

appropriate monitoring and reporting requirements are included.

### Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency ensure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS Office of Protected Resources (OPR) consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species, in this case with the NMFS Alaska Regional Office (AKR).

There is one marine mammal species (Arctic stock of ringed seal) with confirmed occurrence in the study area that is listed as threatened under the ESA. The NMFS AKR issued a Biological Opinion on September 13, 2022, under section 7 of the ESA, on the issuance of an IHA to ONR under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS OPR. The Biological Opinion concluded that the action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Arctic ringed seals, and is not likely to destroy or adversely modify Arctic ringed seal critical habitat.

### Proposed Renewal IHA and Request for Public Comment

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue a renewal IHA to ONR for conducting an eighth year of ARA in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas from September 2025 to September 2026, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. A draft of the proposed and final initial IHA can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>. We request comment on our analyses, the proposed renewal IHA, and any other aspect of this notice. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the request for this renewal IHA.

Dated: August 6, 2025.

**Kimberly Damon-Randall,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XF056]

### Endangered Species; File No. 29054

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Inwater Research Group, 4160 NE Hyline Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 (Responsible Party: Cody Mott), has applied in due form for a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before September 11, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 29054 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 29054 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Hapeman or Erin Markin, Ph.D., (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The applicant proposes to conduct research on sea turtles incidentally entrained at the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant in St. Lucie, Florida. Researchers

would investigate sea turtle demographics, health, diet, movements, and behavior of up to 200 green, 5 hawksbill, 10 Kemp's ridley, 3 leatherback, and 200 loggerhead sea turtles, annually, that are legally captured by the plant. Researchers would collect blood, scute samples, skin biopsies, and swabs from each animal prior to their release in the Atlantic Ocean. Some animals would also receive an instrument attachment (drill carapace or epoxy); gastric lavage; ultrasound; or be temporarily held for tank-based experiments, such as bycatch reduction trials or foraging behavior trials. The permit would be valid for 10 years.

Dated: August 7, 2025.

**Shannon Bettridge,**

*Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 24–53]

### Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Arms sales notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela Young at (703) 953–6092, [pamela.a.young14.civ@mail.mil](mailto:pamela.a.young14.civ@mail.mil), or [dsca.ncr.rsrcmgmt.list.cns-mbx@mail.mil](mailto:dsca.ncr.rsrcmgmt.list.cns-mbx@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives with attached Transmittal 24–53 and Policy Justification.

Dated: August 8, 2025.

**Stephanie J. Bost,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**

2800 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-2800

April 9, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-209, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On April 8, 2024, the Secretary of State, pursuant to section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, determined that an emergency exists which requires the immediate sale of the defense articles and defense services identified in the attached transmittal to the Government of Ukraine through the Foreign Military Sales process, including any further amendment specific to costs, quantity, or requirements occurring within the duration of circumstances giving rise to this emergency sale.

Please find attached (Tab 1) the Secretary of State Determination and Justification waiving the congressional review requirements under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Hursch", is positioned above the printed name and title.

James A. Hursch  
Director

Enclosures:

1. Secretary of State Determination Letter and Justification
2. Transmittal
3. Policy Justification

# DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 36(b)(1) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT

Pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2776, I hereby determine that an emergency exists that requires the immediate sale through the following foreign military sales cases, including any further amendments specific to the cost, quantity, or requirements of these cases, in the national security interest of the United States:

For Ukraine:

- HAWK Phase III Missile System Sustainment

This determination shall be published in the *Federal Register* and, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, shall be transmitted to Congress with the applicable notifications.

1/8/24  
Date

Antony Blinken  
Antony J. Blinken  
Secretary of State

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billion in assistance for Ukraine (including a total of \$896 million directed in conjunction with section 614 of the FAA during FY 2022 and FY 2023). The principal equipment delivered under these drawdowns for Ukraine included High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), Stinger air-defense missiles, munitions for the National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems (NASAMS), high-speed anti-radiation missiles (HARMs), Javelin anti-armor missiles, command launch units, M18A1 Claymore anti-personnel munitions (configured to be compliant with the Ottawa Convention), first aid kits, artillery and ammunition, helicopters, unmanned aerial systems, machine guns, tactical gear, night vision devices, personal protective equipment, spare parts, and various calibers of ammunition.

(U) Although U.S. security assistance has improved Ukraine's overall defense posture and capabilities, Ukraine requires urgent support to enable it to continue resisting and repelling Russia's ongoing invasion. The U.S. multi-year security assistance effort is designed to help Ukraine build a sustainable defense capacity over the long term, while defense articles provided through this emergency arms transfers under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act would address its most pressing defense needs in response to Russia's aggression.

(U) In the midst of the ongoing conflict, a critical need has surfaced requiring the immediate transfer of these defense articles in order for Ukraine to maintain its ability to prevent Russian gains. Russia has shown no sign of easing air attacks against Ukrainian targets and Ukrainian stocks of air defense munitions are reaching critical levels. Meanwhile, the United States and its partners are struggling to continue to provide air defense systems at the rate needed by Ukrainian forces, especially if there are any delays in the transfer process. The HAWK system has proven extremely effective against the types of offensive air munitions that Russia is employing and the systems are in constant use – requiring, at this time, immediate and thorough refurbishment, refit, or replacement.

(U) It is in the United States' national security interest to swiftly provide Ukraine with the defense systems it requires to defend itself. In

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order to effectively do so and ensure it is prepared for any other attacks, it has an immediate need for these defense articles and services for sustainment, refurbishment, overhaul, and integration of the HAWK Phase III Missile System. The urgency of this requirement has been validated by the Department of Defense in consultation with the Department of State. These items and services are readily available in DoD stock and can be quickly transferred to Ukraine. The immediacy of the challenge at hand requires overcoming the statutory 30-day Congressional Notification timeline to immediately expedite transfers to Ukraine.

(U) For the reasons cited above, an emergency exists requiring immediate provision of these defense articles to Ukraine in the national security interest of the United States. This transfer, through a Foreign Military Sale, will provide Ukraine as soon as possible with defense articles that are necessary to allow it to defend itself in its war with Russia. The Secretary of State, therefore, has certified an emergency exists under sections 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2776, thereby waiving the congressional review requirement of that provision.

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Transmittal No. 24-53

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) *Prospective Purchaser:* Government of Ukraine

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment*	\$ 0
Other .....	\$138 million

TOTAL ..... \$138 million

*Funding Source:* Foreign Military Financing

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:* The Government of Ukraine has requested to buy sustainment-related articles and services for the HAWK Phase III missile system, including:

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE):*

None  
*Non-MDE:*  
Engineering and integration for communications and interoperability; refurbishment and system overhaul of HAWK air defense fire units; missile recertification components; tool kits; test equipment; support equipment; technical documentation; spare parts; training; United States (U.S.)

Government and contractor technical and field office support; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department: Army* (UP-B-UCX)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* NX-B-VGA, NW-B-WTD (USAI Cases)

(vi) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:* None

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:* None

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* April 9, 2024

\* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

#### **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

##### **Ukraine—HAWK Phase III Missile System Sustainment**

The Government of Ukraine has requested to buy sustainment-related articles and services for the HAWK Phase III missile system, including engineering and integration for communications and interoperability; refurbishment and system overhaul of HAWK air defense fire units; missile recertification components; tool kits; test equipment; support equipment; technical documentation; spare parts; training; U.S. Government and contractor technical and field office support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$138 million.

The Secretary of State has determined and provided detailed justification that an emergency exists that requires the immediate sale to the Government of Ukraine of the above defense articles and services in the national security interests of the U.S., thereby waiving the congressional review requirements under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the U.S. by improving the security of a partner country that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

Ukraine has an urgent need to increase its capabilities to defend against Russian missile strikes and the aerial capabilities of Russian forces. Maintaining and sustaining the HAWK missile system will enhance Ukraine's ability to defend its people and protect critical national infrastructure.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be RTX Corporation, located in Andover, MA,

and PROJECTXYZ, located in Huntsville, AL. Equipment will be supplied from a combination of U.S. Army stock, country donations, Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS), and new production. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require temporary duty travel of an estimated 5 U.S. Government and 15 contractor representatives to Europe to support HAWK system training and sustainment.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2735–104]

##### **Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application**

On July 31, 2025, the California State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR. 121.5, from Pacific Gas and Electric Company, in conjunction with the above captioned project, on July 25, 2025. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> we hereby notify the Water Board of the following:

Date of Receipt of the Certification

Request: July 25, 2025

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on

If the Water Board fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: August 6, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5).

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP25–527–000]

##### **Nueva Era Dos, LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline**

Take notice that on July 24, 2025, Nueva Era Dos, LLC (Nueva Era Dos), 16211 La Cantera Parkway, Suite 202, San Antonio, Texas 78256, filed an application under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, and Subpart B of Part 153 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities for the export and import of natural gas at the international boundary between the United States and Mexico (Border Crossing Facilities). The Border Crossing Facilities consist of approximately 3,603 feet of 36-inch pipeline, extending from a point on the international boundary in Maverick County, Texas to the State of Coahuila, Mexico. Nueva Era Dos also requests a Presidential Permit pursuant to Subpart C of Part 153 of the Commission's regulations and Executive Order Numbers 10485 and 12038. Nueva Era Dos estimates the total cost of the Border Crossing Facilities to be \$8,400,000, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

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Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Fatima