

Texas-New Mexico Railroad, located in New Mexico and Texas; and (6) West Texas & Lubbock Railway, located in Texas.

IPH/PBR represent that: (1) The Line does not connect with any other railroads in the corporate family; (2) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the Line with any other railroads in the corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed no later than August 24, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35632, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, Strasburger & Price, LLP, 1700 K Street NW., Suite 640, Washington, DC 20006.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: August 14, 2012.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Derrick A. Gardner,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott

In accordance with section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Iraq
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

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Danielle Rolfes,

Acting International Tax Counsel, Tax Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Designation of One (1) Entity Pursuant to Executive Order 13582 of August 17, 2011, "Blocking Property of the Government of Syria and Prohibiting Certain Transactions With Respect to Syria"

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the name of one (1) entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13582 of August 17, 2011, "Blocking Property of the Government of Syria and Prohibiting Certain Transactions With Respect to Syria."

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the one (1) entity identified in this notice, pursuant to Executive

Order 13582, is effective on August 10, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., (Treasury Annex), Washington, DC 20220, Tel.: 202/622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (www.treas.gov/ofac) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, Tel.: 202/622-0077.

Background

On August 17, 2011, the President issued Executive Order 13582, "Blocking Property of the Government of Syria and Prohibiting Certain Transactions With Respect to Syria," (the "Order") pursuant to, *inter alia*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-06). In the Order, the President took additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, which was modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, and Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person, including any overseas branch, of (1) the Government of Syria; (2) any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, (a) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order; or (b) to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order.

On August 10, 2012, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Department of State, designated, pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in subsection 1(b) of the Order,

one (1) entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13582.

The listing for the entity on OFAC's list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons appear as follows:

Entity

1. HIZBALLAH (a.k.a. ANSAR ALLAH; a.k.a. FOLLOWERS OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMED; a.k.a. ISLAMIC JIHAD; a.k.a. ISLAMIC JIHAD FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE; a.k.a. ISLAMIC JIHAD ORGANIZATION; a.k.a. ORGANIZATION OF RIGHT AGAINST WRONG; a.k.a. ORGANIZATION OF THE OPPRESSED ON EARTH; a.k.a. PARTY OF GOD; a.k.a. REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE ORGANIZATION) [FTO] [SDGT] [SDT] [SYRIA].

Dated: August 13, 2012.

Barbara C. Hammerle,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center (SFVAMC) Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4331 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Requirements of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), VA's Implementing Regulations (38 CFR part 26), as well as the settlement agreement resulting from *Planning Association for Richmond, et al. v. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*, C-06-02321-SBA (filed 6 June 2008), VA has prepared a Draft EIS for the proposed implementation of the SFVAMC LRDP in San Francisco, California. The SFVAMC LRDP involves development and construction of patient care buildings, research buildings, business occupancy buildings, and parking structures, as well as retrofitting seismically deficient buildings. The Draft EIS identifies and evaluates environmental factors associated with new construction, demolition, as well as seismic retrofit to upgrade the SFVAMC

for purposes of meeting the needs of Veterans of the North Coast and San Francisco Bay Area over the next 20 years.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments in writing on the SFVAMC LRDP Draft EIS by October 16, 2012. Interested parties are also invited to participate in a public meeting regarding the SFVAMC LRDP Draft EIS on September 20, 2012 at SFVAMC (4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, Building 7, 1st Floor, Auditorium) at 5 p.m. At the public meeting, interested parties will also have the opportunity to comment regarding the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the SFVAMC LRDP Draft EIS through www.regulations.gov. Please refer to: "SFVAMC LRDP Draft EIS" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chief Engineer, Engineering Service (138), San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121 or by telephone, (415) 221-4810, extension 2009. The SFVAMC LRDP and LRDP Draft EIS are available for viewing on the SFVAMC Web site: <http://www.sanfrancisco.va.gov/planning>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA operates the SFVAMC, located at Fort Miley in San Francisco, California. It is the only VAMC in the City and County of San Francisco and is considered an aging facility with need for retrofitting and expansion. The SFVAMC has identified a need for retrofitting existing buildings to the most recent seismic safety requirements and for an additional 589,000 square feet of building space (in addition to the existing nearly one million square feet of building space) to meet the needs of San Francisco Bay Area and northern California coast Veterans over the next 20 years.

Three alternatives were evaluated in the Draft EIS. *Alternative 1* would include the addition of 244,000 square feet (or 394,000 square feet including parking structure space) of medical and research space and seismic retrofit of nine existing buildings at the existing SFVAMC site, a 29-acre site located at Fort Miley in the northwestern portion of San Francisco. *Alternative 2* would include the addition of 124,000 square feet (or 274,000 square feet including parking structure space) of medical and research space and seismic retrofit of nine existing buildings at the existing SFVAMC site as well as the construction of 350,000 square feet (or

620,000 square feet including parking structure space) of new ambulatory care and research space at a new alternate site in the Mission Bay area of San Francisco. *Alternative 3* is the No Action Alternative.

Environmental topics that have been addressed in the Draft EIS include: aesthetics, air quality, community services, cultural resources, coastal management, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, socioeconomics, hazards, transportation and parking, utilities, and biological resources. Relevant and reasonable measures that could alleviate environmental effects have been considered and are included where relevant within the Draft EIS.

Information related to the EIS process, including notices of public meetings, will be available for viewing on the SFVAMC Web site: <http://www.sanfrancisco.va.gov/>.

Approved: August 9, 2012.

John R. Gingrich,

Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee will be held on September 5-6, 2012, in Room C-7 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. On September 5, the session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. On September 6, the session will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 12 noon. This meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology. The Committee assesses the capability of VA health care facilities and programs to meet the medical, psychological, and social needs of older Veterans and evaluates VA programs designated as Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.

The meeting will feature presentations and discussions on VA's geriatrics and extended care programs, aging research activities, updates on VA's employee staff working in the area of geriatrics (to include training,