

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Consumer Service****Commodity Supplemental Food Program: Elderly Poverty Income Guidelines**

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the adjusted poverty income guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of elderly persons applying to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). These poverty income guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the CSFP Regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillie F. Ragan, Assistant Branch Chief, Household Programs Section, Food Distribution Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594, or telephone (703) 305-2661.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.565 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, 48 FR 29112).

Description

On December 23, 1985 the President signed the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198). This legislation amended section 5(f) and (g) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) to require that the Secretary permit agencies administering the CSFP to serve elderly persons if such service can be provided without reducing service levels for women, infants, and children.

The law also mandates establishment of income eligibility requirements for elderly participation. Prior to enactment of Public Law 99-198, elderly participation was restricted by law to three designated pilot projects which served the elderly in accordance with agreements with the Department.

In order to implement the CSFP mandates of Public Law 99-198, the Department published an interim rule on September 17, 1986 at 51 FR 32895 and a final rule on February 18, 1988 at 58 FR 8287. These regulations define "elderly persons" as those who are 60 years of age or older. The final rule further stipulates that elderly persons certified on or after September 17, 1986 must have "household income at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services" (7 CFR 247.7(a)(3)).

These poverty income guidelines are revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The revision for 1997 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the **Federal Register** for March 10, 1997 at 62 FR 10855. To establish income limits of 130 percent, the poverty income guidelines were multiplied by 1.30 and the results rounded up to the next whole dollar.

At this time the Department is publishing the income limits of 130 percent of the poverty income guidelines. The table in this notice contains the income limits by household size to be used for elderly certification in the CSFP for the period July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1997-JUNE 30, 1998—FCS Poverty Income Guidelines for Elderly in CSFP

[130 Percent of Poverty Income Guidelines]

Family size	Annual	Month	Week
1	10,257	855	198
2	13,793	1,150	266
3	17,329	1,445	334
4	20,865	1,739	402
5	24,401	2,034	470
6	27,937	2,329	538
7	31,473	2,623	606
8	35,009	2,918	674
For each additional family member add:	+3,536	+295	+68

Dated: April 10, 1997.

William E. Ludwig,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project (CS-4a), Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project (CS-4a), Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed on this project.

The purpose of this project is to provide maintenance on a completed 113,000 acre PL-566 watershed project through PL-646. The original project and maintenance proposal has already gone through public review.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

**Finding of No Significant Impact;
Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project
(CS-4A), Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

Introduction

The Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project is a federally assisted action authorized for funding under Public Law 101-646, Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act. An environmental assessment has been completed on this project based upon examination of a Final Environment Statement completed on the PL-566 Cameron-Creole Watershed Project. This document is available for review at the following location: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Water Resources Planning Section, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302.

Recommended Action

The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) proposes to provide maintenance on the completed PL-566 Cameron-Creole Watershed Project through the authorized PL-646 funding.

Effect of the Recommended Action

The Cameron-Creole Watershed is an 113,000 acre area in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Providing necessary maintenance will insure continued benefits of the completed project are sustained, as shown by the latest monitoring report.

Consultation—Public Participation

Upon signature of this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), a Notice of Availability will be sent to concerned federal, state, local and other organizations and individuals known to have an interest in the proposed project. The proposed project has been coordinated with and accepted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the Governor's Office of Coastal Affairs.

Meetings are being held throughout the process to keep all interested parties informed of the project status. Agency consultation and public participation to date have shown no unresolved conflicts with the proposed implementation of the selected plan.

Conclusion

This office has assessed the environmental impacts of the proposed work and has determined that the project will have no significant adverse

local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. Therefore, no Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Supplemental EIS will be prepared.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

Subject: Adoption of Cameron-Creole Watershed Environmental Impact

To: Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project (CS-4A) File

I have reviewed the Cameron Creole Watershed Final Environment Statement which is housed in the Water Resources Planning Section at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana. It adequately addresses the potential environmental impacts for the above identified action and meets the requirements of Natural Resources Conservation Service NEPA as set forth in the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) (40 CFR 1500-1508) and the SCS (7 CFR 650).

This memorandum is adopted as my environmental assessment of the subject action.

Based on an examination and review of the foregoing information, I have determined that this project:

_____ will have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement must be prepared;

XX will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

I have made the following compliance determination for the listed environmental requirements.

Not in compliance	In compliance	
_____	XX	Clean Air Act.
_____	XX	Federal Water Pollution Control Act.
_____	XX	Safe Drinking Water Act—Section 1924(e).
_____	XX	Endangered Species Act.
_____	XX	Coastal Barrier Resources Act.
_____	XX	Coastal Zone Management Act—Section 307(c) (1) and (2).
_____	XX	Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
_____	XX	National Historic Preservation Act.
_____	XX	Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act.
_____	XX	Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.
_____	XX	Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands.
_____	XX	Subtitle B, Highly Erodible Land Conservation, and Subtitle Wetland Conservation, of the Food Security Act.
_____	XX	Farmland Protection Policy Act.
_____	XX	Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy.

I have reviewed and considered the type and degree of adverse environmental impacts identified by this assessment. I have also analyzed the proposal for its consistency with NRCS environmental policies, particularly those related to land use, and have considered the potential benefits of the proposal. Based upon a consideration and balancing of these factors, I have determined from an environmental standpoint that the project
XX be approved

_____ not be approved because of the attached reasons.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

City of Albany, Kentucky, Cagle Water Expansion Project; Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement and notice of public meeting.