

through December 31, 2009. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 75 FR 45094 (August 2, 2010). On August 26, 2010, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), the Department received a timely request from Zibo Aifudi, a Chinese producer and exporter to the United States of sacks, to conduct an administrative review of the company under the countervailing duty order on sacks from the PRC for the period January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), on September 29, 2010, the Department published a notice initiating an administrative review of Zibo Aifudi under the countervailing duty order. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 75 FR 60076 (September 29, 2010). On November 3, 2010, Zibo Aifudi withdrew its request for review.

#### Rescission of Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Secretary will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. On November 3, 2010, Zibo Aifudi withdrew its request for review within the 90-day period, and no other party requested a review. Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department is rescinding this administrative review.

#### Assessment

The Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess countervailing duties at the cash deposit rate in effect on the date of entry, for entries during the period January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009. The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice of rescission of administrative review.

#### Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or

conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: December 22, 2010.

**Christian Marsh,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

#### NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) Strategic Plan FY 2011-FY 2015

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) is seeking comments on the revised draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015, submitted to meet the requirement for program direction under Public Law 111-11, Section 12104(b). The draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN describes the vision, mission, core activities, and organization of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research.

**DATES:** Comments on this draft report must be received by 5 p.m., February 3, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by XRIN 0648-XV56, by any one of the following methods:

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Fax:* (703) 713-1967, Attn: Yvette Jefferson.

*Mail:* NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), ATTN: OER Plan Comments, 1315 East-West Highway, R/OER, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

*Hand Delivery to Silver Spring Metro Center 3:* 1315 East-West Highway, Room 10151, Silver Spring, Maryland.

*Instructions:* No comments will be posted for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. All comments received are a part of the

public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. OAR will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields, if you wish to remain anonymous). You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Electronic copies of the draft OER Strategic Plan and Public Law 111-11 Chapter XII may be obtained from <http://www.regulations.gov> or from the OER Web site at <http://explore.noaa.gov/OERPlan>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

**CONTACT:** *OERPlan.Questions@noaa.gov* or NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), ATTN: OER Plan Questions, 1315 East-West Highway, R/OER, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) is seeking comments on the draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015, submitted to meet the requirement for program direction under Public Law 111-11, Section 12104(b). The preparation of the report was also directed by the Appropriations Committee in the Joint Explanatory Statement and Senate Report (S. Rept. 110-124) accompanying the Consolidated Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations (Pub. L. 110-161).

OER seeks to better understand our ocean frontiers through bold and innovative exploration, research and technology development. The Office explores, maps, observes, detects and characterizes ocean areas and phenomena; obtaining archiving, and distributing ocean data in new ways to describe the ocean's living and nonliving resources and physical, chemical and biological characteristics. Data and observations resulting from OER investments will result in new discoveries, insights, knowledge and identification of new frontiers, and will likely lead to new or revised understandings of our largely unknown ocean. The draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN describes how NOAA will implement Chapter XII of Public Law 111-11 through the vision, mission, core activities, and organization of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the draft report, especially with respect to implementation of the

research aspect of the organization. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the report, and possible omissions of important topics or issues. This draft report is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. For any shortcoming noted within the report, please propose specific remedies. Suggested changes will be incorporated where appropriate, and a final report will be posted on the OER Web site.

Please follow these instructions for preparing and submitting comments. Overview comments should be provided first and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages or paragraphs of the section should follow any overview comments and should identify the page numbers to which they apply. Please number each page of your comments. Following these instructions will facilitate the processing of comments and assure that all comments are appropriately considered.

Dated: December 23, 2010.

**Mark E. Brown,**

*Acting Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2010-0091]

### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Call for 2011 Nominations

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (United States Patent and Trademark Office) is accepting nominations for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI). Since establishment by Congress in the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, the President of the United States has awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (initially known as the National Medal of Technology) annually to our nation's leading innovators. If you know of a candidate who has made an outstanding, lasting contribution to the economy through the promotion of technology or technological manpower, you may obtain a nomination form from: <http://go.usa.gov/1dU>.

**DATES:** The deadline for submission of a nomination is March 31, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The NMTI nomination form for the year 2011 may be obtained by visiting the USPTO Web site at <http://go.usa.gov/1dU>. Nomination applications should be submitted to Richard Maulsby, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, by electronic mail to: [NMTI@uspto.gov](mailto:NMTI@uspto.gov); or by mail to Richard Maulsby, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Maulsby, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (571) 272-8333, or by electronic mail to: [nmti@uspto.gov](mailto:nmti@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* Enacted by Congress in the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, the National Medal of Technology was first awarded in 1985. On August 9, 2007, the President signed the America COMPETES (Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science) Act of 2007. The Act amended Section 16 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, changing the name of the Medal to the "National Medal of Technology and Innovation." The Medal is the highest honor awarded by the President of the United States to America's leading innovators in the field of technology and is given annually to individuals, teams, or companies who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology and technological manpower for the improvement of the economic, environmental or social well-being of the United States.

The primary purpose of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation is to recognize American innovators whose vision, creativity, and brilliance in moving ideas to market has had a profound and lasting impact on our economy and way of life. The Medal highlights the national importance of fostering technological innovation based upon solid science, resulting in commercially successful products and services.

*Eligibility and Nomination Criteria:* Information on eligibility and nomination criteria is provided on the Nominations Guidelines at <http://go.usa.gov/1dU>.

Dated: December 21, 2010.

**David J. Kappos,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-52-000]

### Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

December 22, 2010.

Take notice that on December 15, 2010, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP11-52-000 an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission Regulations, for authorization to abandon by sale to Tauber Pipeline L.L.C. (Tauber) three supply laterals and related facilities located in South Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to James D. Johnston, Associate General Counsel, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002 at (713) 420-4998 or by e-mail at [james.johnston@elpaso.com](mailto:james.johnston@elpaso.com).

Specifically, Tennessee filed an application requesting approval for abandonment by sale to Tauber of three supply laterals: Tennessee's Line 5A-100, approximately 5.8 miles of 10-inch pipeline, Line No. 5A-200, approximately 32.2 miles of 12-inch pipeline, and Line No. 5A-300, approximately 6.2 miles of 6-inch pipeline.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or