

# Clearance of People

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## Customs & Border Protection

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). CBP combined the inspectional workforces and broad border authorities of U.S. Customs, U.S. Immigration, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the entire U.S. Border Patrol.
- Protecting the borders of the United States against terrorism while facilitating legitimate trade and travel.



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## Legal Requirements and Facilitative Programs

- Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative
  - The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires DHS and DOS to implement a plan to require all travelers to present a passport or other acceptable documentation when entering the U.S.
  - On January 31, 2008, DHS will implement the passport or ID and birth certificate requirement for the land borders.
  - The NPRM proposes a number of alternative documents, i.e., passport, DOS passcard, NEXUS, FAST, and more.
  - Some states are developing “enhanced” drivers licenses that might also meet the requirements under WHTI.
  - With implementation of this rule and deployment of the technology to read the travel documents, it will help facilitate the inspection process.



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- NEXUS
  - An excellent example of a successful US/Canada program that facilitates legitimate travelers.
  - Where appropriate infrastructure and enrollment volumes exist, dedicated lanes and primary inspection booths are made available for NEXUS users only.
  - NEXUS infrastructure is being deployed more widely to allow more flexibility in port operations.



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- OARS (Outlying Area Reporting Station) Program
  - There is one OARS site in Maine: Dickinson's Marina, Orient
  - When a boat arrives, the boater reports to the OARS video/phone and provides officers with information pertaining to passengers and declaration.
  - The program is not being expanded.



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- RPEP (Remote Port Entry Program)
  - History:
    - Pilot program developed to provide relief to people who were impacted by the hardening of non-24 hour ports.
    - When ports were closed people living in the U.S. could not gain access to necessary life services.
    - CBP needed to develop a system to allow a limited number of participants to leave and re-enter the U.S. after the port was closed.
    - Tested in Ste. Aurelie and Ste. Pamphile



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RPEP Continued...

- System utilizes a reporting kiosk consisting of RFID antenna, video, audio, finger print scanner, and remotely controlled gates.
- Vehicle with an RFID Tag is read by the antenna and notifies the Houlton port. The applicant's photo and biographical information appears on the officer's computer screen.
- The applicant is interviewed, biometrically verified, and if no irregularities are discovered, released via the remote controlled gate.



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Great Resources:

[www.CBP.GOV](http://www.CBP.GOV)

**Calais Port of Entry @ 207-454-3621**

Press "5" for Admissibility

Press "4" for Cargo Processing



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