash,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0435; FRL-10678-01-OCSPP]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal and Request for Comment; Notification of Chemical Exports Under TSCA Section 12(b)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces the availability of and solicits public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR) that EPA is planning to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "Notification of Chemical Exports—TSCA Section 12(b)," identified by EPA ICR No. 0795.17 and OMB Control No. 2070-0030. This ICR represents the renewal of an approved ICR that is currently scheduled to expire on May 31, 2024.

¹ USFWS New Hampshire Project code: 2022-0065502, March 30, 2023. USFWS Massachusetts Project code: 2022-0065493, March 30, 2023.

² <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>.

Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection that is summarized in this document. The ICR and accompanying material are available in the docket for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2015–0435, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://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. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Sleasman, Mission Support Division (7602M), Office of Program Support, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 566–1204; email address: sleasman.katherine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

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 estimates 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.
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. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of

specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

II. What information collection activity or ICR does this action apply to?

Title: Notification of Chemical Exports—TSCA Section 12(b).

EPA ICR No.: 0795.17.

OMB Control No.: 2070–0030.

ICR status: This ICR is currently approved through May 31, 2024. Under the PRA, 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 numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: This ICR covers the information collection activities associated with the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under section 12(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) which requires any person who exports or intends to export to a foreign country a chemical substance or mixture for which submission of information is required under TSCA sections 4 or 5(b), or for which a rule, action or order has been proposed or promulgated under TSCA sections 5, 6, or 7, shall notify EPA of such export or intent to export. The Agency must, in turn, notify the government of the importing country of the notice and of EPA's regulatory action with respect to the substance.

In implementing TSCA section 12(b), EPA described the notification requirements applicable to persons exporting chemicals, including frequency of notification, covered chemicals, and content of the notification. See 40 CFR part 707, subpart D. In summary, the export notice must include five easily ascertainable items: (1) The name and address of the exporter; (2) The name of the chemical; (3) The country of import, (4) The date of export or intended export; and (5) The section of TSCA under which EPA has taken action (*i.e.*, TSCA sections 4, 5, 6 or 7). There are currently over 1,000 substances or categories of substances that have been regulated or proposed to be regulated under the applicable sections of TSCA. For additional information about export

requirements under TSCA, visit our website at <https://www.epa.gov/tsca-import-export-requirements>.

Burden statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.62 hours per response. Burden is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized here:

Respondents/affected entities: Respondents to this collection are exporters of chemical substances regulated under TSCA, which are mostly chemical companies classified under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes 325 and 324.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Responses are mandatory under TSCA section 12(b), as implemented by 40 CFR part 707, subpart D.

Forms: EPA Form 9600–031.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Total estimated number of potential respondents: 266.

Total estimated average number of responses for each respondent: 18.

Total estimated annual number of responses: 4,788.

Total estimated annual burden: 2,968 hours.

Total estimated annual costs: \$184,690. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$184,690 and an estimated cost of \$0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

III. Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

This ICR renewal's estimate reflects a slight increase of 34 hours from that which is currently approved (*i.e.*, 2,934 to 2,968 hours). This is the net result from a decrease in burden caused by assuming 100 percent electronic submissions despite a small increase in burden due to a larger number of respondents compared to the previous ICR.

IV. What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional

comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: September 18, 2023.

Michal Freedhoff,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice–PBS–2023–08; Docket No. 2023–0002; Sequence No. 28]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Grand Portage Land Port of Entry Modernization and Expansion Project in Grand Portage, Minnesota

AGENCY: Public Buildings Service (PBS), General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of intent (NOI); announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: GSA intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and conduct the section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address proposed improvements at the Grand Portage Land Port of Entry (LPOE), including site expansion, demolition, and new construction. This NOI also announces the public scoping process for the EIS.

DATES:

Public Scoping Period—Interested parties are invited to provide comments regarding the scope of the EIS. The public scoping period begins with the publication of this NOI in the **Federal Register** and continues until Sunday, October 22, 2023. Written comments must be received by the last day of the scoping period (see **ADDRESSES** section of this NOI on how to submit comments).

Meeting Date—GSA will host a hybrid (virtual and in-person) public and stakeholder meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time (CDT). The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the project and to encourage public feedback on the scope of the EIS. The meeting will be conducted in-person at the Grand Portage Welcome Center, but members of the public may participate via video-conference on Zoom to view an online broadcast of the meeting (see **ADDRESSES** section for location address). Refer to the Public Meeting Information section

of this NOI on how to access the online portion of the public meeting.

ADDRESSES: Meeting Location—The public may attend the meeting at the Grand Portage Welcome Center, 9393 E MN–61, Grand Portage, MN to view the presentation in-person. GSA staff members will be available (in-person and virtually) to assist the public as they offer comments whether they are participating virtually or in person.

Public Scoping Comments

In addition to oral comments and written comments provided at the public meeting, members of the public may also submit comments by one of the following methods. All oral and written comments will be considered equally and will be part of the public record.

- *Email:* michael.gonczar@gsa.gov. Please include ‘Grand Portage LPOE EIS Scoping Comment’ in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* **ATTN: Michael Gonczar, GSA Grand Portage LPOE EIS; U.S. General Services Administration, Region 5; 230 S Dearborn Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60604.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Gonczar, NEPA Program Manager, GSA, 312–810–2326, michael.gonczar@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Meeting Information

The in-person meeting will begin with an open house format from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. CDT. This portion of the meeting will not be broadcasted. The hybrid public meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with presentations on the NEPA and NHPA processes and the proposed project. A copy of the presentation slideshow will be made available prior to the meeting at: <https://www.gsa.gov/real-estate/gsa-properties/land-ports-of-entry-and-the-bil/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-construction-project/minnesota>. Following the presentation, there will be a moderated session during which members of the public can provide scoping comments. Members participating virtually or attending in-person will be able to comment. Commenters will be allowed 3 minutes to provide comments. Comments will be recorded. Attendees can also provide written comments at the public meeting should they not wish to speak. In addition, a court reporter will be available after the presentation, should attendees wish to provide a verbal comment in private. All written or verbal comments will be treated with equal importance. Following the presentation and public comment

session, the meeting will continue with an open house format until 7:00 p.m. CDT, which will not be broadcasted.

Members of the public may join the EIS virtual public meeting by entering the Meeting ID: 889 5436 6939, using any of the below methods, or by using the following link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88954366939?pwd=WDZXQTc2dDM3UUtYc3pyN0FVSV1NUT09>. Note that the meeting is best viewed through the Zoom app. Attendees are encouraged to download the Zoom app at the Zoom website (<https://zoom.us>) on their personal computer or on their mobile device and test their connection prior to the meeting to ensure best results.

- **By personal computer (via the Zoom app)**—Install the Zoom app at the Zoom website (<https://zoom.us>) and launch the Zoom app. Click ‘Join a Meeting’ and enter the above Meeting ID. Follow the prompts to enter your name and email address to access the meeting; or
- **By personal computer (via the Zoom website)**—Using your computer’s browser, go to the Zoom website at <http://zoom.us/join> and enter the above Meeting ID. Click ‘Join from your browser’ and follow the prompts to enter your name; or

- **By mobile device (via the Zoom mobile app)**—Install and launch the Zoom app. Enter the above Meeting ID.

Whether joining through the Zoom app or web browser, attendees should follow the prompts to connect their computer audio. Attendees are encouraged to connect through the ‘Computer Audio’ tab and click ‘Join Audio by Computer’ under the ‘Join Audio’ button on the bottom of their screen. Users who do not have a computer microphone and wish to provide a comment during the meeting may connect by following the prompts under the ‘Phone Call’ tab under the ‘Join Audio’ button.

For members of the public who do not have access to a personal computer, they may join the meeting audio by dialing the following number: 507–473–4847. When prompted, enter the following information: Meeting ID—889 5436 6939, followed by the pound (#) key; then press pound (#) again when prompted for a participant ID. Note, dialing in to the meeting is only necessary if you are not accessing the meeting through a personal computer or mobile app, or if you would like to provide oral comments during the meeting but do not have a computer microphone.

The public meeting will be recorded and available for viewing on the GSA website in the days following the