

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (HMEP) Program Application Requirements**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, 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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 16, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Diane Henderson at (301) 975-5105 or by e-mail at [Diane.Henderson@nist.gov](mailto:Diane.Henderson@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The objective of NIST Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (HMEP) is to enhance productivity, technological performance, and strengthen the global competitiveness of small- and medium-sized U.S.-based manufacturing firms. Rather than creating products, services, and programs from scratch, HMEP works with partners to leverage resources and bring those resources to manufacturing clients. The nationwide network, with its direct reach to the nation's manufacturers, has proven to be invaluable to numerous Federal government partners who utilize the network to distribute valuable, cutting-edge information and resources.

This request is for the information collection requirements associated with submission of grant proposals for NIST HMEP funding. The intent of the collection is to meet statutory requirements for NIST HMEP, as well as

compliance with 15 U.S.C. 278k, as implemented in 15 CFR part 290.

The manufacturing extension centers (MECs) are part of the HMEP national system of extension service providers. Currently, the HMEP national system consists of over 400 centers and field offices located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. The information regarding HMEP and the MECs is provided in the information packet that can be obtained as explained above or on-line at <http://www.mep.nist.gov>.

The focus of a center is to provide those manufacturing extension services required by the small- and medium-sized manufacturers in its service region utilizing the most cost-effective, local, leveraged resources for those services. It is not the intent of this program that the centers perform research and development.

**II. Method of Collection**

Paper or electronically via <http://www.grants.gov>.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions or organizations, including universities, State and local governments, and consortia of not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 112 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 448.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$100.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 11, 2009.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Information Collection System**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, 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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 16, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the attention of Vanda R. White, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140; phone: (301) 975-3592; e-mail: [vanda.white@nist.gov](mailto:vanda.white@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

This information is collected from all testing or calibration laboratories that apply for NVLAP accreditation. The applicants provide the minimum information necessary for NVLAP to evaluate the competency of laboratories to carry out specific tests or calibrations or types of tests or calibrations. The applicant provides such information as name, address, phone and fax numbers, and contact person, and selects the test

methods or parameters for which the laboratory is seeking accreditation. The application must be signed by the Authorized Representative of the laboratory, who commits the laboratory to comply with NVLAP's accreditation requirements. The information collection is mandated by 15 CFR 285.

## II. Method of Collection

An application for accreditation is provided to each new or renewal applicant laboratory and can be submitted to NVLAP either electronically or by mail.

## III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693-0003.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and Federal, State or local government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 850.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,125.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 11, 2009.

### Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1636]

#### Approval for Expanded Manufacturing Authority, Foreign-Trade Subzone 124E, Marathon Petroleum Company LLC (Oil Refinery), Garyville, Louisiana

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Port of South Louisiana, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 124, has requested authority on behalf of Marathon Petroleum Company LLC (Marathon), to expand the scope of manufacturing activity conducted under zone procedures within Subzone 124E at the Marathon facility in Garyville, Louisiana, (FTZ Docket 3-2009, filed 2/3/2009);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 6569-6570, 2/10/09) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations would be satisfied, and that the proposal would be in the public interest if subject to the restrictions listed below;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 124E, as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and further subject to the following conditions:

1. Foreign status (19 CFR §§ 146.41, 146.42) products consumed as fuel for the refinery shall be subject to the applicable duty rate.
2. Privileged foreign status (19 CFR § 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that non-privileged foreign (NPF) status (19 CFR § 146.42) may be elected on refinery inputs covered under HTSUS Subheadings #2709.00.10, #2709.00.20, #2710.11.25, #2710.11.45, #2710.19.05, #2710.19.10, #2710.19.45, #2710.91.00, #2710.99.05, #2710.99.10, #2710.99.16, #2710.99.21 and #2710.99.45 which are used in the production of:

- petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (examiner's report, Appendix "C");
- products for export;
- and, products eligible for entry under HTSUS #9808.00.30 and #9808.00.40 (U.S. Government purchases).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of August 2009.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

**Andrew McGilvray,**

Executive Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1635]

#### Approval for Manufacturing Authority, Foreign-Trade Zone 122, Excalibar Minerals, LLC (Barite Milling), Corpus Christi, Texas

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 122, has requested manufacturing authority on behalf of Excalibar Minerals, LLC (Excalibar), within FTZ 122 in Corpus Christi, Texas, (FTZ Docket 2-2009, filed 01/29/2009);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 6134, 02/05/2009) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application for manufacturing authority under zone procedures within FTZ 122 on behalf of Excalibar, as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.