All catch would be attributed to the appropriate commercial fishing quota. For a vessel fishing on a groundfish sector trip, all catch of groundfish stocks allocated to sectors would be deducted from the vessel’s sector’s annual catch entitlement (ACE). Once the ACE for a stock has been reached in a sector, vessels would no longer be allowed to fish in that stock area unless the sector acquired additional ACE for the stock in question. For common pool vessels, all groundfish catch would be counted toward the appropriate trimester total allowable catch (TAC). Common pool vessels would be exempt from possession and trip limits on EFP trips when directed for sampling by the Center, but would still be subject to trimester TAC closures.

If approved, the Center may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impact that does not change the scope of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: April 1, 2020.

Hélène M.N. Scalliet,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2020–0021]

**Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 7,534,790; Vernakalant Hydrochloride**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of interim patent term extension.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued an order granting interim extension for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 7,534,790.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ali Salimi by telephone at (571) 272–0909; by mail marked to his attention and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Hatch-Waxman PTE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by fax marked to his attention at (571) 273–0909; or by email to ali.salimi@uspto.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to one year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On February 5, 2020, Correio International Sàrl, the patent owner of record, timely filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a second interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 7,534,790. The patent claims the human drug product, vernakalant hydrochloride. The application for patent term extension indicates that New Drug Application (NDA) 22–034 was submitted to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on December 19, 2006.

Review of the patent term extension application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for one year as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B).

Because the regulatory review period will continue beyond the once-extended expiration date of the patent, March 31, 2020, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 7,534,790 is granted for a period of one year from the extended expiration date of the patent.

**Robert Bahr,**
Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Application Instructions for AmeriCorps State and National Competitive New and Continuation Awards**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, CNCS is proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the ADDRESSES section by June 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

1. **By mail sent to:** Corporation for National and Community Service, Attention Arminda Pappas, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20525.

2. **By hand delivery or by courier to:** The CNCS mailroom at the mail address listed in the ADDRESSES section.

3. **Electronically through:** [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov). For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the
The application instructions conform to the Corporation for National and Community Service’s online grant application system, eGrants, which applicants must use to respond to CNCS Notices of Funding Opportunities. CNCS also seeks to continue using the currently approved information collection until the revised information collection is approved by OMB. The currently approved information collection is due to expire on June 30, 2020.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. All written comments will be available for public inspection on regulations.gov.


Arminda Pappas,
Grant Review Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Public Scoping Meeting for Dow Chemical Company’s Harris Reservoir Expansion Project, Brazoria County, Texas (Department of the Army Permit SWG–2016–01027)

AGENCY: U.S. Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Galveston District, has received a permit application for a U.S. Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from Dow Chemical Company (Dow) (SWG–2016–01027) for the Harris Reservoir Expansion Project (proposed Project). The proposed Project site is located between the Brazos River and Oyster Creek approximately 8 miles northwest of the City of Angleton in Brazoria County, Texas. The primary federal involvement associated with the proposed action (proposed Project) is the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), and the construction of structures and/or work that may affect navigable waters. Federal authorizations for the Project would constitute a major federal action. Based on the potential impacts, both individually and cumulatively, the Corps intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to render a final decision on the permit applications. The Corps’ decision will be to issue, issue with modification, or deny DA permits for the proposed action. The EIS will assess the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the proposed project, and is intended to be sufficient in scope to address federal, state, and local requirements; environmental and socioeconomic issues concerning the proposed action; and permit reviews.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Written comments regarding the proposed EIS scope should be addressed to Mr. Jayson Hudson, USACE, Galveston District, Regulatory Branch, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553–1229. Individuals who would like to electronically provide comments should contact Mr. Hudson by electronic mail atSWG201601027@usace.army.mil. Emailed comments, including attachments, should be provided in .doc, .docx, .pdf or .txt formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this project, to be included on the mailing list for future updates and meeting announcements, or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS when it is issued, contact Mr. Jayson Hudson, at the Corps at (409) 766–3108, email address SWG201601027@usace.army.mil, or the address provided above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corps Galveston District intends to prepare an EIS for the proposed Harris Reservoir Expansion Project located in Brazoria County, Texas. The proposed Project would include the construction of a 1,929-acre impoundment with a nominal storage capacity of 50,000 acre-feet, an intake and pump station to divert Dow’s existing surface water rights from the Brazos River, an outlet to Oyster Creek, and an emergency spillway. The Project would also include floodplain enhancements on Oyster Creek, stream restoration, and temporary construction staging and laydown areas. As part of the Department of the Army permit application process, a public notice was issued on March 2, 2018. The purpose of the public notice was to initiate an early public scoping process to solicit comments and information from the public as well as state and federal agencies to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. All comments received to date, including those provided for review during the public notice comment period, will be considered by the Galveston District during EIS preparation.

1. Scoping Process/Public Involvement: The Corps invites all affected federal, state and local agencies, affected Native American Tribes, other interested parties, and the