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Public Notice

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: August 29, 2018¹

NOTICE OF APPROVED PROGRAM CHANGES: Pursuant to 15 CFR § 923.84, notice is hereby given that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office for Coastal Management (OCM) has reviewed a routine program change request (RPC) submitted on May 17, 2018 by the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) and has approved changes to the CNMI Coastal Management Program (CMP).

OCM has approved the revised list of federal actions subject to CZMA review. The revisions add certain activities undertaken by the Department of Defense; Army Corps of Engineers; National Park Service; Federal Aviation Administration; Federal Highway Administration; and Federal Emergency Management Agency to CNMI's list for review under subpart C of the Federal Consistency regulations. Certain forms of federal financial assistance provided by the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and Army Corps of Engineers have been added to the list for review under subpart F of the Federal Consistency regulations. One new form of license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has been added for review under subpart D of the Federal Consistency regulations. In addition, OCM recognizes the CNMI Air Pollution Control Program requirements at 2 CMC §§ 3121 and 3122 as enforceable policies of the CNMI CMP.

The complete approved list of federal actions subject to CZMA review, along with OCM's full review of the RPC, is available on the Federal Consistency page of the DCRM website at: <https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/CNMI-2018-1-Decision-Letter-8-22-2018.pdf>.

NOTICE OF ROUTINE PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST: This notice also serves to inform the public that, in response to OCM's review, DCRM is submitting an additional RPC request to amend DCRM regulations codified at NMIAC § 15-10 to reflect minor changes in wording and to clarify terms, and to recognize certain policies as enforceable policies of the CNMI CMP.

¹ Please note that the website links provided in this notice were updated on September 13, 2018.

DCRM has determined that these updates constitute a routine program change to DCRM's federally-approved coastal management program because the actions do not make any substantial changes to: (1) uses subject to management; (2) special management areas; (3) boundaries; (4) authorities and organization, or (5) coordination, public involvement, and national interest.

DCRM is requesting that OCM concur with this determination. The full Routine Program Change memo submitted to OCM can be accessed on the Federal Consistency page of the DCRM website at: https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/CNMI-DCRM_Ch15-10-Regulations-RPC-request_082918-1.pdf.

Comments regarding whether this program modification does or does not constitute a routine program change may be submitted to NOAA OCM within three weeks of the date of this notice. Please send all comments to:

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If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact DCRM at 670-664-8510 or FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp.