

in attending, please email Abby Lindsay at [LindsayA@state.gov](mailto:LindsayA@state.gov) for the specific time and place. To ensure timely consideration, please submit comments and suggestions in writing no later than January 3, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit written comments or suggestions via e-mail ([LindsayA@state.gov](mailto:LindsayA@state.gov)) or fax ((202) 647-5947) to Abby Lindsay, Office of Environmental Policy, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State, with the subject line "U.S.-Oman Joint Forum Meeting."

For those with access to the Internet, comments may be submitted at the following address: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#home>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Abby Lindsay, Telephone (202) 647-8772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In Section 2 of the U.S.-Oman Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Cooperation, the United States and Oman announced the establishment of a Joint Forum on Environmental Cooperation. The mandate of the Joint Forum is to broaden and deepen effective cooperation on environmental issues between Oman and the United States. It was intended provide a venue for the two Governments to discuss ways in which they could work together to strengthen the capacity of Oman to protect and conserve the environment. The Joint Forum is expected to develop a Plan of Action towards meeting this goal.

The 2006–2008 Work Program identified priorities for environmental cooperation between the United States and Oman, with the goal of building human and institutional capacity in the management and conservation of natural resources. The priorities were: (a) Environmental laws and regulations, (b) Environmental impact assessments, (c) Environmental incentives, (d) Public participation in environmental protection, (e) Integrated water resources management and protection, (f) Coastal protection and preservation of marine resources, (g) Protected area management and conservation of flora and fauna, (h) Cleaner production and environmental technology, (i) Chemical hazardous waste management and disposal, and (j) Environmental disaster preparedness. Some indicative actions the U.S. and Oman have undertaken in these areas include workshops on environmental impact assessment, a regional workshop for CITES Management Authorities, and a course on public participation in

environmental law. Ongoing work includes technical assistance to Oman on marine turtle conservation and cooperation on sustainable tourism in protected areas. The Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Coast Guard, and others have been involved in implementing these activities. Officials from U.S. and Omani agencies will present and discuss their activities at the Joint Forum meeting.

In the 2011–2014 Plan of Action, we seek to build upon the progress made in the previous Work Program and anticipate defining four main priority areas for cooperation activities: Institutional and policy strengthening for effective implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, including natural resource-related laws; Biodiversity conservation and improved management of protected areas, and other ecologically important ecosystems; Improved private sector environmental performance; and Environmental education, transparency and public participation in environmental decision-making and enforcement. At the meeting, the Joint Forum will review cooperation activities and the two Governments are expected to sign the new Plan of Action.

Dated: December 9, 2010.

**Willem H. Brakel,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy,  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Buy America Waiver Notification

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to rescind the FHWA's Buy America waiver for the use of non-domestic steel pipe; A53 Grade B, 26" OD, 0.375" wall for the construction of a Recovery Act project on SR 60, Section A40, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

**DATES:** The effective date of the rescission is December 16, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366-1562, or via e-mail at [gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov](mailto:gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov). For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief

Counsel, (202) 366-4928, or via e-mail at [michael.harkins@dot.gov](mailto:michael.harkins@dot.gov). Office hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., est., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access

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##### Background

The FHWA's Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including the application of protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice is to rescind the Buy America waiver that was processed and published in the **Federal Register** on October 19, 2010, at 75 FR 64394, for the use of non-domestic steel pipe; A53 Grade B, 26" OD, 0.375" wall for a portion of sign support structure no. S-28760 proposed for Recovery Act project on SR 60 in Allegheny County, PA.

During the notice and comment period leading up to the publication of the October 19 notice, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) considered the use of steel pipe API 5L, Grade B, PSL 2 as an alternate equivalent product to steel pipe A53 Grade B, 26" OD, 0.375" wall. However, it appeared that the steel slab to be used in the production of the pipe was not available domestically. During the 15-day comment period following the publication of the October 19 notice, the FHWA received a comment that steel pipe API 5L, including the steel slab to be used in production, could be produced domestically. After verifying that PennDOT is willing to approve the use of API 5L, Grade B, PSL 2 as an alternate to steel pipe A53 Grade B, 26" OD, 0.375" wall and verifying that API 5L, Grade B, PSL 2 can be produced domestically, the FHWA has determined that a Buy America waiver for steel pipe A53 Grade B, 26" OD, 0.375" wall is no longer necessary. Therefore, the Buy America waiver issued on October 19 in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 64394) for steel pipe

A53 Grade B, 26" OD, 0.375" wall is rescinded.

The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the Pennsylvania waiver page noted above <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=51>.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110–161, 23 CFR 635.410).

Issued on: December 7, 2010.

**Victor M. Mendez,**

*Federal Highway Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in Nevada

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1). The actions relate to I–15 Corridor Improvements from Sahara Avenue to US 95 and related local arterial improvements, collectively known as Project NEON, in Clark County in the State of Nevada. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

**DATES:** By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before June 13, 2011. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For FHWA: Mr. Abdelmoez Abdalla, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 705 North Plaza Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701–0602; telephone: (775) 687–1231; e-mail [Abdelmoez.Abdalla@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Abdelmoez.Abdalla@fhwa.dot.gov). The FHWA Nevada Division Office's regular business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time). For the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT):

Mr. Steve M. Cooke, P.E., Chief, Environmental Services Division, Nevada Department of Transportation, 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89712; telephone: (775) 888–7686; e-mail: [scooke@dot.state.nv.us](mailto:scooke@dot.state.nv.us). The NDOT office's regular business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the FHWA has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1) by approving the "Record of Decision" for the following highway project in Clark County in the State of Nevada: Project NEON. The proposed project would involve improvements to the Interstate 15 (I–15) corridor and major street connections beginning south of the I–15/Sahara Avenue interchange and continuing to the I–15/US 95/I–515 interchange (the Las Vegas Spaghetti Bowl) on the north end, covering a distance of 3.7 miles. The actions taken by FHWA, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the project, approved on May 28, 2010 (FHWA–NV–EIS–09–01–F), in the FHWA Record of Decision issued on October 21, 2010, and in other documents in the FHWA or NDOT project records. The FEIS, ROD and other project records are available by contacting FHWA or NDOT at the addresses provided above. The FHWA FEIS and ROD can also be viewed at the project Web site at <http://www.ndotprojectneon.com>, or viewed at public libraries in the project area.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. General: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act (FAHA) [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128]; Public Hearing [23 U.S.C. 128].
2. Air: Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].
3. Noise: Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise [23 U.S.C. 109(h), 109(i); 42 U.S.C. 4331, 4332; sec. 339(b), Pub. L. 104–59, 109 Stat. 568, 605; 49 CFR 1.48(b)].
4. Land: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [23 U.S.C. 138 and 49 U.S.C. 303] and Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act as amended [16 U.S.C. 4601].
5. Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended

[16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)–470(ll)]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469–469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act [25 U.S.C. 3001–3013].

6. Wildlife: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and Section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661–667 (d)]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703–712].

7. Social and Economic: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)–2000(d)(1)].

8. Executive Orders: E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988, Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593, Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007, Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 1328, Preserve America; E.O. 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514, Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E. O. 13112, Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1).

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**Susan Klekar,**

*Division Administrator, Carson City, Nevada.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2010 0109]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before February 14, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Moore, Maritime