

response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 9, 2003).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the first address listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 211 W. Fort St., Suite 2220, Detroit, MI 48226.

Dated: June 18, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 31-2003]

Foreign-Trade Zone 93—Research Triangle Park, NC, Area Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Triangle J Council of Governments, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 93, requesting authority to expand FTZ 93, in the Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, area, within the Raleigh-Durham Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on June 18, 2003.

FTZ 93 was approved on November 4, 1983 (Board Order 233, 48 FR 52108, 11/16/83). The zone project currently consists of the following sites: *Site 1* (121 acres)—within the Imperial Center Industrial Park, adjoining the Research Triangle Park in Durham County; *Site 1A* (temporary; 85 acres)—World Trade Park, adjacent to Raleigh-Durham International Airport; *Site 2* (6 acres)—5604 Departure Drive, Raleigh; and, *Site 3* (110 acres)—Woodland Industrial Park, Highway 56 and I-85, Granville County.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to replace existing Site 3 with a new site and to make temporary Site 1A permanent. *Proposed New Site 3* (240 acres) would be located at the Holly Springs Business Park (owned by G&G Properties), at the intersection of West Balletine Street and Irving Parkway, Holly Springs. It is also being requested at this time that temporary Site 1A

(expires 10/1/03), which has been fully activated, be made permanent. No specific manufacturing authority is being requested at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the addresses below:

1. Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is August 25, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 9, 2003).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the first address listed above, and at the Office of the Economic Development Department, Town of Holly Springs, 128 South Main Street, Holly Springs, North Carolina 27540.

Dated: June 19, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061303A]

Incidental Take of Marine Mammals; Bottlenose Dolphins and Spotted Dolphins

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of letters of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act

(MMPA) and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that 4 letters of authorization (LOAs) to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities were issued.

ADDRESSES: The applications and letters are available for review in the following offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and the Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Skrupky, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, ext. 163.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region, if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term "taking" means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill marine mammals.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities in the Gulf of Mexico were published on August 1, 2002 (67 FR 49869), and remain in effect until February 2, 2004. Issuance of these letters of authorization are based on a finding that

the total takings will have a negligible impact on the bottlenose and spotted dolphin stocks of the Gulf of Mexico.

Letters of Authorization were issued to:

(1) Comstock Offshore, LLC, Chase Tower, 600 Travis, Suite 6375, Houston, TX 77002, on May 08, 2003;