



**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

## FACT SHEET

### **Reporting Requirements for Entering the Northwest Angle, Minnesota via Land**

#### **Who Reports?**

All travelers (including United States citizens and lawful permanent residents) seeking entry via land to the United States at the Northwest Angle, Minnesota **MUST REPORT** their arrival.

#### **Documentary Requirements Under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)**

**Beginning June 1, 2009**, all travelers will be required to present an approved WHTI travel document upon entry into the United States. These documents include, but are not limited to, a passport, lawful permanent resident card, or a NEXUS/SENTRI card. For more information on WHTI document requirements, contact the nearest CBP office or Port of Entry for assistance or [www.getyouhome.gov](http://www.getyouhome.gov) -or- [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/ready\\_set\\_go/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/ready_set_go/)

#### **Reporting Procedures:**

There is no physical port of entry located at the Northwest Angle, Minnesota for travelers to report for inspection. Upon arrival to the area, all travelers must report via one of the following alternative inspection methods:

- Outlying Area Reporting Stations (OARS)
- NEXUS Trusted Traveler Program

#### **Outlying Area Reporting Stations (OARS)**

The OARS program utilizes videophone technology that allows both audio and video communication with a CBP officer at a port of entry. OARS are used to facilitate the reporting of travelers who arrive to the U.S. at very remote locations away from any CBP inspectional facilities. Use of the system is free to the traveler and requires no pre-enrollment.

When reporting via OARS, travelers must be prepared to provide the names, dates of birth, and citizenship of all travelers in the party. WHTI approved identification documents must be available for video inspection if requested. Travelers must be ready to provide vehicle information to include license plate numbers, make, model and color. There are three (3) OARS sites located in the Northwest Angle area that are accessible by vehicle:

- Jim's Corner
- Young's Bay
- Carlson's Landing

The following travelers are eligible to report via OARS:

- United States Citizens
- Canadian Citizens
- United States Lawful Permanent Residents
- Nationals of Visa Waiver Program countries who are in possession of a valid I-94W Arrival/Departure Document
- All other aliens who are in possession of a valid passport, valid non-immigrant visa, and valid I-94 Arrival/Departure document

### **NEXUS**

The NEXUS alternative inspection program allows pre-screened, low-risk travelers to be processed with little or no delay by U.S. and Canadian border officials. Approved applicants are issued a WHTI compliant photo-identification/proximity card, which is valid for 5 years.

Participants typically cross the border in a dedicated lane where they present their RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) proximity card for expedited processing unless selected for a more intensive examination. Travelers in possession of a NEXUS card, however, may report their arrival to the Northwest Angle area via telephone. The reporting telephone number is:

***1-800-505-8381***

To enroll in the program, each applicant must complete an application and mail it to a Canadian Customs Processing Center or apply online at:

<https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov/>

- Include a check for \$50.00 (US Currency) per person for individuals 18 years of age and over or pay online.
- Appear in person for an interview and biometrics capture (fingerprints and photo).

U.S. Customs and Border Protection recommends applying online. Applications submitted online will be processed much faster than those that are mailed.

**\*\*Those travelers not in possession of a NEXUS card must report via OARS, even if traveling with a NEXUS member.**

Citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada are eligible for NEXUS. Non-permanent residents demonstrating a need to utilize the NEXUS system may also be eligible. Applicants must be approved by both the United States and Canada and present proof of status. For information on the application process, program requirements, and available enrollment center locations and hours, visit:

[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/trusted\\_traveler/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/trusted_traveler/)

In Minnesota and North Dakota, applicants may complete their enrollment at the International Falls, MN; Warroad, MN; or Pembina, ND Ports of Entry.

**Failure to Report:**

Failure to report can result in civil penalties as defined in Title 19, United States Code, Section 1433(b) or 1459(a) to include a penalty of \$5,000 for the first violation and \$10,000 for each subsequent violation with the conveyance subject to seizure and forfeiture. In addition to being liable for a civil penalty, any traveler who intentionally commits a violation under subsection (a) of the above stated section upon conviction is liable for a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for 1 year or both.

**REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES:**

Please report any suspicious activities observed to  
**(800) 505-8381**

