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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a closed meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 21, 2002, from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Wyatt Company, 303 West Madison Street, Board Room, Chicago, IL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick W. McDonough, Director of Practice and Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202-694-1891.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet at the Wyatt Company, 303 West Madison Street, Board Room, Chicago, IL on Monday, October 21, 2002, from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions, which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics, pension law and methodology referred to in 29 U.S.C. 1242(a)(1)(B).

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that the subject of the meeting falls within the exception to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such meeting be closed to public participation.

Dated: September 30, 2002.

Patrick W. McDonough,

Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; One Hundred and Thirty Fifth Meeting, Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and thirty-fifth meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). Notice may be published less than fifteen days prior to the meeting due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 17, 2002 in the Oceanic A&B Meeting Rooms on the Concourse Level of the Ronald Reagan Building (RRB), 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

The program will be devoted to the inauguration of a new Board, a discussion of long-term training, and USAID Bureau reports on the status of agricultural or rural livelihoods and the involvement of universities.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Mr. Lawrence Paulson, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 2.11-073, Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-1436 or fax (202) 216-3010.

Lawrence Paulson,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture & Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Value-Pass-Through of USDA Donated Commodities in Food Service Management Company Fixed-Rate-Per-Meal Contracts

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food and Nutrition Service, Food Distribution Division, will hold a meeting to discuss methods of value-pass-through of USDA donated commodities in food service management company fixed-rate-per-meal contracts in the National School Lunch Program. The purpose of this meeting is to offer State agencies, school food authorities, advocacy groups, food service management companies, and other interested parties the opportunity for dialogue prior to proposed rulemaking.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 24, 2002, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Conference Room 204-B, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In April 2002, the USDA Office of Inspector General issued Audit Report Number 27601-0027-CH titled "National School Lunch Program—Food Service Management Companies," which found that, in the States reviewed by the Office of Inspector General, many school food authorities that maintained fixed-rate-per-meal contracts did not receive proper credit for USDA donated commodities. Federal regulations require that any USDA donated commodities received by a school food authority and made available to a food service management company shall be used solely for the school food authority's food service operation and that the full value of all USDA donated food must accrue to the benefit of the school food authority.

The discussion topics of this meeting will be limited to (a) the Office of Inspector General's recommended approach for crediting USDA donated commodities, (b) value-pass-through methods currently used by food service management companies and school food authorities in food service management

contracts, and (c) proposals for the development of new specific procedures for crediting USDA donated commodities.

For those unable to attend the meeting or those who attend and have additional comments on the discussion topics, the contact person named below will accept written statements before the meeting and until Friday, November 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Rigby, Branch Chief, Schools and Institutions Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 500, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2644. To confirm attendance, please contact Sherry Thackeray at (703) 305-2652 or e-mail Sherry.Thackeray@fns.usda.gov. Confirmation of attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory for participation in this meeting. Office of Inspector General audit report is available on the Office of Inspector General's Internet Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/oig/webdocs/27601-27-Ch.pdf>. A copy may also be requested by contacting Sherry Thackeray.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

Eric M. Bost,

Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Comprehensive Management of Nutria Herbivory Damage in Coastal Louisiana and Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b) in Coastal 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 Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (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 Comprehensive Management of Nutria Herbivory Damage in Coastal Louisiana and the Coastwide Nutria Control Program (LA-03b), Coastal 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 the federally assisted action indicates that the action 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 preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The recommended plan consists of (1) implementing an incentive payment program to encourage the harvest of up to 400,000 nutria annually from coastal Louisiana by payment of \$4.00 per nutria tail to registered program participants (Coastwide Nutria Control Program LA-03b), (2) investigating techniques to promote revegetation of damaged sites with native vegetation, and (3) pursuing additional funding and/or funding sources to conduct more comprehensive revegetation. The goal of the recommended plan is to reestablish the ecological balance (plant and animal) that existed when the number of nutria harvested was high. It is predicted that the plan would reduce the conversion of fresh, intermediate, and brackish marsh to open water by about 15,000 acres over 20 years.

The Notice of 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 collected during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

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

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

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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 three revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are: Pond (378), Pipeline (516) and Forest Trails and Landings (655). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and/or wetlands.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

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 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: September 23, 2002.

Jane E. Hardisty,

State Conservationist, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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