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CBP Issues Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Potential Closure of Morses Line Border Crossing

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Washington – U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) today will issue an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) seeking public comment to evaluate the potential closure of the Morses Line border crossing in Highgate Springs/Alburg, Vt.

The Morses Line border crossing, built in 1934, is CBP's oldest land border crossing facility and requires significant changes to its current infrastructure and footprint to meet current operational, safety, and technological requirements. Based on internal analyses, feedback from the local community, and consultation with members of Congress, CBP is evaluating the potential closure of the Morses Line border crossing. CBP is seeking public comment on this potential closure.

If after a full review and consideration of the public comments and other assessments, CBP determines the Morses Line border crossing should be closed, CBP will publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the *Federal Register*, which would propose the closure. If CBP determines the Morses Line crossing should remain open CBP will publish a notice in the *Federal Register* withdrawing this ANPRM.

The closest alternate border crossings are Highgate Springs in the Highgate Springs/Alburg, Vt. port of entry, which is approximately 17 miles away, and West Berkshire in the Richford, Vt. port of entry, which is approximately 10 miles away.

The public comment period will close 60 days after the date of publication in the *Federal Register*. Comments can be submitted online through the Regulations website or by mail: Border Security Regulations Branch, Office of International Trade, Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Attention: Border Security Regulations Branch, 799 9th Street, NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1179. ([Regulations](#))

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