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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-024-1]

Availability of Environmental Assessment for Field Release of Genetically Engineered Pink Bollworm

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that an environmental assessment has been prepared for a proposed confined release into the environment of pink bollworm genetically engineered to express green fluorescence as a marker. The purpose of the release is to develop a marked strain of pink bollworm for performance studies in the pink bollworm sterile insect program. This environmental assessment is available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive by July 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Please send four copies (an original and three copies) of your comments to: Docket No. 01-024-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 01-024-1.

You may read a copy of the environmental assessment and any comments we receive on this notice of availability at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure that someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have

commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert I. Rose, Biotechnology Assessments Section, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-8723. To obtain a copy of the environmental assessment, contact Ms. Kay Peterson at (301) 734-4885; e-mail: kay.peterson@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340 (referred to as the regulations) regulate the introduction (importation, interstate movement, and release into the environment) of genetically engineered organisms and products that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests (regulated articles). A permit must be obtained or a notification acknowledged before a regulated article may be introduced into the United States. The regulations set forth the permit application requirements and the notification procedures for the importation, interstate movement, and release into the environment of a regulated article.

On January 29, 2001, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) received a permit application (APHIS No. 01-029-01r) from APHIS' Plant Protection Center in Phoenix, AZ, for a permit to release the plant pest pink bollworm (PBW), *Pectinophora gossypiella* (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae). The subject PBW has been genetically engineered to express an enhanced green fluorescent protein (EGFP) derived from the jellyfish *Aequora victoria*. The PBW expressing EGFP fluoresces when viewed under an ultraviolet light source. A *piggyBac* transposable element derived from the plant pest cabbage looper (*Trichoplusia ni*) was used to transform the subject PBW, and expression of the EGFP is controlled through use of the *Drosophila melanogaster* hsp70 and *Bombyx mori* actin A3 promoters. The subject transgenic PBW is considered a regulated article under the regulations in 7 CFR part 340 because the recipient organism is a plant pest and because it contains gene sequences from a plant pest. The proposed field test will be conducted under carefully controlled and confined conditions.

The transgenic PBW with EGFP as a marker has been developed for use in confined on site experimentation and field performance studies in the PBW sterile insect program, which is designed to depress PBW populations. The transgenic PBW will be reared in the Phoenix PBW genetic rearing facility, sterilized with radiation, and placed in escape-proof screen field cages near the facility, where they will undergo a series of fitness and related tests.

To provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of any potential environmental impacts and plant pest risk associated with the proposed release of the transgenic EGFP PBW, an environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared. The EA was prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of June 2001.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Elm Fork Watershed of the Trinity River Watershed, Cooke County, Texas, Multiple-Purpose Structure No. 19

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a 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 Elm Fork Watershed, Multiple-Purpose Structure (MPS) No. 19, Cooke County, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Salvador Salinas, Assistant State Conservationist (SP&P), Natural Resources Conservation Service, 101 South Main, Temple, Texas 76501-7682, Telephone (254) 742-9800.

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, John P. Burt, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project will provide municipal water and recreational activities for the city of Muenster, Texas and reduce flooding and improve surface water quality in and below MPS No. 19. The environmental assessment addresses the installation of the Multiple-Purpose Structure (MPS No. 19) that remains to be installed.

Installation of the site, including dam, emergency spillway, and municipal water pool, will require 359 acres. The dam and emergency spillway will be planted to grasses that have wildlife values. A mitigation plan has been developed to offset the loss of any wildlife habitat. The fee title area needed for the structure will be fenced to control livestock, therefore greatly benefiting ground nesting birds. The structure will affect 185 acres of prime farmland. Downstream flooding of wildlife habitat will be reduced. No endangered plants or animals or their habitat will be affected. No cultural or historical properties will be affected.

Multiple-Purpose Structure No. 19 will create 309 acres of aquatic habitat creating a fisheries resource where none exists.

Federal assistance will be provided under authority of Public Law 78-534, the Flood Control Act of 1944. Total project costs for Multiple-Purpose Structure No. 19 is estimated to be \$6,923,687, of which \$3,810,525 will be paid from Public Law 534 funds and \$3,113,162 from local funds.

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. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting John P. Burt.

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: June 8, 2001.

Salvador Salinas,

Assistant State Conservationist (SP&P).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue a revised conservation practice standard in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Nutrient Management (590), Tree/Shrub Pruning (660) and Wetland Creation (658). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and/or wetlands.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before July 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Jane E. Hardisty, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit your electronic requests and comments to darrell.brown@in.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane E. Hardisty, 317-290-3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that after enactment of the law, revisions made to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland 2 provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Indiana will receive comments relative to the proposed

changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Indiana regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: May 16, 2001.

Jane E. Hardisty,

State Conservationist, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-870, A-560-814, A-557-811, A-485-807, and A-791-812]

Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Certain Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Romania, and South Africa

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Initiation of antidumping duty investigations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Doyle (China), Steve Bezirgianian (Indonesia), Robert James (Romania), and Sally Gannon (Malaysia and South Africa) at (202) 482-0159, (202) 482-1131, (202) 482-0649, and (202) 482-0162, respectively; Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Initiation of Investigations

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (2000).

The Petition

On May 24, 2001, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a petition filed in proper form by the following parties: Allied Tube & Conduit Corporation, Century Tube Corporation, IPSCO Tubulars, Inc., Laclede Steel, LTV Copperweld, Maverick Tube Corporation, Northwest Pipe Company, Sharon Tube Company,