DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2005–23333]

Random Drug Testing Rate for Covered Crewmembers

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of minimum random drug testing rate.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has set the calendar year 2006 minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent of covered crewmembers. Based upon an evaluation of the 2004 Management Information System (MIS) data collection forms submitted by marine employers, we will maintain the minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent of covered crewmembers for the calendar year 2006. The purpose of setting a minimum random drug testing rate is to establish a measure of deterrence for the illegal use of controlled substances.


ADDRESSES: The annual MIS report may be submitted in writing to Commandant (G–MOA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 2404, Washington, DC 20593–0001 or by electronic submission to the following Internet address: http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/moa/dapip.htm. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Robert C. Schoening, Drug and Alcohol Program Manager, Office of Investigations and Analysis (G–MOA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202–267–0684. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Dockets Operations, Department of Transportation, telephone 202–366–0402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 46 CFR 16.230, the Coast Guard requires marine employers to establish random drug testing programs for covered crewmembers on inspected and uninspected vessels. All marine employers are required to collect and maintain a record of drug testing program data for each calendar year, January 1 through December 31. You must submit this data by 15 March of the following year to the Coast Guard in an annual MIS report. You may either submit your own MIS report or have a consortium or other employer representative submit the data in a consolidated MIS report. The chemical drug testing data is essential to analyze our current approach for deterring and detecting illegal drug abuse in the maritime industry.

Since 2004 MIS data indicates that the positive random testing rate is greater than one percent industry-wide (1.53 percent), the Coast Guard announces that the minimum random drug testing rate is set at 50 percent of covered employees for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in accordance with 46 CFR 16.230(e).

Each year we will publish a notice reporting the results of the previous calendar year’s MIS data, and the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing for the next calendar year.

Dated: December 20, 2005.
T.H. Gilmour,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Change in Regional Partners for Southeast Alaska and the Kodiak Archipelago for the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is announcing a change in two regional partners, one representing Southeast Alaska and the other one representing the Kodiak Archipelago, both on the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council (Co-management Council). For Southeast Alaska, the Central Council, Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council), has elected to step down, and the Co-management Council has voted to replace that partner with the Southeast Alaska Inter-Tribal Fish and Wildlife Commission. For Kodiak, the Kodiak Area Native Association has elected to step down, and the Co-management Council has voted to replace that partner with the Shoonaa’ Tribe of Kodiak.

DATES: The decision described in this notice became effective December 2, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Regional Director, Alaska Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503, or fax to (907) 786–3306 or e-mail to ambc@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Armstrong, (907) 786–3887, or Donna Dewhurst, (907) 786–3499, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Mail Stop 201, Anchorage, AK 99503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fish and Wildlife Service regulates the subsistence take of migratory birds in Alaska through regulations in 50 CFR part 92. The Service published a notice of decision in the Federal Register on March 28, 2000, (65 FR 16405) that established regional management bodies in Alaska to develop recommendations related to subsistence harvest. The notice of decision also established a single statewide management body consisting of representatives from each of the regions and one representative each from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Membership on the 11 regional bodies comprises subsistence users from each of the active regions. The Service contracted with 11 partner organizations to organize and support the regional bodies.

Since 2000, the Co-management Council partner organization representing Southeast Alaska has been the Central Council. However, the Central Council notified the Service, by letter dated September 16, 2005, of its request to cease the present regional partnership with the Co-management Council, and recommended that the Southeast Alaska Inter-Tribal Fish and Wildlife Commission could potentially be a good replacement. The Co-management Council met in Anchorage on September 29, 2005, and unanimously selected the Southeast Alaska Inter-Tribal Fish and Wildlife Commission as the new regional partner to represent Southeast Alaska.

Since 2000, the Co-management Council partner organization representing the Kodiak Archipelago has been the Kodiak Area Native Association. However, the Kodiak Area Native Association notified the Service, by letter dated November 3, 2005, of its request to cease the present regional partnership with the Co-management Council, and recommended that the Shoonaq Tribe of Kodiak could potentially be a good replacement. The Co-management Council voted by polling on November 21, 2005, and selected the Shoonaq Tribe of Kodiak as the new regional partner to represent Kodiak, Alaska.

These two new Co-management Council partner organizations will ensure continuity of communication with the subsistence users of their regions to establish and maintain local representation on their respective management bodies. Partners are also responsible for coordinating meetings within their regions, soliciting proposals and keeping the villages informed.

Dated: December 2, 2005.

Rowan Gould, Regional Director, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7653;
Withdrawal of Public Lands for the Department of Energy To Protect the Caliente Rail Corridor; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws approximately 308,600 acres of public lands within the Caliente Rail Corridor, Nevada, from surface entry and the location of new mining claims, subject to valid existing rights, for a period of 10 years to allow the Department of Energy to evaluate the lands for the potential construction, operation, and maintenance of a rail line which would be used to transport spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste to the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository as part of the Department of Energy’s responsibility under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.

DATES: Effective Date: December 28, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775–861–6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The evaluation of the Caliente Rail Corridor will assist the Department of Energy to determine through the preparation of the Caliente Rail Corridor rail alignment environmental impact statement, conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., whether to construct the rail line in that location. Construction of a rail line within the Caliente Rail Corridor would require that the Department of Energy apply for and receive a right-of-way grant from the Bureau of Land Management in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. Subchapter V.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (2000)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for a period of 10 years, to allow the Department of Energy to evaluate lands within the Caliente Rail Corridor for the potential construction, operation, and maintenance of a rail line which would be used to transport spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste to the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository as part of the Department of Energy’s responsibility under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.

A corridor 1-mile in width that contains a portion of, or is wholly encompassed within the following sections and/or quarter sections and government lots:

T. 1 N., R. 43 E.,
Sec. 23, S:\;
Sec. 24, NE\4 and S\4;
Secs. 25 and 26;
Sec. 27, E\1;
Secs. 34, 35, and 36.

T. 1 S., R. 43 E.,
Sec. 1, lots 2, 3, and 4, S\1\2NW\1\4, and SW\4;
Secs. 2 and 3;
Sec. 4, E\1\2;
Sec. 9, E\1\2;
Secs. 10 and 11;
Sec. 12, W\1\2;
Sec. 13;
Sec. 14, E\1\2 and NW\1\2;
Sec. 15;
Sec. 16, E\1\2;
Sec. 21;
Sec. 22, NE\1\4 and W\1\2;
Sec. 23, NE\1\4;
Sec. 24;
Sec. 25, E\1;
Sec. 27, W\1\2;
Secs. 28 and 33;
Sec. 34, W\1\2.

T. 2 S., R. 43 E.,
Sec. 3, lots 3 and 4, S\1\2NW\1\4, and SW\1\4;
Secs. 4 and 9;
Sec. 10, W\1\2;
Sec. 15, W\1\2;
Sec. 16 (except patented land);
Sec. 20, SE\1\4 (except patented land);
Sec. 21 (except patented land);
Sec. 22, W\1\2 (except patented land);
Sec. 27, SW\1\4 (except patented land);
Sec. 28 (except patented land);