

Cedar Rapids, IA (Controlling Entity: Rockwell International Corporation, Costa Mesa, CA); Rolls-Royce North America, Inc., Reston, VA (Controlling Entity: Rolls Royce plc, London, England); Triumph Controls, Inc., North Wales, PA (Controlling Entity: Triumph Group, Inc., Wayne, PA); United Defense, L.P., Arlington, VA (Controlling Entity: The Carlyle Group, Washington, DC); Veridian Corporation, Alexandria, VA; and Woodward Governor Company, Rockford, IL.;

2. Delete as "Members" of the Certificate: Ceridian Corporation, Minneapolis, MN; Chrysler Technologies Corporation, Arlington, VA; E-Systems, Inc., Dallas, TX; FMC Corporation, Chicago, IL; Heath Tecna Aerospace Co., Kent, WA; Hercules Incorporated, Wilmington, DE; Loral Vought Systems Corporation, Dallas, TX; Lord Corporation, Erie, PA; Martin Marietta Corporation, Bethesda, MD; McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Berkeley, MO; Rockwell International Corporation, Seal Beach, CA; Rohr, Inc., Chula Vista, CA; Teledyne, Inc., Los Angeles, CA; Texas Instruments Incorporated, Dallas, TX; Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA; and Williams International Corporation, Walled Lake, MI; and

3. Change the listing of the company name for the current "Members" cited in this paragraph to the new listing cited in parenthesis as follows: GEC-Marconi Electronic Systems Corporation (Marconi North America Inc.); General Motors Hughes Electronics (Hughes Electronics Corporation); Lockheed Corporation (Lockheed Martin Corporation); and Thiokol Corporation (Cordant Technologies Inc.).

A copy of the amended certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: November 12, 1998.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

[Docket No. 980107004-8216-02]

**Approval of Withdrawal of Sixteen Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce that the Secretary of Commerce has approved the withdrawal of sixteen Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications.

Sixteen FIPS are being withdrawn because they are obsolete, or have not been updated to adopt current voluntary industry standards. Federal agencies and departments are directed by the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-113, to use technical standards that are developed in voluntary consensus standards bodies. Consequently, there no longer is a need for FIPS that duplicate voluntary industry standards.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This withdrawal is effective November 18, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shirley M. Radack, telephone (301) 975-2833, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 24, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 9199) proposing withdrawal of nineteen Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications, because the technical specifications that they adopt are obsolete and are no longer supported by industry.

Withdrawal means that the FIPS will no longer be part of a subscription series that is provided by the National Technical Information Service, and that NIST will no longer be able to support the standards by answering implementation questions or updating the FIPS when the voluntary industry standards are revised. Current voluntary industry standards should be used by agencies in their procurement actions when appropriate, in accordance with OMB Circular A-119, Federal Participation and Use of Voluntary Standards.

This notice provides only the FIPS publication number, title, and the technical specifications number for each of the sixteen FIPS Publications being withdrawn:

- FIPS 41, Computer Security Guidelines for Implementing the Privacy Act of 1974
- FIPS 69-1, FORTRAN (ANSI X3.9-1978/R1989)
- FIPS 100-1, Interface Between Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-Terminating (DCE) for Operation with Packet-Switched Data Networks (PSDN), or Between Two DTEs, by Dedicated Circuit (ANSI X3.100-1989)
- FIPS 120-1, Graphical Kernel System (GKS) (ANSI X3.124-1985/R1991; X3.124.1-1985/R1991; X3.124.2-1988/R1994; X3.124.3-1989; and ISO/IEC 8651-4:1991)
- FIPS 125-1, MUMPS (ANSI/MDC X11.1-1990)
- FIPS 128-2, Computer Graphics Metafile (CGM) (ANSI/ISO 8632.1-4:1992 [1994]; 8632:1992/Amd.1:1994 & Amd. 2:1995; MIL-D-28003A+Amd.1; and ATA Spec. 2100, Version 2.1)
- FIPS 138, Electrical Characteristics of Balanced Voltage Digital Interface Circuits
- FIPS 142, Electrical Characteristics of Unbalanced Voltage Digital Interface Circuits
- FIPS 143, General Purpose 37-Position and 9-Position Interface Between Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (EIA-RS-449)
- FIPS 146-2, Profiles for Open Systems Internetworking Technologies (POSIT)
- FIPS 148, Procedures for Document Facsimile Transmission
- FIPS 153-1, Programmer's Hierarchical Interactive Graphics System (PHIGS) (ANSI/ISO 9592.1,2,3:1989; 9592.1a,2a,3a,4:1992; 9593.1:1990; 9593.2-1990; 9593.4:1991; and 9593.1/AM1, 3/AM1, 4/AM1:1991)
- FIPS 154, High Speed 25-Position Interface for Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (EIA-530-1987)
- FIPS 177-1, Initial Graphics Exchange Specification (IGES) (ANSI/US PRO-100-1993, Version 5.2, LEP Application Protocol, IP-110-1994, and Engr. Dwg. (Class II) Subset (MIL-D-28000A), Dec. 1992 Version)
- FIPS 178, Video Conferencing Services at 56 to 1,920 kb/s (ITU-T Recommendations H.221-1993, H.230-1993, H.242-1993, H.261-1993, and H.320-1993)
- FIPS 179-1, Government Network Management Profile (GNMP)

The written comments submitted by interested parties and other materials

available to the Department relevant to these publications were reviewed by NIST. On the basis of this review, NIST recommended that the Secretary approve the withdrawal of the sixteen FIPS Publications, and prepared a detailed justification document for the Secretary's review in support of that recommendation.

Because of comments received, NIST will delay the withdrawal of three FIPS that had been proposed for withdrawal in the February 24, 1998, notice. FIPS 183, Integration Definition for Function Modeling (IDEFO), and FIPS 184, Integration Definition for Information Modeling (IDEFIX), will be retained until voluntary industry standards are available. FIPS 160, C (ANSI/ISO 9899:1992), will be retained until NIST's validation program for the C programming language ends later this year, and then the FIPS will be withdrawn at that time. NIST will publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing the withdrawal of FIPS 160 before December 31, 1998.

The detailed justification document which was presented to the Secretary is part of the public record and is available for inspection and copying in the Department's Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**Authority:** Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 and the Computer Security Act of 1987, Public Law 104-106.

Dated: November 12, 1998.

**Robert E. Hebner,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Initiation of Review of Management Plan/Regulations of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary; Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan; Public Scoping Meetings

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statement; notice of scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS or Sanctuary) was designated in November 1992, and consists of 638 square nautical miles of open ocean over and surrounding Stellwagen Bank, occurring between Cape Ann and Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The present management plan for the Sanctuary was completed in July 1993. In accordance with Section 304(e) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended, (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*), the Marine Sanctuaries Division (MSD) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is initiating review of the management plan, to evaluate substantive progress toward implementing goals for the Sanctuary, and to make revisions to the plan and regulations as necessary to fulfill the purposes and policies of the NMSA.

The revised management plan will likely involve changes to existing policies and regulations of the Sanctuary, to address contemporary issues and challenges, and to better protect and manage the Sanctuary's resources and qualities. The review process is composed of four major stages: information collection and characterization; preparation and release of a draft management plan/environmental impact statement, and any proposed amendments to the regulations; public review and comment; and preparation and release of a final management plan/environmental impact statement, and any final amendments to the regulations. NOAA anticipates completion of the revised management plan and concomitant documents will require approximately eighteen months.

NOAA will conduct public scoping meetings to gather information and other comments from individuals, organizations, and government agencies on the scope, types and significance of issues related to the Sanctuary's management plan and regulations. The scoping meetings are scheduled for the second week in December 1998, as detailed below. All interested persons are invited to attend, and to provide oral comments. Interested persons may also submit written comments at the scoping meetings, or to the address below. Written comments should be received by January 15, 1999.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Scoping meetings will be held at:

(1) Cape Cod Community College, Commons Building, Upper Commons Room, 2240 Iyanough Road, West

Barnstable, MA, Tuesday, December 8, 1998, 7-9 p.m.;

(2) National Marine Fisheries Service (New England Region), 1st Floor Conference Room, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA, Wednesday, December 9, 1998, 7-9 p.m.; and

(3) New England Aquarium, Education Center, Central Wharf, Boston, MA, Thursday, December 10, 1998, 7-9 p.m.

Written comments may be sent to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (Management Plan Review), Scituate Coast Guard Station, 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066. Comments will be available for public review at the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brad Barr, Sanctuary Manager, at (508) 747-1691. The Sanctuary office is located at 14 Union Street, Plymouth, MA. Following December 15, 1998, the Sanctuary office will be located at the Scituate address listed above.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: November 13, 1998.

**Capt Evelyn Fields,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111298C]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications for a scientific research permit (1184) and modifications to scientific research permits (1074, 1124).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received a permit application from Garcia and Associates (GAA) in San Anselmo, CA (1184); NMFS has received applications for modifications to existing permits from: Pacific Lumber Company in Scotia, CA (PALCo) (1074), and Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) (1124).

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the applications must be received on or before December 18, 1998.