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## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Board of Directors

**TIME:** 12 pm–4:30 pm.

**PLACE:** ADF Headquarters.

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 1, 2001.

**STATUS:** Open.

#### Agenda

12 pm–1 pm—Lunch

1 pm–1:30 pm—Chairman's Report

1:30 pm–3 pm—President's Report

3 pm–4:30 pm—Executive Session (Closed)

4:30 pm—Adjournment

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Doris Martin, General Counsel, who can be reached at (202) 673–3916.

**Doris Martin,**

*Acting President.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Arkansas

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of the NRCS in Arkansas to issue revised conservation practice standards for Conservation Cover (Code 327); Conservation Crop Rotation (Code 328);

Contour Buffer Strips (Code 332); Cover Crop (Code 340); Field Border (Code 386); Filter Strip (Code 393) Firebreak (Code 394); Nutrient Management (Code 590); Pest Management (Code 595); Soil Salinity Management—Nonirrigated (Code 571); Stripcropping Field (Code 585); Forest Stand Improvement (Code 666); Forest Trails and Landings (Code 655); Site Preparation for Woody Plant Establishment (Code 490).

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before August 27, 2001.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 3416 Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201–3225. Copies of the practice will be made available upon written request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law 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 Arkansas will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Arkansas regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: June 14, 2001.

**Sonja S. Coderre,**

*Acting State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Amtrak Reform Council.

**ACTION:** Notice of special public business meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), the Amtrak Reform Council (Council) gives notice of a special public meeting of the Council. On July 26, 2001, the Council will hold a Business Meeting 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. (central time) during which time the

Council members will discuss general Council business. The following day, July 27, 2001, the Council will hold a formal Hearing inviting states from the Midwest and South Central region of the U.S. to testify before the Council regarding the issues raised in the Council's Second Annual Report published in March 2001. The Hearing will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (central time).

**DATES:** The Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2001, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (central time). The Hearing will be held on Friday, July 27, 2001, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (central time). Both events are open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** Both the Business Meeting and the Hearing will take place in the New York Central Room at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at One St. Louis Union Station, St. Louis, MO 63103. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM–ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366–0591; FAX: 202–493–2061. For information regarding ARC's upcoming events, the agenda for meetings, the ARC's Second Annual Report, information about ARC Council Members and staff, and much more, you can also visit the Council's website at [www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov](http://www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov).

The next Council meetings will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2001, in Los Angeles, CA and on Thursday, October 11, 2001, in Atlanta, GA.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the Reform Act provides: that the Council is to monitor cost savings from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the Council submit an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after a specified period, the Council has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain

financial goals specified under the Reform Act and, if it finds that Amtrak cannot, to notify the President and the Congress.

The Reform Act prescribes that the Council is to consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and the leadership of the Congress. Members serve a five-year term.

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**Thomas A. Till,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

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#### **Mandatory Automated Export System (AES) Filing for all Items on the Commerce Control List (CCL) and the United States Munitions List (USML)**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Program notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is issuing this special program notice to announce to the export community that the Automated Export System (AES) Certification Report was submitted to Congress. The Certification Report verifies the security and successful implementation of the AES, an electronic system for filing Shipper's Export Declarations (SEDs). In the future, the Census Bureau will issue proposed and final rules in the **Federal Register** providing additional information about the AES requirements and allowing the public to comment.

In addition, this notice announces the requirement for the mandatory Automated Export System (AES) filing for all items on the Commerce Control List (CCL) and the United States Munitions List (USML), whether or not a license is required. This requirement is mandated by Public Law 106-113, Title XII, "Security Assistance," Subtitle E, "Proliferation Prevention Enhancement Act of 1999". This law will require that exporters or their agent's who are required to file SEDs, file such declarations through the AES with respect to exports of items on the CCL and the USML. Section 1252 of this law stipulates that the mandatory filing through the AES of all items on the CCL and the USML will take effect 270 days

after the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) provide certification to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on International Relations that the U.S. Customs Service AES mainframe computer system and the U.S. Census Bureau Internet based AESDirect system are secure and functional systems capable of implementing the provisions of Pub. L. 106-113. In response to this provision, the Secretaries of Commerce and Treasury and the Director of NIST provided such certification and an AES Certification Report to the appropriate committees of Congress in June 2001 initiating the 270-day countdown.

**DATES:** The effective date for the mandatory filing through the AES of all items on the CCL and the USML will be in March 2002. The exact effective date will be specified in appropriate regulations that will be issued to implement this legislation in the near future.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information on this requirement should be directed to C. Harvey Monk, Jr., Chief, Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2104, Federal Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20233-6700, (301) 457-2255 or by fax (301) 457-2645.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 29, 1999, the President signed H.R. 3194 into law (Public Law 106-113). The short title to this law, as specified in section 1251, is referred to as the "Proliferation Prevention Enhancement Act of 1999." Section 1252 of this law amends Title 13, United States Code, Chapter 9, Section 301, to add Section "(h)" authorizing the Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, to require by regulation mandatory reporting requirements for filing export information through the AES. This Act further specifies that all items on the CCL and the USML that require an SED be reported through the AES, whether or not a license is required. Public Law 106-113 may be found at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

The mandatory filing of all items on the CCL and the USML will take effect 270 days after the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Treasury, and the NIST jointly certify to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on International Relations that a secure and functional AES mainframe computer system of the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) and the Internet based

AESDirect system of the Census Bureau are capable of implementing the provisions and workload volume mandated by the legislation.

The General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Information Security (OIS), conducted independent security and functionality assessments of the AES and AESDirect systems. Between June and September 2000, GSA/OIS conducted a Level I and Level II security assessment of the AES and AESDirect systems. No major security vulnerabilities were discovered in either system. There were some minor vulnerabilities discovered in both systems, however, the Certification Report presented to Congress addresses how each agency either resolved the vulnerabilities or the actions being taken to resolve each vulnerability. A copy of the AES Certification Report with confidential security sections removed is available on the Census Bureau and Customs web sites.

The AES Certification Report certifies the security and functionality of the Customs AES mainframe and the Census Bureau AESDirect system, and describes the findings and specific recommendations for implementing the provisions of the legislation. In the report, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director of the NIST certify that: (1) The AES and AESDirect systems are secure and functional automated export reporting systems that meet the security requirements established by the Federal Government; (2) The AES and AESDirect systems are capable of implementing the requirements specified in the legislation for the mandatory filing through the AES of all items on the CCL and the USML; and (3) the AES and AESDirect systems are capable of handling the expected volume from the voluntary use of the AES.

Further, the Chief Information Officers of the Department of Commerce, Department of the Treasury, and NIST evaluated the AES and AESDirect security and functionality attributes and have determined that the AES and AESDirect systems meet the security standards as set forth under the Security Standards of the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130 and the Presidential Decision Directive 63. In addition, the AES has received a security accreditation from Customs, and the AESDirect system has received a security accreditation from the Census Bureau.

Therefore, the AES Certification Report and the Certification Letters jointly presented to the Congressional Committees by the Secretary of