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COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing and updating the CNMI Coastal Management Program's Approved List of Federal Actions Subject to Federal Consistency Review (List).

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan. States and territories are encouraged to specify federal actions that have reasonably foreseeable effects on coastal resources to facilitate coordination with federal agencies.

The program's current List only addresses Federal Licenses and Permits subject to review. This update proposes minor typographical edits and clarifications to the existing language and citations of this section as well as the addition of one new license listing under the Department of Energy – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In addition, this update proposes new Federal Activity listings for five agencies (Department of Defense, Department of the Interior – National Park Service, Department of Transportation – Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Highway Administration, and Department of the Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency) as well as three new Federal Financial Assistance listings (Department of Transportation – Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Highway Administration, and Department of Defense – US Army Corps of Engineers). The full text of the existing List and proposed change is available via DCRM's website at www.crm.gov.mp/our-programs/permitting/federal-consistency/

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.2. DCRM is soliciting public comments on the nature and scope of the proposed updates for fifteen (15) days, starting on February 28, 2018 and ending on March 14, 2018. Comments on the proposed updates can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp. We thank you for your input.