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Non-Intrusive Vehicle Inspection: Low Energy X-Ray (LEXRIS)



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On November 13, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the Federal Register a final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Low Energy X-Ray Inspection Systems (LEXRIS) at CBP operational areas. The documents will be available for public review through December 12, 2012. The final PEA documents a review of the potential environmental impacts from the deployment and use of LEXRIS at CBP operational areas throughout the country. Based on the final assessment, CBP has determined that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

CBP uses LEXRIS technology to non-intrusively scan vehicles for the presence of contraband, including weapons of mass destruction, explosives, and illicit drugs. The use of LEXRIS directly supports CBP's mission of securing the U.S. borders and homeland from terrorists and other threats while simultaneously facilitating legitimate trade and travel. Vehicles can either be driven through a stationary system, or be scanned by a mobile system. Occupants of the vehicle will have the option of remaining in the vehicle or exiting the vehicle and having CBP personnel drive it through the portal. LEXRIS is needed to fill a unique capability to detect objects that are not effectively visualized by other non-intrusive inspection technologies currently used by CBP. LEXRIS gives a clear image of objects in the vehicle, including objects that may be hidden in fenders, tires, trunks, gas tanks, and under hoods. LEXRIS provides CBP with information about what may be encountered during a manual search and, in some cases, will eliminate the need for CBP personnel to manually enter vehicles to search for contraband. As a result, LEXRIS will increase the safety of CBP personnel.

Copies of the final PEA AND FONSI may be obtained at DHS.GOV/NEPA. The full announcement in the Federal Register may be obtained at GPO.gov and a Factsheet on CBP's use of LEXRIS technology, such as the Z-Portal as shown in the photograph above is available at CBP.gov. Please contact the Office of Congressional Affairs with any questions

CBP Continues Hurricane Recovery Operations in NY and NJ



Three weeks after Hurricane Sandy made landfall in the New York/New Jersey areas, CBP recovery efforts continue and operations are moving closer to normal throughout the region.

"As a result of Hurricane Sandy, the New York/New Jersey areas were effectively cut off from the global economy, but not for long, thanks to the dedication of the men and women of CBP and our partners," said Robert E. Perez, CBP's Lead Field Coordinator for CBP in FEMA Region II. "With support from all over the country, CBP personnel got operations back online, facilitating the entry of thousands of travelers and cargo into the area."

Late on Tuesday, October 30, into the morning of October 31, Sandy, a Category 1 hurricane, made landfall on the east coast causing severe damage to the Northeast in particular to New York and New Jersey. CBP personnel responded quickly and worked tirelessly to bring John F. Kennedy International and Newark Liberty International airports and the Port of New York/Newark back on-line. Over the past few weeks, CBP officers from New York and New Jersey, supported by more than 150 CBP personnel deployed from Atlanta, Miami, Tampa Bay, Baltimore, Boston and Chicago, began the resumption of operations from passenger processing and cargo container inspections, to fuel tanker crew inspections.

CBP worked closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, NY/NJ Port Authority and other federal and state agencies to bring operations back online as quickly as possible. For more information on CBP's recovery efforts, please visit the CBP Newsroom. Please contact the Office of Congressional Affairs with any questions.

CBP Enforcement News



CBP Leads National Operation Targeting Illicit Pharmaceuticals

Washington, DC — CBP, through its Pharmaceutical, Health and Chemical Center of Excellence and Expertise (CEE) is leading the Strategic Threats Operation, a national operation to target, interdict, and investigate the importation of counterfeit, unapproved, or otherwise illegal pharmaceuticals that pose health and safety risks to American consumers. Coordinated operations in several U.S. cities has led to the seizure of thousands of illegal tablets as well as counterfeit labeling and packaging materials

— Visit the CBP Newsroom for the full story.



Border Patrol Seizes More than \$1.5M of Marijuana

Laredo, TX — On November 9, 2012, Border Patrol agents assigned to the Market Road checkpoint seized over \$1.5M of Marijuana. When the driver of a tractor trailer became increasingly nervous, a canine team performed a cursory search of his trailer. After the canine alerted, the driver and trailer were referred to secondary for further inspection. A canine assisting with the search of the cargo alerted again inside the trailer where agents then discovered a false compartment containing almost 2,000 pounds of marijuana.

— Visit the CBP Newsroom for the full story.



CBP Officers Seize 5,000 Rounds of Ammo Heading to Mexico

Nogales, AZ — On November 7, 2012, CBP Officers conducting routine outbound inspections referred a male driver to secondary for additional inspection of his sedan. During the inspection, officers found 272 boxes of 7.62 x 39mm ammunition, the type used in assault weapons, concealed in both rear quarter panels of the vehicle. The vehicle and ammunition were processed for seizure and the suspect turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for further investigation.

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Upcoming Event: CBP Trade Symposium: November 27-28, 2012



CBP is proud to announce that the 2012 East Coast Trade Symposium was re-scheduled for November 27-28, 2012 and will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD. The theme for the Trade Symposium is "Expanding 21st Century Global Partnerships." The Symposium will also be available via a live Webcast and recorded for subsequent on-demand viewing over the Internet. For more information, please contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

Upcoming Event: CBP COAC Open Meeting: December 4, 2012

The Commercial Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) will hold an open meeting December 4, 2012, in Washington, D.C. The COAC will hear from several subcommittees on topics including: trade transformation initiatives; the role of the customs broker; trusted trader programs; trade enforcement and trade intelligence initiatives; the National Strategy for Global Supply Chain Security; the 21st Century Border Management and Beyond the Border Initiatives; the Air Cargo Advance Screening pilot; and C-TPAT exporter incentives. The Committee will then review, deliberate, provide observations and formulate recommendations on how to proceed on these topics. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments orally or, for comments submitted electronically during the meeting, by reading the comments into the record. To facilitate public participation, CBP is requesting that public comments on these issues be submitted in writing no later than November 26, 2012. For a complete agenda and information on how to attend, please see the notice posted in the [Federal Register](#) or contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.



A Brand New Season of Border Wars

The first episode of a brand-new season of National Geographic's series *Border Wars* aired on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. National Geographic highlights the challenges and complexities faced by CBP employees determined to defend our borders in a region where more drugs are apprehended than anywhere else in the United States. Visit the National Geographic [website](#) for more information.

Congressional Resources on CBP.gov



CBP's Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA) is pleased to announce the launch of the Congressional Resources section of the CBP Website. The section is dedicated to assisting congressional offices seeking information on CBP programs, policies, and operations. The site features CBP news and events; answers to questions frequently asked by congressional staff; and valuable CBP references and resources including past issues of *CBP Access* and CBP testimony. Please visit CBP's Congressional Resources page on the CBP Website. Please contact us with any questions at 202.344.1760 or OCAInquiry@cbp.dhs.gov.