

Certification Application (CCA) in 1996. The Agency then issued the certification decision on May 18, 1998, determining that the WIPP met the standards for radioactive waste disposal. Since the 1998 certification decision, EPA has conducted ongoing independent technical reviews, certification/recertifications, and inspections of all WIPP activities related to compliance with the Agency's disposal regulations. The WIPP has been recertified four times since the initial CCA in 1996, with the most recent recertification decision occurring in 2022.<sup>3</sup>

As part of the original design of the WIPP repository in the initial CCA, the underground waste disposal region at WIPP is divided into panels. A panel is a group of rooms mined into the salt, connected by tunnels called drifts. EPA certified the WIPP in 1998 and most recently recertified the WIPP in 2022 based on a planned footprint of 10 waste panels.

On March 14, 2024, EPA received a planned change request (PCR) from DOE per 40 CFR 194.4(b)(3) that seeks the Agency's approval to add two replacement waste panels to the west of the current repository. These two panels, 11 and 12, are being constructed to replace waste disposal volume that was lost in panels 7 and 9 due to the 2014 radiological release that contaminated the south end of the repository.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, panels 1 and 2 were not completely filled due to ground control issues from being kept open so long before waste was emplaced. DOE has calculated that to replace the volume lost, 1.7 panels of waste volume will be needed, rounded up to 2 panels for construction.<sup>5</sup> DOE also states that the waste volume with panels 11 and 12 will not exceed the LWA waste disposal volume limit. The PCR contains a performance assessment DOE has conducted to support a demonstration that the repository will continue to meet the numeric release limits of EPA's disposal regulations for the WIPP. As part of the performance assessment, DOE calculated releases based on a repository design of 19 panels, which is the anticipated WIPP repository configuration at the time of closure. With this PCR, DOE is only seeking EPA's approval of the two new planned panels and has provided documentation to address the two new panels within the context of the 19-

panel design. DOE would have to submit a separate request for approval of any additional panels beyond panels 11 and 12.

## II. Request for Comments

A 60-day comment period provided for comments on the PCR ended on September 16, 2024. During this comment period a request for an extension to the comment period was received from several stakeholders, most recently at the Agency's informal public meetings held in New Mexico in late August.

The Agency is reopening the comment period and soliciting public comment on DOE's documentation of its PCR to add two new waste panels—panels 11 and 12—at the WIPP facility, and the demonstration of compliance with EPA's disposal regulations. Additional background information related to the Agency's review of DOE's application—including an electronic copy of the PCR itself—is available in the public docket<sup>6</sup> established for this action and on the EPA WIPP website.<sup>7</sup>

The Agency will continue to accept comment until it issues a future **Federal Register** notice that specifies the end of the public comment period. Upon completion of EPA's evaluation of the PCR, the Agency will announce a decision on the proposed two new panels along with a response to comments document and related technical support documents.

**Jonathan D. Edwards,**

*Director, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-12326-01-R6]

### Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Order on Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for the Nucor Steel Louisiana, LLC, Direct Reduced Iron Facility, St. James Parish, Louisiana

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of final order on petition.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an order dated September 27, 2024, granting in part and denying in part a Petition dated December 4, 2023, from

the Myrtle Felton, Barbara Washington, Gail Leboeuf, Inclusive Louisiana, and Louisiana Bucket Brigade (the Petitioners). The Petition requested that the EPA object to a Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to Nucor Steel Louisiana, L.L.C., Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) Facility, located in Covert, St. James Parish, Louisiana.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Layton, EPA Region 6 Office, Air Permits Section, (214) 665-2136, [layton.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:layton.elizabeth@epa.gov). The final order and petition are available electronically at: <https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/title-v-petition-database>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EPA received a petition from Myrtle Felton, Barbara Washington, Gail Leboeuf, Inclusive Louisiana, and Louisiana Bucket Brigade dated December 4, 2023, requesting that the EPA object to the issuance of operating permit no. No. 3086-V10, issued by LDEQ to the Nucor Steel Louisiana, L.L.C., DRI Facility in St. James Parish, Covert, Louisiana. On September 27, 2024, the EPA Administrator issued an order granting in part and denying in part the Petition. The order explains the basis for the EPA's decision.

Sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the CAA provide that a petitioner may request judicial review of those portions of an order that deny issues in a petition. Any petition for review shall be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuitry no later than December 23, 2024.

Dated: October 16, 2024.

**David Garcia,**

*Director, Air and Radiation Division, Region 6.*

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Designated Reserve Ratio for 2025

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Designated Reserve Ratio for 2025.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDI Act), the Board of Directors (Board) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) designates that the Designated Reserve Ratio (DRR) for the Deposit Insurance Fund shall remain at 2 percent for 2025.

<sup>3</sup> 87 FR 26126 (May 3, 2022).

<sup>4</sup> For a discussion of the 2014 incidents at the WIPP, see EPA's third recertification determination, 82 FR 33106, 33107 (July 19, 2017).

<sup>5</sup> Knerr, R. (DOE/CBFO), Dunagan, S. (NWP LLC). *Class 3 Permit Modification Request* [Letter to Maestas, R. (NMED)] (July 30, 2021).

<sup>6</sup> Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0309 (<https://www.regulations.gov>).

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/radiation/wipp-news#WIPP-PCR>.

The Board is publishing this notice as required by the FDI Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ashley Mihalik, Associate Director, Financial Risk Management, Division of Insurance and Research, 202–898–3793, [amihalik@fdic.gov](mailto:amihalik@fdic.gov); Daniel Hoople, Chief, Fund Analysis and Pricing Section, Division of Insurance and Research, 202–898–3835, [dhoople@fdic.gov](mailto:dhoople@fdic.gov); or Kathryn Marks, Counsel, Legal Division, 202–898–3896, [kmarks@fdic.gov](mailto:kmarks@fdic.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the FDI Act, the Board designates that the DRR for the Deposit Insurance Fund shall remain at 2 percent for 2025. The Board is publishing this notice as required by section 7(b)(3)(A)(i) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(b)(3)(A)(i)). There is no need to amend 12 CFR 327.4(g), the section of the FDIC’s regulations which sets forth the DRR, because the DRR for 2025 is the same as the current DRR.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Washington, DC, on October 17, 2024.

**James P. Sheesley,**

*Assistant Executive Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**

**Notice of Meeting Held With Less Than Seven Days Advance Notice**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2024.

**PLACE:** The meeting was held in the FDIC Board Room, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC, and was webcast to the public.

**STATUS:** Open to public observation via webcast.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Pursuant to the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s Board of Directors met in open session to consider the following matters:

**Summary Agenda**

Designated Reserve Ratio for 2025.

Delay of Compliance Date for Subpart A Amendments to FDIC Official Sign and Advertising Rule.

Minutes of a Board of Directors’ Meeting Previously Distributed.

**Discussion Agenda**

*Briefing:* Semi-annual Update on the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) Restoration Plan.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Rohit Chopra (Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), seconded by Director Michael J. Hsu (Acting Comptroller of the Currency), by the unanimous vote of Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg, Vice Chairman Travis J. Hill, Director Jonathan P. McKernan, Director Michael J. Hsu (Acting Comptroller of the Currency), and Director Rohit Chopra (Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days’ notice to the public; and that no earlier notice of the meeting than that previously provided on October 11, 2024, was practicable.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Direct requests for further information concerning the meeting to Debra A. Decker, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at 202–898–8748.

*Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated at Washington, DC, on October 17, 2024.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**James P. Sheesley,**

*Assistant Executive Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal

Reserve Bank and from the Board’s Freedom of Information Office at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm>. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)).

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would not be appropriate for public disclosure.

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20551–0001, not later than November 21, 2024.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Prabal Chakrabarti, Senior Vice President) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02210–2204. Comments can also be sent electronically to [BOS.SRC.Applications.Comments@bos.frb.org](mailto:BOS.SRC.Applications.Comments@bos.frb.org):

1. *Camden National Corporation, Camden, Maine*; to merge with Northway Financial, Inc., North Conway, New Hampshire, and thereby indirectly acquire Northway Bank, Berlin, New Hampshire.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**Michele Taylor Fennell,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled “National HIV Prevention Program Monitoring and Evaluation (NHM&E)” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and