

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation and approval of AmSpec Services, LLC, as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that AmSpec Services, LLC, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of August 4, 2016.

**DATES: Effective Dates:** The accreditation and approval of AmSpec Services, LLC, as commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on August 4, 2016. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for August 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Approved Gauger and Accredited

Laboratories Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, tel. 202-344-1060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, that AmSpec Services, LLC, 36 Mileed Way, Avenel, NJ 07001, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. AmSpec Services, LLC is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum

products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
1 .....	Vocabulary.
3 .....	Tank Gauging.
7 .....	Temperature Determination.
8 .....	Sampling.
11 .....	Physical Properties.
12 .....	Calculations.
17 .....	Maritime Measurement.

AmSpec Services, LLC is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27-01 .....	D287	Standard Test Method for API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products (Hydrometer Method).
27-02 .....	D1298	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method.
27-03 .....	D4006	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oil by Distillation.
27-04 .....	D95	Standard Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation.
27-05 .....	D4928	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration.
27-06 .....	D473	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method.
27-08 .....	D86	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products.
27-11 .....	D445	Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids.
27-13 .....	D4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry.
27-14 .....	D2622	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products.
27-20 .....	D4057	Standard Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products.
27-21 .....	D4177	Standard Practice for the Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products.
27-48 .....	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter.
27-50 .....	D93	Standard Test Methods for Flash-Point by Pensky-Martens Closed Cup Tester.
27-53 .....	D2709	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Middle Distillate Fuels by Centrifuge.
27-54 .....	D1796	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by the Centrifuge Method.
27-58 .....	D5191	Standard Test Method For Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products.

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. 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 U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to [CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov). Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. <http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories>.

Dated: December 7, 2016.  
**Ira S. Reese,**  
*Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**  
**Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a commercial gauger.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Intertek USA, Inc., has been approved to

gauge petroleum and petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of January 26, 2016.  
**DATES: Effective Dates:** The approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as commercial gauger became effective on January 26, 2016. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for January 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Approved Gauger and Accredited Laboratories Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, tel. 202-344-1060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, that Intertek USA, Inc., 214 N Gulf Blvd., Freeport, TX 77541, has been approved to gauge petroleum and petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.13. Intertek

USA, Inc., is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
3 .....	Tank gauging.
7 .....	Temperature Determination.
8 .....	Sampling.
11 .....	Physical Properties Data.
12 .....	Calculations.
17 .....	Maritime Measurements.

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 U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to [cbp.labhq@dhs.gov](mailto:cbp.labhq@dhs.gov). Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. <http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2016-0077]

### Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) for the Proposed Establishment and Operations of the Office of Biometric Identity Management and the Homeland Advanced Biometric Technology (HART)

**AGENCY:** National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** 30-day notice of availability of public review of a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), Office of Biometric Identity Management (OBIM) has completed a Draft Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) to assess the impacts resulting from the replacement of the existing Automated Biometric

Identification System (IDENT) in order to meet obligations pertaining to expanded biometric service obligations.

IDENT was developed in the 1990s by the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a pilot project. As DHS demands for biometric identity services grew and evolved, IDENT expanded both its customer base and services provided to those customers by retrofitting functionalities to its original pilot project foundation to meet urgent mission needs. The system has progressed from supporting one usage scenario and one stakeholder in 1994 to a multiplicity of business processes, services, and interfaces required to meet the needs of a variety of stakeholders. In 2003 the former United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) Program was designated as the DHS provider for biometric and associated biographic identity screening and analysis services.

The primary mission of the former US-VISIT program was to serve as a repository of collected information on the unique identity of travelers and to collect, maintain, and share information related to entry, exit, and status events of foreign nationals in order to enhance national security, facilitate legitimate trade and travel, and ensure the integrity of our immigration system, while deploying the program in accordance with existing privacy laws and policies. This mission was accomplished through the deployment of discrete capabilities through two systems: IDENT and the Arrival and Departure Information System (ADIS).

In 2013 OBIM assumed cross-cutting responsibility for DHS biometric identity services from the former US-VISIT Program. OBIM operates and maintains IDENT, and matches, stores, analyzes, and shares biometric data to provide more accurate and high assurance biometric identity information and analysis. IDENT, with its repository of biometrics and associated biographic data, is used by its customers for biometric identity verification and determination. Current IDENT customers include DHS components such as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Transportation Security Administration, and various elements of DHS Headquarters; the Intelligence Community; other Federal agencies including the Departments of Justice, State, and Defense; State and local law enforcement; and international partners. OBIM needs HART to replace the 22-year-old legacy IDENT system to ensure continued fulfillment of evolving

customer and mission needs. The redesign and development of the system will address the baseline and current gaps including capacity, increased security and privacy protections, interoperability, unsustainable costs, and performance and availability. Support of the system for additional biometric identity modalities beyond fingerprints will address customer needs for alternative modalities, provide options for non-contact biometric data collection, improve performance, and increase interoperability with customers and partners that support multiple biometric modalities.

For the Proposed Action, OBIM would develop and implement a solution to address increasing customer demand for biometric services in addition to providing technological advances, more efficient processing, and a flexible and a scalable platform to meet DHS's mid- and long-term identity needs. Several project alternatives explored in the SPEA were: (1) No Action; (2) Enhanced Baseline with Transaction Manager Replacement Alternative; (3) Data Driven Modular Alternative; and (4) Cloud Based and Managed Service. In reviewing the alternatives, OBIM's objective was to determine whether to prepare a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) or an "Environmental Impact Statement" (EIS). With the No Action Alternative, minor indirect effects may occur with respect to noise and air quality from the slowing of services at customer locations. With Alternatives 2, 3, or 4, minor impacts are anticipated with respect to energy use. With any of these alternatives, OBIM will have an increase in capacity and scope of services which may increase energy use. However, it is also anticipated that the proposed improvements will increase efficiencies in the administration and use of OBIM services with all of the action alternatives. Therefore, energy impacts are expected to be minimal. For implementation of Alternative 4 specifically, managed service may be hosted in the existing DHS data centers or other federally approved sites. For the No Action Alternative and Alternative 4, potential changes to facilities or personnel may have some minimal effects, particularly with the potential for temporary construction. However, more specific analysis is not possible at this programmatic level of assessment, and would have to be performed with site-specific environmental analysis.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until thirty (30) days after the date of this notice.