NOAA Privacy Statement
Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act (DSHMRA) Applications

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Purpose: To apply for a license and/or permit under DSHMRA, U.S. citizens must submit applications that contain the information required by DSHMRA and its implementing regulations. NOAA uses this information to assess whether to issue the applicant a license and/or permit. Among the information required to be submitted may be an individual's name, address, telephone number, email address, citizenship, photographs, financial information, resume/curriculum vitae (CV), and other personal information.

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Disclosure. Furnishing the application information is voluntary; however, if the information is not provided, the application may not be in full compliance with the information requirements of DSHMRA and its implementing regulations, in which case any priority of right to a proposed exploration area may be lost and/or NOAA may not further process or consider the application.

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