

implications. Through this consultation, the NIGC hopes to identify areas that need to be addressed to ensure that the Agency meets new regulatory challenges as technology develops. The Commission recognizes the necessity of engaging experts from the industry as it considers its options. To ensure that any decisions made benefit and protect the entire gaming industry, all points of view must be considered and decisions informed by the industry the NIGC regulates.

In compliance with Executive Order 13175, the NIGC will hold four consultations at the locations listed below. Every attempt was made to hold a consultation in each region and to coordinate with other established meetings when establishing this consultation schedule. Please RSVP to [consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov](mailto:consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov).

#### Consultation Schedule

The Commission will be conducting government-to-government consultations with Tribes on this proposed rule at the following dates and locations:

- March 20, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV
- April 2, 2014 in Prior Lake, MN
- May 8, 2014 in Biloxi, MS
- May 14, 2014 in San Diego, CA

One or more of the consultations will include an option for Tribes to participate by telephone. For additional information on consultation locations and times, please refer to the consultation page on the NIGC Web site at [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov).

**Jonodev Chaudhuri,**  
*Acting Chairman.*

**Daniel J. Little,**  
*Associate Commissioner.*

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#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-543]

#### Trade, Investment, and Industrial Policies in India: Effects on the U.S. Economy; Addition of Second Day for Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of scheduling a second day for public hearing.

**DATES:** February 6, 2014.

**SUMMARY:** To accommodate the larger than expected number of requests to appear at the public hearing in this investigation scheduled to begin on

February 13, 2014, the Commission will begin the hearing a day earlier, at 1 p.m. on February 12, 2014, and will continue the hearing at 9:30 a.m. on February 13, 2014 (as previously scheduled). The hearing will be held at the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC, as previously announced.

Commission staff is working with persons who filed requests to appear as to the day on which they appear.

Requests to appear were due by January 21, 2014. All other dates and deadlines, including with respect to the filing of pre- and post-hearing briefs and statements and written submissions, remain the same as in the Commission's notice of investigation and hearing in this investigation, which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 5, 2013 (78 FR 54677).

**ADDRESSES:** All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov/edis3-internal/app>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Project Leader Bill Powers (202-708-5405 or [william.powers@usitc.gov](mailto:william.powers@usitc.gov)) or Deputy Project Leader Renee Berry (202-205-3498 or [renee.berry@usitc.gov](mailto:renee.berry@usitc.gov)) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of these investigations, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091 or [william.gearhart@usitc.gov](mailto:william.gearhart@usitc.gov)). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819 or [margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov](mailto:margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov)). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

By order of the Commission.

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**Lisa R. Barton,**

*Acting Secretary to the Commission.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### Notice of Lodging Proposed Consent Decree

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *Gasco Energy, Inc. v. Environmental Protection Agency and United States v. Gasco Energy, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 1:12-cv-1658-MSK-BNB, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Colorado on February 4, 2014.

This proposed Consent Decree concerns a complaint filed by Gasco Energy, Inc. ("Gasco") under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 706, that seeks judicial review of an administrative order EPA issued to Gasco under Section 309 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1319, and counterclaims filed by the United States and Intervenor Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance against Gasco under Sections 309(b) and (d) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1319(b) and (d), to obtain injunctive relief from and impose civil penalties against Gasco for violating the Clean Water Act by discharging pollutants without a permit into waters of the United States. The proposed Consent Decree resolves these allegations by requiring Gasco to restore the impacted areas and to pay a civil penalty.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to this proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Please address comments to Alan D. Greenberg, United States Department of Justice, Environmental Defense Section, 999 18th Street, Suite 370—South Terrace, Denver, CO 80202 and refer to *United States v. Gasco Energy, Inc.*, DJ # 90-5-1-1-19544.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the District of Colorado, Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse, Room A105, 901 19th Street, Denver, CO 80294. In addition, the proposed Consent Decree may be examined electronically at <http://>

[www.justice.gov/enrd/Consent\\_Decrees.html](http://www.justice.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html).

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Request for Comments on a Proposed Revision of OMB Circular No. A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities"

**AGENCY:** Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) request comments on proposed revisions to Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities" (hereinafter, Circular A-119, or, the Circular) in light of changes that have taken place in the world of regulation, standards, and conformity assessment since the Circular was last revised in 1998. These materials are available at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg\\_infopoltech](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg_infopoltech).

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-113; hereinafter known as the NTTAA) codified pre-existing policies on the development and use of voluntary consensus standards in Circular A-119, established additional reporting requirements for agencies, and authorized the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to coordinate conformity assessment activities. In response, OMB in 1998 issued a revised version of Circular A-119, which remains the current version.

In this notice, OMB is seeking public comment on proposed revisions to the Circular. These proposed revisions reflect the experience gained by U. S. agencies in implementing the Circular since 1998; domestic and international developments in regulatory, standards, and conformity assessment policy; concluding and implementing U.S. trade agreements; and comments received in response to OMB's March 2012 Request for Information on whether and how to supplement Circular A-119.

The proposed revision to Circular A-119 includes the following elements:

**Preference for voluntary consensus standards.** The revised Circular would maintain a strong preference for using voluntary consensus standards in Federal regulation and procurement. It would also acknowledge, however, that there may be some standards not developed using a consensus-driven process that are in use in the market—particularly in the information technology space—and that may be relevant (and necessary) in meeting agency missions and priorities.

**Guidance on use of standards and participation in standards development.** The revised Circular would provide more detailed guidance on how Federal representatives should participate in standards development activities. It would also strengthen the role of agency Standards Executives, encourage better internal coordination and training on standards, and update the provisions on how the U.S. Government manages and reports on the development and use of standards. The Circular would also provide criteria for agencies to consider when examining whether a standard meets agency needs and should be adopted.

**Guidance on conformity assessment.** The revised Circular would encourage agencies to consider international conformity assessment schemes and private sector conformity assessment activities in lieu of conformity assessment activities or schemes developed or carried out by the government, and set out criteria for agencies to consider when they are selecting or designing an appropriate conformity assessment procedure.

**Enhanced transparency.** The proposed revisions would provide guidance to agencies on how they should discuss implementation of the Circular in their rulemakings and guidance documents; encourage agencies to alert the public when considering whether to participate in standards development activities; and set out factors for agencies to consider when incorporating standards by reference in regulation.

**Burden reduction.** The proposed revisions would require agencies to utilize the retrospective review mechanism set out in Executive Orders 13563 and 13610 to implement the Circular, including ensuring that standards incorporated by reference in regulation are updated on a timely basis. The revisions also encourage agencies to work together to reference the same version of a standard in regulation and procurements and coordinate on

conformity assessment requirements, where feasible.

**International considerations.** The proposed revisions incorporate references to trade-related statutory obligations on standards-related measures and direct Federal agencies to consult with USTR on how to comply with international obligations with regard to standards and conformity assessment. They provide guidance on how to identify such obligations, direct agencies to take into account their obligations under Executive Order 13609 when they engage in standards and conformity assessment activities, and encourage greater coordination with respect to the Government's formulation of global strategies on standards, regulation, and international trade.

**DATES:** Comments are requested on the proposed revision to Circular A-119 no later than May 12, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be submitted via <http://www.regulations.gov> or faxed to 202-395-5167. Please submit comments only and include your name, company name (if any), and cite "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities" in all correspondence. All comments received will be posted, without change or redaction, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), so commenters should not include information they do not wish to be posted (e.g., personal or confidential business information).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** Jasmeet Seehra, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, at [jseehra@omb.eop.gov](mailto:jseehra@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In Section 12(d) of the NTTAA, Congress stated that Federal agencies "shall use technical standards that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies, using such technical standards as a means to carry out policy objectives or activities," except when an agency determines that such use "is inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical." (Section 12(d), as amended, is found as a "note" to 15 U.S.C. 272. Congress amended Section 12(d) in 2001, in Section 1115 of Pub. L. 107-107, to include paragraph (4) on "expenses of government personnel.")

In response to the enactment of the NTTAA, OMB prepared a proposed revision to Circular A-119 and issued a **Federal Register** notice seeking public comment on the proposal (see 61 FR 68312 (December 27, 1996)). Following OMB's consideration of the comments, OMB issued a final revision of the