

revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 60 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments, and a final determination of change will be made.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is issuing an Environmental Assessment with respect to the potential environmental impacts related to the construction and operation of the Lewisville 345/138 kV Switching Station in the City of Lewisville, Texas. The project is proposed by Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Brazos), of Waco, Texas. RUS may provide financing assistance for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis E. Rankin, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1953 or e-mail: drankin@rus.usda.gov; or David McDaniel, Brazos, PO Box 2585, Waco, Texas 76702-2585, telephone: (254) 750-6324 or e-mail: dmcDaniel@brazoselectric.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Brazos is planning to construct an 8-10 acre 345/138 kV switching station in Denton County, Texas. The proposed site is located in the vicinity of the northwest corner of North Mill Street and Jones Street in the City of Lewisville. Existing transmission facilities are located in the immediate area.

An environmental report (ER) which describes the project further and discusses the environmental impacts of the proposed project was prepared by Brazos. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the ER and

believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No adverse impacts are expected with the construction of the project. RUS has reviewed and accepted the document as its Environmental Assessment and is making it available for public review.

The EA can be reviewed at the address provided above or at the following locations:

Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.,
2404 LaSalle Avenue, Waco, Texas
76702-2585, Telephone: (254) 750-6324

CoServ, 3501 FM 2181, Corinth, Texas
76205-3741, Telephone: (940) 321-4640

Lewisville Public Library, 1197 West
Main Street, Lewisville, Texas 75067-
3425, Telephone: (972) 219-3570

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS should receive comments on the Environmental Assessment in writing by October 15, 1999, to ensure that the comments are taken into consideration prior to RUS making its environmental determination.

Dated: September 2, 1999.

Glendon D. Deal,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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APPLACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

Annual Meeting

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
October 20, 1999

Place: Harrisburg Hilton and Towers, One
North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

Status: Most of the meeting will be open to the public. An executive session closed to the public will be held about 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Matters to be Considered:

Portions Open to the Public: The primary purpose of this meeting is to (1) Review the independent auditors' report of the Commissions' financial statement for fiscal year 1998-1999; (2) Review the Commission's annual reports for fiscal years 1997-1998 and 1998-1999; (3) Consider a proposed budget for fiscal year 2000-2001; (4) Review the project reports for the low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) disposal facility siting process in Pennsylvania; (5) Review the status of siting efforts in other states and compacts; (6) Review and discuss the General Accounting Office's (GAO) report on management and disposal of LLRW; and (7) Discuss renewal of Commission's investment agreement with the Pennsylvania Office of the Treasurer.

Portions Closed to the Public: Executive Session from about 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to discuss personal matter

Contact person for more information:
Richard R. Janati, Chairman Seif's Staff
Member on the Commission, at 717-787-
2163.

Richard R. Janati,

Chairman's Staff Member on the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 45-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 27—Boston, MA; Application for Subzone, J. Baker, Inc. (Distribution of Apparel, Footwear and Accessories), Canton, MA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Massachusetts Port Authority (Boston, MA), grantee of FTZ 27, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the apparel, footwear and accessories warehousing/distribution facilities of J. Baker, Inc., located in Canton, MA, some 22 miles south of Boston. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on September 7, 1999.

The Baker facilities are located at 330 Turnpike Street (750,000 sq. ft. on 30.7 acres) and 555 Turnpike Street (45,850 sq. ft. on 4.16 acres). There are 800 employees at the two facilities. The facilities are used for storage, inspection, finishing, packaging and distribution of a wide variety of apparel, footwear and accessories such as neckties, belts, hosiery, gloves and novelty items. About 65 percent of the products are sourced from abroad and over 5 percent are exported. No authority is being sought for activity conducted under FTZ procedures that would result in a change in tariff classification.

Zone procedures would exempt Baker from Customs duty payments on foreign products that are reexported. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to defer duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original

and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is November 12, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to November 29, 1999).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 164 Northern Avenue, World Trade Center, Suite 307, Boston, MA 02210

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: September 7, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 43-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 49—Newark/Elizabeth, NJ; Application for Subzone, Firmenich, Inc. (Flavor and Fragrance Products) Plainsboro and Port Newark, NJ

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, grantee of FTZ 49, Newark/Elizabeth, NJ, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the flavor and fragrance manufacturing facilities of Firmenich, Inc., located in Plainsboro and Port Newark, New Jersey. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on September 1, 1999.

The Firmenich, Inc. facilities are located at 250 Plainsboro Road (384,220

sq. ft. on 58 acres, 575 employees), Plainsboro and at 150 Firmenich Way (833,041 sq. ft. on 19 acres, 129 employees), Port Newark. The facilities are used to produce a variety of flavor and fragrance products, which are used in perfumes, cosmetics, soaps, detergents, personal care products, prepared foods, soft drinks, dairy foods, pharmaceuticals, dietary foods and confectionary products. Most of the finished products are categorized as flavor and fragrance products (duty rate—zero). The products are blended from numerous natural and synthetic ingredients, including a number of natural compounds not available in the U.S. Foreign-sourced materials may, depending on the product, account for a substantial portion of the finished products' value. It is estimated that overall foreign-sourced materials account for some 75 percent of total material value.

The foreign-sourced materials which will account for the primary FTZ savings are as follows:

Essential Oils	HTSUS 3301.13.0000, 4.6%
	HTSUS 3301.12.0000, 3.2%
Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atoms	HTSUS 2933.39.2700, 9.5%
Heterocyclic compounds with oxygen hetero-atoms	HTSUS 2932.99.9000, 3.7%
	HTSUS 2932.29.5050, 3.7%
	HTSUS 2932.29.4500, 1.8/kg+11.4%
	HTSUS 2932.19.5000, 3.7%
	HTSUS 2932.19.1000, 6.5%
Carboxylic acids	HTSUS 2918.30.9000, 3.7%
Unsaturated acyclic monocarboxylic acids, cyclic monocarboxylic acids	HTSUS 2916.19.5000, 3.7%
Ketones and quinones whether or not with other oxygen functions, and their halogenated, sulfonated, nitrated, or nitrosated derivatives.	HTSUS 2914.40.0000, 4.8%
	HTSUS 2914.29.5000, 4.8%
	HTSUS 2914.23.0000, 5.5%
Aldehydes, whether or not with oxygen function; cyclic polymers of aldehydes; paraformaldehyde.	HTSUS 2913.30.2000, 4.8%
Epoxides, epoxy alcohols, epoxyphephenols and epoxy ethers	HTSUS 2910.90.5000, 4.8%
Cyclic alcohols	HTSUS 2906.19.5000, 5.5%
Acyclic alcohols	HTSUS 2905.29.9000, 3.7%
	HTSUS 2905.22.5050, 4.8%
	HTSUS 2905.22.5010, 4.8%

The application indicates that the company may also import under FTZ procedures a wide variety of other flavor and fragrance materials from the following general categories: sugars, gelatins, chlorides, fruit and vegetable extracts and oils, as well as various other natural and synthetic ingredients and products used in production, packaging and distribution of flavor and fragrance products (duty rates range 0-19.6%).

Zone procedures would exempt Firmenich from Customs duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. On domestic shipments, the company would be able to defer Customs duty payments on foreign materials and choose the duty rate that

applies to the finished products (duty free) instead of the rates otherwise applicable to the foreign materials (noted above). The company would also be exempt from duty payments on foreign merchandise that becomes scrap/waste. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the

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