

Drug Administration, HHS;  
Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice: Public meeting;  
establishment of public dockets.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and Research, Education, and Economics; The Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene a meeting on March 31 to April 2, 1997, to discuss and develop for the President a comprehensive plan to reduce the annual incidence of foodborne illness by enhancing the safety of the nation's food supply. USDA and FDA are also establishing public dockets to receive comments about the President's Food Safety Initiative and the discussion draft and current thinking document made available on February 21, 1997.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on March 31; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 1; and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 2, 1997. Comments by April 4, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Traci Phebus at (202) 501-7138, FAX (202) 501-7642, E-mail HACCP.Confer@USDA.GOV.

Participants may reserve a 5-minute public comment period when they register. Space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Participants should also select the breakout sessions they plan to attend when they register. For questions about the meeting or to obtain copies of the draft report, "Food Safety From Farm to Table: A New Strategy for the 21st Century, Discussion Draft and Current Thinking, A National Food Safety Initiative," contact Mr. Charles Danner, FSIS, at (202) 501-7136 or Ms. Karen Carson, FDA, at (202) 205-5140. Copies of the draft report also are available from the following: FSIS at <http://www.usda.gov/fsis> or FDA at <http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/list.html> or CDC at <http://cdc.gov/ncidod/food.htm>. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Jennifer Callahan at (202) 501-7138 by March 24.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 25, 1997, the President directed

the Secretaries of USDA and HHS and the Administrator of EPA to work with consumers, producers, industry, States, Tribes, universities, and the public to identify ways to further improve the safety of our food supply. The President requested that the plan focus on "\* \* \* further improvement of surveillance, inspection, research, risk assessment, education, and coordination among local, State, and Federal health authorities."

On March 5, 1997, the first public meeting was held to discuss the initiative and the issues identified by food safety experts in the draft report. All attendees received a copy of the draft report and were encouraged to review the document and develop recommendations related to the seven topic areas: surveillance, risk assessment, research, inspection, education, and coordination, and strategic planning to be presented at the March 31 meeting.

The March 31 session will feature a general session with time allotted for public comment followed by concurrent breakout sessions: Bioscience Research and Coordination; and an evening session on Strategic Planning. On April 1, concurrent breakout sessions will be held in the morning on Improving Risk Assessment Tools and Improving Food Safety Education and in the afternoon on New Early Warning System for Foodborne Illness and Maximizing Inspection to Support HACCP. The April 2 session will include reports from each of the seven breakout sessions and public comment.

The agencies are also announcing the establishment of public dockets about the President's Food Safety Initiative and the discussion draft and current thinking docket made available on February 21, 1997 and are encouraging individuals to comment on the topics discussed at the March 5, 1997, meeting as well as those listed in this notice under Supplementary Information. The agencies are also urging individuals with comments on the seven topic areas of the draft report to submit these comments by March 28 to facilitate discussion in the breakout sessions. Submit written comments as follows: USDA/FSIS Hearing Clerk, Room 3806 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700 or Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857. Comments are to be identified with the docket number. For those comments directed to USDA use Docket No. 97-024N; for comments directed to FDA, use Docket No. 97N-0074.

Transcripts of the public meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcript of the public meeting and all submitted comments will be available for public examination at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Done at Washington, DC, on March 17, 1997.

**Thomas J. Billy,**

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**Fred R. Shank,**

*Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration (CS-09); Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes, LA

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of no significant impact.

### Description of Action

The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, proposes to implement a hydrologic restoration plan on the Brown Lake wetlands in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. The project involves the installation of five corrugated aluminum culverts, each with a ten foot wide variable crest weir inlet section with a six inch wide vertical slot and a flap gate; a seven foot wide variable crest structure with flap gate; and two corrugated aluminum pipes with flap and screw gates; excavate and place approximately 93,000 cubic yards of earth fill to repair and maintain about 32,000 linear feet of boundary levee and plug abandoned oil field canals; and excavate and place approximately 18,300 cubic yards of earth fill to construct 25,000 linear feet of terraces.

**Factors Considered in Determination**

The Brown Lane Environmental Assessment was prepared in order to assess potential impacts of the project. In this document, no significant adverse impacts to important habitat, endangered species, recreation, or other resources were found. No known National Register of Historic Places properties are in the vicinity of the project area.

Impacts to any significant cultural resources in the area will be minimal, if any.

**Public Involvement**

Upon signature of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), a Notice of Availability will be sent to concerned federal, state, local, and other organizations and individuals known to have an interest in the proposed project. The proposed project has been coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Environmental Protection Agency—Region VI, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—New Orleans District, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Governor's Executive Assistant for Coastal Activities, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources—Coastal Restoration Division, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources—Coastal Management Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer.

**Conclusion**

This office has assessed the environmental impacts of the proposed work and has determined that the project will have no significant adverse impacts upon the human environment. Therefore, no Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared.

Dated: March 6, 1997.

**Donald W. Gohmert.**

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**
**Procurement List Proposed Additions**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposal(s) to add to the Procurement

List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** April 21, 1997.

**ADDRESS:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodity and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodity and services to the Government.
2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodity and services.
3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodity and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodity and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

**Commodity**

Helmet Assembly, Combat Vehicle Crewman  
8470-00-NIB-0003  
(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldiers Systems Command, Natick, Massachusetts)  
NPA: Washington-Greene County Branch, PAB Washington, Pennsylvania

**Service**

Food Service  
Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas  
NPA: MHMR Services for the Concho Valley San, Angelo, Texas  
Grounds Maintenance  
Recreation Areas  
Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii  
NPA: Makaala Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii

**Beverly L. Milkman,**

*Executive Director.*

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**Procurement List; Additions**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 13, 1996 and February 7, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 FR 65520 and 62 FR 5797) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were: