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 PETROLEUM, NATURAL GAS, & MINERALS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AND EXPERTISE

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DATE: June 24, 2015	NUMBER: PNGM-15-004	FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: CEE-Petroleum@cbp.dhs.gov
SUBJECT: Petroleum, Natural Gas, & Minerals Center of Excellence and Expertise Expansion of Post-Release Processing – HTSUS 26, 27, 3826		

BACKGROUND:

The Petroleum, Natural Gas and Minerals Center of Excellence and Expertise (CEE) initiated operations in September 2012, handling post-release functions for those importers who voluntarily applied to participate in the CEE via the Federal Register Notice (FRN) test process.

On January 20, 2015, CSMS issuance [#15-000040](#) advised the trade community that three CEEs (Petroleum, Natural Gas and Minerals; Electronics; and the Pharmaceuticals, Health & Chemicals CEEs) would further expand operations and assume trade authority for post-release trade processes for their respective industry tariff lines for certain Ports of Entry. To date, the Petroleum CEE has expanded operations to all Service Ports in the Seattle, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Tucson, Chicago, Detroit, Houston and Laredo Field Offices.

CURRENT STATUS:

On June 29, 2015, the Petroleum CEE will initiate its final phase of expansion, assuming trade authority for **post-release documentation** involving HTSUS Chapters 26 and 27 and HTSUS Heading 3826 filed at the *Area/Service Ports* listed on the table below. Upon completion of this phase of expansion, the Petroleum CEE will handle nationwide post-release workload for HTSUS Chapters 26, 27 and HTSUS Heading 3826. The team numbers listed on this table designates the entry summaries and corresponding post-release work that will be processed by Petroleum CEE employees.

Area/Service Port	Field Office	Team Number
Atlanta (1704)	Atlanta	076
Charlotte (1512)	Atlanta	
Charleston (1601)	Atlanta	
Norfolk (1401)	Atlanta	
Savannah (1703)	Atlanta	

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Area/Service Port	Field Office	Team Number
Baltimore (1303)	Baltimore	076
Philadelphia (1101)	Baltimore	
Washington Dulles (5401)	Baltimore	
Boston (0401)	Boston	
Hartford (0411)	Boston	
Portland, ME (0101)	Boston	
Providence (0502)	Boston	
St. Albans (0201)	Boston	
Buffalo (0901)	Buffalo	066
Champlain (0712)	Buffalo	
Miami Airport (5206)	Miami	076
Miami Seaport (5201)	Miami	
Jacksonville (1803)	Miami	
Tampa (1801)	Miami	
New Orleans (2002)	New Orleans	
Mobile (1901)	New Orleans	
Memphis (2006)	New Orleans	
JFK (4701)	New York	
Newark (4601)	New York	
San Juan, PR (4909)	San Juan	
Charlotte Amalie, VI (5101)	San Juan	
Christiansted, VI (5104)	San Juan	

Entry summary filing procedures and document submission processes will remain the same for brokers and importers. CBP will consolidate post-release processing to provide an increased level of uniformity and certainty.

An appropriate level of trade staff at these Service Port locations will be transitioned to the CEE to support Center operations. The Center Director will have full authority for trade decisions for the respective industry tariff lines. Guidance regarding the execution of the Delegation Order can be found on CBP.gov or via the following link:

<http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/DO%20With%20External%20Guidance.pdf>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Centers of Excellence and Expertise transform the way CBP approaches trade operations and works with the international trade community. The Centers represent CBP's expanded focus on "Trade in the 21st Century" by aligning with modern business practices, focusing on industry-specific issues, and by providing tailored support to unique trading environments. The Centers

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were established to increase uniformity of practices across ports of entry, facilitate the timely resolution of trade compliance issues nationwide, and further strengthen critical agency knowledge on key industry practices. Additional information can be found at [Centers of Excellence and Expertise Information | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#).

Questions and concerns regarding the expansion of the Petroleum CEE can be directed to the CEE's email address at CEE-PETROLEUM@cbp.dhs.gov, or by calling the following toll-free number: 1-866-295-7624, option 06.



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