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## **Proposed Expansion of the Outer Coastal Plain Viticultural Area**

Washington, D.C. — The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, proposing to expand the approximately 2.25 million-acre existing "Outer Coastal Plain" American viticultural area in southeastern New Jersey by approximately 32,932 acres. The existing Outer Coastal Plain viticultural area and the proposed expansion area are not located within any other established viticultural area.

TTB is making this proposal in response to a petition filed by the owner of a vineyard and a winery within the proposed expansion area. TTB designates viticultural areas to allow vintners to better describe the origin of their wines and to allow consumers to better identify wines they may purchase.

You may submit comments on this proposal and view copies of the proposed rule, selected supporting materials, and any comments TTB receives about this proposal at the "Regulations.gov" website (http://www.regulations.gov) within Docket No. TTB-2016–0008. A link to that docket is posted on the TTB website at http://www.ttb.gov/wine/wine-rulemaking.shtml under Notice No. 162.

Alternatively, written comments may be submitted to one of these addresses:

- U.S. Mail: Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Box 12, Washington, DC 20005; or
- Hand delivery/courier in lieu of mail: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street, NW., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005.

Comments on this proposal must be received on or before November 21, 2016.

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