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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Federal Consistency Determination submittal - Bureau of Engraving and Printing Replacement Currency Production Facility
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Hi Marisa:

Thanks for your patience regarding our review. You are correct regarding the 60-day concurrence presumption. However, given the significance of this project, we are providing our official concurrence response below.

On behalf of Heather Nelson (Federal Consistency Coordinator), I am responding to your request for CZMA coastal consistency regarding the following Department of Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) project in Prince George's County.

The United States (US) Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) proposes to construct and operate a new Currency Production Facility (CPF) within the National Capital Region (NCR) at the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) to replace its existing production facility located in downtown Washington, DC (Proposed Action). BARC is located in Beltsville, Prince George's County, Maryland, approximately 10 miles northeast of Washington, DC. It is operated and used by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) for agricultural research. It consists of nearly 6,600 acres of land, and is split into five farm sections. BARC is primarily open, agricultural land, but is surrounded by the suburban community of Beltsville and the cities of Greenbelt and College Park.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to construct and operate a new CPF within the NCR to replace Treasury's insufficient DC Facility. The Proposed Action would provide Treasury with a modern, more efficient, scalable production facility of sufficient size within the NCR, and would be located on a property that allows Treasury to comply with federal facility security standards; it would also substantially reduce Treasury's federal footprint within the NCR. Treasury's continued presence within the NCR would support and sustain its mission over the long term, resulting in more efficient, streamlined currency production.

The Proposed Action would replace the operationally deficient DC facilities with a cumulatively smaller, strategically located, state-of-the-art CPF within the NCR, that would contain a reconfigurable workspace with flexibility to optimize workflow efficiency and scale production in response to economic conditions of technological changes. The Treasury determined that a new CPF of approximately 1 million square feet would be required to replace currency production at the DC Facility and modernize its operations.

Based on our review of the information provided, the above project is consistent with the enforceable coastal policies of the Maryland Coastal Zone Management Program. This decision is based on the assumption that all relevant regulatory, public outreach and approval processes will be carried out to protect coastal resources and avoid or minimize coastal use conflicts. Please note that this determination does not obviate the applicant's responsibility to obtain any other State or local approvals that may be necessary for the project.

Finally, please note that this review was for a 15 CFR Subpart C federal activity. Future federal permitting and licensing activities related to this project will require a separate consistency review under 15 CFR Subpart D of the CZMA.

Best Regards and Stay Safe,

Joe Abe
