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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Re-Accreditation and Re-Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

AGENCY: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of re-approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, Savannah, Georgia, as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, Inspectorate America Corporation, Savannah, Georgia 31415, has been re-approved to gauge petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils, for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analysis or gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/org_and_operations.xml.

DATES: The re-approval of Inspectorate America Corporation as a commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on May 19, 2011. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Cousins, Director, Scientific Services, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, 202-344-1295.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Re-Accreditation and Re-Approval of SGS North America, Inc. as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

AGENCY: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of re-approval of SGS North America, Inc., Bayonne, New Jersey, as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, SGS North America, Inc., Bayonne, New Jersey 07002, has been re-approved to gauge petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils, for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analysis or gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/org_and_operations.xml.

DATES: The re-approval of SGS North America, Inc. as a commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on May 2, 2011. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Cousins, Director, Scientific Services, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, 202-344-1295.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Customs and Border Protection

Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties. For the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2011, the interest rates for overpayments will be 2 percent for corporations and 3 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 3 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs and Border Protection personnel.

DATES: Effective Date: October 1, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Wyman, Revenue Division, Collection and Refunds Branch, 6650 Telecom Drive, Suite #100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone (317) 614-4516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of customs duties must be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 was amended (at paragraph (a)(1)(B) by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Public Law 105-206, 112 Stat. 685) to provide different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations.

The interest rates are based on the Federal short-term rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2011-18, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2011, and ending on December 31, 2011. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for

underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of three percent (3%) for both corporations and non-corporations. For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus one percentage point (1%) for a total of two

percent (2%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of three percent (3%). These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2012, and ending March 31, 2012.

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs and Border Protection personnel the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from before July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of customs duties, is published in summary format.

Beginning date	Ending date	Under-payments (percent)	Over-payments (percent)	Corporate over-payments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
070174	063075	6	6	
070175	013176	9	9	
020176	013178	7	7	
020178	013180	6	6	
020180	013182	12	12	
020182	123182	20	20	
010183	063083	16	16	
070183	123184	11	11	
010185	063085	13	13	
070185	123185	11	11	
010186	063086	10	10	
070186	123186	9	9	
010187	093087	9	8	
100187	123187	10	9	
010188	033188	11	10	
040188	093088	10	9	
100188	033189	11	10	
040189	093089	12	11	
100189	033191	11	10	
040191	123191	10	9	
010192	033192	9	8	
040192	093092	8	7	
100192	063094	7	6	
070194	093094	8	7	
100194	033195	9	8	
040195	063095	10	9	
070195	033196	9	8	
040196	063096	8	7	
070196	033198	9	8	
040198	123198	8	7	
010199	033199	7	7	6
040199	033100	8	8	7
040100	033101	9	9	8
040101	063001	8	8	7
070101	123101	7	7	6
010102	123102	6	6	5
010103	093003	5	5	4
100103	033104	4	4	3
040104	063004	5	5	4
070104	093004	4	4	3
100104	033105	5	5	4
040105	093005	6	6	5
100105	063006	7	7	6
070106	123107	8	8	7
010108	033108	7	7	6
040108	063008	6	6	5
070108	093008	5	5	4
100108	123108	6	6	5
010109	033109	5	5	4
040109	123110	4	4	3
010111	033111	3	3	2
040111	093011	4	4	3
100111	123111	3	3	2

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Alan D. Bersin,

Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Re-Accreditation and Re-Approval of Intertek Caleb Brett as a Commercial Gauger

AGENCY: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of re-approval of Intertek Caleb Brett, Ponce, Puerto Rico, as a commercial gauger.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, Intertek Caleb Brett, Ponce, Puerto Rico 00717-2235, has been re-approved to gauge petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils, for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to conduct the gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the gauger services this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/org_and_operations.xml.

DATES: The re-approval of Intertek Caleb Brett as a commercial gauger became effective on March 10, 2010. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for March 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Cousins, Director, Scientific Services, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, 202-344-1295.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Karner Blue Butterfly and Frosted Elfin From National Grid

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental assessment, receipt of application, and habitat conservation plan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service or “we”) announce the availability of an application for an incidental take permit and the associated habitat conservation plan (HCP) from National Grid (NG), Syracuse, New York, and draft environmental assessment (EA) for public review and comment. We received the permit application from NG for incidental take of federally listed Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) and unlisted frosted elfin (*Callophrys irus*) (should this species become listed in the future) over the next 50 years during operations, maintenance, and construction activities associated with electric and natural gas facilities within portions of Albany, Oneida, Schenectady, Saratoga, and Warren Counties, New York. We prepared a draft EA that describes the proposed action and possible alternatives and analyzes the effects of alternatives on the human environment.

We provide this notice to: (1) Seek public comments on the proposed HCP; (2) seek public comments on the scope of issues and alternatives considered in the draft EA and our consideration as to whether the draft EA supports a Finding of No Significant Impact under NEPA; and (3) advise other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of our intent to prepare a final EA.

The proposed HCP and EA are being made available during a 60-day comment period. To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by December 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send comments by U.S. mail to Robyn Niver, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, New York

13045; by facsimile at 607-753-9699; or by electronic mail at robyn_niver@fws.gov. In the subject line of your letter, facsimile or electronic mail, include the document identifier: NG HCP.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We received a permit application from NG for incidental take of federally listed Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) and unlisted frosted elfin (*Callophrys irus*) (should this species become listed in the future) over the next 50 years during operations, maintenance, and construction activities associated with electric and natural gas facilities. A conservation program to minimize and mitigate for the incidental take would be implemented by NG as described in the draft NG HCP.

We prepared a draft EA to comply with the NEPA. The Service will evaluate whether the proposed action, issuance of an incidental take permit to NG, and other alternatives in this draft EA are adequate to support a Finding of No Significant Impact.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

We are requesting comments on the proposed HCP and our consideration as to whether the draft EA supports a Finding of No Significant Impact under NEPA.

Availability of Documents

The proposed HCP and draft EA are available on the New York Field Office’s (NYFO) Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/kbb.htm>. Copies of the proposed HCP and draft EA will be available for public review during regular business hours at the NYFO (see **ADDRESSES**). Those who do not have access to the Web site or cannot visit our office can request copies by telephone at 607-753-9334 or by letter to the NYFO (see **ADDRESSES**).

Background

Section 9 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations prohibit the “take” of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the ESA as to “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed animal species, or to attempt to engage in such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1538). However, under section 10(a) of the ESA, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental take” is defined by the ESA as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species,