

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Premanufacturer notices.

Dated: August 7, 2006.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8209-4]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of List Decisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This action announces the availability of and requests public comment on EPA decisions identifying water quality limited segments and associated pollutants in Massachusetts to be listed pursuant to Clean Water Act section 303(d)(2). Section 303(d)(2) requires that states submit and EPA approve or disapprove lists of waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards and for which total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) must be prepared.

On June 21, 2006, EPA partially approved and partially disapproved Massachusetts' 2004 submittal. Specifically, EPA approved Massachusetts' listing of 734 water body segments, associated pollutants and priority rankings. EPA disapproved Massachusetts' decision not to list ninety (90) water quality limited segments impaired for mercury. EPA identified these additional water body segments, pollutants, and priority rankings for inclusion on the 2004 section 303(d) list.

EPA is providing the public the opportunity to review its decision to add waters and pollutants to Massachusetts' 2004 section 303(d) list, as required by EPA's Public Participation regulations. EPA will consider public comments in reaching its final decision on the additional water bodies and pollutants identified for inclusion on Massachusetts' final list.

DATES: Comments must be submitted to EPA on or before September 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed decisions should be sent to Michael Hill, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA New England Regional

Office, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CWQ), Boston, MA 02114-2023, telephone (617) 918-1398, e-mail address hill.michael@epa.gov. Oral comments will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Hill at (617) 918-1398 or hill.michael@epa.gov. Copies of the proposed decisions explaining EPA's rationale for its partial approval and partial disapproval of Massachusetts' submittal can be obtained from the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ne/eco/tmdl/impairedh2o.html> or by writing or calling Mr. Hill at the above address. Underlying documentation comprising the record for these decisions is available for public inspection at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that each state identify those waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards. For those waters, states are required to establish TMDLs according to a priority ranking.

EPA's Water Quality Planning and Management regulations include requirements implementing section 303(d) of the CWA (40 CFR 130.7). The regulations require states to identify every two years water quality limited waters still requiring TMDLs. The lists of waters still needing TMDLs must also include priority rankings and must identify the waters targeted for TMDL development during the next two years (40 CFR 130.7(d)).

Consistent with EPA's regulations, Massachusetts submitted to EPA its final listing decisions under section 303(d)(2) on April 19, 2005. On June 21, 2006, EPA approved Massachusetts' listing of 734 water body segments and associated priority rankings. EPA disapproved Massachusetts' decision not to include 90 water bodies impaired for mercury. EPA identified these additional waters and pollutants along with priority rankings for inclusion on the 2004 section 303(d) list. EPA solicits public comment on its decision to include the 90 lakes and ponds impaired for mercury on Massachusetts' 2004 section 303(d) list.

Dated: July 24, 2006.

Kenneth Moraff,

Deputy Director, Office of Ecosystem Protection, New England Regional Office.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

[BM-13-JUL-06-03]

Equal Employment Opportunity Programs and Diversity

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Policy statement.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or Agency), through the FCA Board (Board), has updated and reaffirmed at its regular July Board meeting a policy statement on equal employment opportunity and diversity. The policy statement provides guidance to management and staff on addressing affirmative employment and diversity, workplace harassment, the disabled veterans affirmative action program, and the delineation of responsibilities for implementing the Agency's equal employment opportunity and diversity programs.

Effective Date: July 13, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eric Howard, Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, (703) 883-4481, TTY (703) 883-4056,

or

Jennifer Cohn, Senior Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, (703) 883-4020, TTY (703) 883-4020

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Board's policy statement on equal employment opportunity programs and diversity is set forth below in its entirety.

Policy Statement on Equal Employment Opportunity Programs and Diversity

FCA-PS-62

Effective Date: July 13, 2006.

Effect on Previous Action: Updates FCA-PS-62 [BM-12-SEP-02-02] 9-12-02.

Sources of Authority: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000e *et seq.*); Age Discrimination in Employment Act (29 U.S.C. 621 *et seq.*); Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 721 *et seq.*); Equal Pay Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 206(d)); Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 3112); Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act) (5 U.S.C. 2301); section 5.9 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended (12 U.S.C. 2243); Executive Order 11478 (Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government), as amended by Executive Orders 13087 and 13152 to include prohibitions on discrimination

based on sexual orientation and status as a parent; Executive Order 13145 (prohibits discrimination in Federal employment based on genetic information); Executive Order 13166 (Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency); 29 CFR part 1614; Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Management Directives.

Purpose

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or Agency) Board reaffirms its commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Diversity (EEOD) and its belief that all FCA employees should be treated with dignity and respect. The Board also provides guidance to Agency management and staff for deciding and taking action in these critical areas.

Importance

Unquestionably, the employees who comprise the FCA are its most important resource. The Board fully recognizes that the Agency draws its strength from the dedication, experience, and diversity of its employees. The Board is firmly committed to taking whatever steps are needed to protect the rights of its staff and to carrying out programs that foster the development of each employee's potential. We believe an investment in efforts that strongly promote EEOD will prevent the conflict and the high costs of correction for taking no, or inadequate, action in these areas.

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Board Adopts the Following Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the FCA to prohibit discrimination in Agency policies, program practices, and operations. Employees, applicants for employment, and members of the public who seek to take part in FCA programs, activities, and services will be treated fairly. FCA, under the appropriate laws and regulations, will:

- Ensure equal employment opportunity based on merit and qualification, without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, status as a parent, genetic information, or participation in discrimination or harassment complaint proceedings;
- Provide for the prompt and fair consideration of complaints of discrimination;
- Make reasonable accommodations for qualified applicants for employment and employees with physical or mental disabilities under law;

- Provide an environment free from harassment to all employees;
- Create and maintain an organizational culture that recognizes, values, and supports employee and public diversity;
- Implement affirmative programs to carry out this policy; and
- Develop objectives within the strategic planning process to meet the goals of EEOD and, to the extent practicable, seek to encourage the Farm Credit System to continue its efforts to promote and increase diversity.

Diversity

The FCA intends to be a model employer. That is, as far as possible, FCA will build and maintain a workforce that reflects the rich diversity of individual differences evident throughout this Nation. The Board views individual differences as complementary and believes these differences enrich our organization. When individual differences are respected, recognized, and valued, diversity becomes a powerful force that can contribute to achieving superior results. Therefore, we will create, maintain, and continuously improve on an organizational culture that fully recognizes, values, and supports employee diversity. The Board is committed to promoting and supporting an inclusive environment that provides to all employees, individually and collectively, the chance to work to their full potential in the pursuit of the Agency's mission. We will provide everyone the opportunity to develop to his or her fullest potential. When a barrier to someone achieving this goal exists, we will strive to remove this barrier.

Affirmative Employment

The Board reaffirms its commitment to ensuring FCA conducts all of its employment practices in a nondiscriminatory manner. The Board expects full cooperation and support from everyone associated with recruitment, selection, development, and promotion to ensure such actions are free of discrimination. All employees will be evaluated on their EEOD achievements as part of their overall job performance. Though staff commitment is important, the role of supervisors is paramount to success. Agency supervisors must be coaches and are responsible for helping all employees develop their talents and give their best efforts in contributing to the mission of the FCA.

Workplace Harassment

It is the policy of the FCA to provide a work environment free from unlawful discrimination in any form, and to protect all employees, male or female, from any form of harassment, either physical or verbal. The FCA will not tolerate harassment in the workplace for any reason. The FCA also will not tolerate retaliation against any employee for reporting harassment or for aiding in any inquiry about reporting harassment.

Disabled Veterans Affirmative Action Program (DVAAP)

A disabled veteran is defined as someone who is entitled to compensation under the laws administered by the Veterans Administration or someone who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

The FCA is committed to increasing the representation of disabled veterans within its organization. Our Nation owes a debt to those veterans who served their country, especially those who were disabled because of service. To honor these disabled veterans, the FCA shall place emphasis on making vacancies known to and providing opportunities for employing disabled veterans.

Responsibilities

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is ultimately responsible for developing and carrying out all EEOD requirements and initiatives in accordance with laws and regulations to fulfill diversity initiatives in approved program plans.

To help in fulfilling these responsibilities the CEO, or designee, will select individuals to fill the following positions:

- An EEO Director;
 - Special Emphasis Program Managers required by law or regulation; and
 - EEO Counselors in sufficient number to ensure the needs of each Agency office are met.
- Individuals selected for these positions will:
- Perform duties as determined by the CEO, and as formally expressed in position descriptions or individual performance rating elements, as appropriate;
 - Serve on a collateral-duty basis—the CEO will decide the percent of time devoted to these collateral duties, which may be adjusted over time as circumstances and program requirements dictate;
 - Attend appropriate training in the areas they have responsibility for; and

• Develop, monitor progress on, report on, and periodically update program plans in their respective areas of responsibility.

The CEO or EEO Director may also establish standing committees to deal with specific issues as they arise. The Head of each Agency office will provide support to the individuals identified above on an as needed basis upon request from the EEO Director.

Adopted this 13th day of July 2006 by Order of the Board.

Dated: August 8, 2006.

Roland E. Smith,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at <http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/>.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 8, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
(Andre Anderson, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Florida Bank Group, Inc.*, Tampa, Florida; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 9, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Agency: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Organ Procurement Organization's (OPO's) Health Insurance Benefits Agreement and Supporting Regulations at 42 CFR 486.301-486.348; *Use:* The information provided on this form serves as a basis for continuing the agreements with CMS and the 58 OPOs for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and for reimbursement of service; *Form*

Number: CMS-576A (OMB#: 0938-0512; *Frequency:* Reporting—Every 4 years and as needed; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 58; *Total Annual Responses:* 58; *Total Annual Hours:* 116.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Health Outcome Survey (HOS) and supporting regulations at 42 CFR 422.152; *Use:* The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 mandates the collection, analysis and reporting of health outcomes information. The collection of Medicare health outcomes information is necessary to hold Medicare managed care contractors accountable for the quality of care they are delivering. This reporting requirement allows CMS to obtain the information necessary for the proper oversight of the program; *Form Number:* CMS-10203 (OMB#: 0938-New; *Frequency:* Recordkeeping, Reporting: Annually; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 320,040; *Total Annual Responses:* 320,040; *Total Annual Hours:* 105,613.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Indirect Medical Education (IME) and Supporting Regulations 42 CFR 412.105; Direct Graduate Medical Education (GME) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 413.75-413.73; *Use:* The collection of information on interns and residents (IR) is needed to properly calculate Medicare program payments to hospitals that incur indirect and direct costs for medical education. The agency's Intern and Resident Information System (IRIS) and similar contractor systems use the information for producing reports of duplicate full-time equivalent IR counts for IME and GME. The contractors also use this information to ensure that hospitals are properly reimbursed for IME and GME, and help eliminate duplicate reporting of IR counts which inflate payments. The collection of this information affects 1,215 hospitals which participate in approved medical education programs; *Form Number:* CMS-R-64 (OMB#: 0938-0456); *Frequency:* Recordkeeping and Reporting—Annually; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit and Business or other for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 1,215; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,215; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,430.