

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

**Finding of No Significant Impact;
Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project
(CS-4A), Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

Introduction

The Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project is a federally assisted action authorized for funding under Public Law 101-646, Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act. An environmental assessment has been completed on this project based upon examination of a Final Environment Statement completed on the PL-566 Cameron-Creole Watershed Project. This document is available for review at the following location: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Water Resources Planning Section, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302.

Recommended Action

The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) proposes to provide maintenance on the completed PL-566 Cameron-Creole Watershed Project through the authorized PL-646 funding.

Effect of the Recommended Action

The Cameron-Creole Watershed is an 113,000 acre area in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Providing necessary maintenance will insure continued benefits of the completed project are sustained, as shown by the latest monitoring report.

Consultation—Public Participation

Upon signature of this 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 and accepted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the Governor's Office of Coastal Affairs.

Meetings are being held throughout the process to keep all interested parties informed of the project status. Agency consultation and public participation to date have shown no unresolved conflicts with the proposed implementation of the selected plan.

Conclusion

This office has assessed the environmental impacts of the proposed work and has determined that the project will have no significant adverse

local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. Therefore, no Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Supplemental EIS will be prepared.

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Subject: Adoption of Cameron-Creole Watershed Environmental Impact

To: Cameron-Creole Maintenance Project (CS-4A) File

I have reviewed the Cameron Creole Watershed Final Environment Statement which is housed in the Water Resources Planning Section at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana. It adequately addresses the potential environmental impacts for the above identified action and meets the requirements of Natural Resources Conservation Service NEPA as set forth in the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) (40 CFR 1500-1508) and the SCS (7 CFR 650).

This memorandum is adopted as my environmental assessment of the subject action.

Based on an examination and review of the foregoing information, I have determined that this project:

_____ will have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement must be prepared;

XX will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

I have made the following compliance determination for the listed environmental requirements.

Not in compliance	In compliance	
_____	XX	Clean Air Act.
_____	XX	Federal Water Pollution Control Act.
_____	XX	Safe Drinking Water Act—Section 1924(e).
_____	XX	Endangered Species Act.
_____	XX	Coastal Barrier Resources Act.
_____	XX	Coastal Zone Management Act—Section 307(c) (1) and (2).
_____	XX	Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
_____	XX	National Historic Preservation Act.
_____	XX	Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act.
_____	XX	Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.
_____	XX	Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands.
_____	XX	Subtitle B, Highly Erodible Land Conservation, and Subtitle Wetland Conservation, of the Food Security Act.
_____	XX	Farmland Protection Policy Act.
_____	XX	Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy.

I have reviewed and considered the type and degree of adverse environmental impacts identified by this assessment. I have also analyzed the proposal for its consistency with NRCS environmental policies, particularly those related to land use, and have considered the potential benefits of the proposal. Based upon a consideration and balancing of these factors, I have determined from an environmental standpoint that the project
XX be approved

_____ not be approved because of the attached reasons.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

City of Albany, Kentucky, Cagle Water Expansion Project; Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is issuing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) related to the proposed potable water treatment plant expansion in Albany, Kentucky. The Draft EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*) in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and Agency regulations (7 CFR part 1940–G). RUS invites comments on the Draft EIS.

The purpose of this Draft EIS is to evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposal to expand Albany's potable water treatment plant to increase its treatment capacity from 2.0 million gallons daily (MGD) to 5.0 MGD. As a result of the action, Cagle's, Inc., plans to build a poultry processing plant in Clinton County, Kentucky. Support operations such as a feed mill, hatchery, poultry farms, and associated utility lines would be built in the region. The Clinton County Industrial Park would also be built as a result of the water plant expansion.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted on or before June 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To send comments or for more information, contact: Mark S. Plank, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, Mail Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1649, fax (202) 720-0820, or e-mail: mplant@rus.usda.gov.

Comments may also be made from Kentucky and Tennessee only, by calling 1-800-444-9765.

A copy of the Draft EIS can be obtained over the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ees.htm>. The file is in a portable document format (pdf); in order to review the document, users need to obtain a free copy of Acrobat Reader. The Acrobat Reader can be obtained from <http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html>.

Copies of the Draft EIS will be available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations:

Clinton County Public Library, 205 Burkeville Road, Albany, KY 40601, (606) 387-5989

Goodnight Memorial Library, 203 South Main, Franklin, KY 42134, (502) 586-8397

Simpson County Extension Service, 300 N. Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134, (502) 586-4484

Warren County Extension Service, 1117 Cabell Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42102-1018, (502) 842-1681

Bowling Green Public Library, 1225 State Street, Bowling Green, KY 42102, (502) 843-1438

Helm-Cravers Library, 1 Big Red Way, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101, (502) 745-3951

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting to solicit review comments will be held on April 29, 1997, at the Clinton County High School, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Agencies, organizations, and the general public are invited to participate in the meeting and to offer comments on the Draft EIS. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer. However, to ensure accuracy of the record, RUS requests that statements also be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and in writing, will become part of the public record on this study. All comments submitted by mail must be postmarked by no later than June 9, 1997 to become part of the public record.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The City of Albany, located in south-central Kentucky, applied for Federal financial assistance to expand its potable water treatment plant on September 5, 1996. This action is a part of a Federal program that empowers depressed rural communities to develop economically through a government and private business partnership. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), announced its intent on November 29, 1996, to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed expansion.

This EIS is the evaluation of the potential impacts on the environment from the proposed potable water treatment plant expansion. In addition, the EIS considers the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of industries that would locate in the Albany, Kentucky area as a result of the expansion. Cagle's, Inc., plans to build a poultry processing facility in the area. This would require construction of support operations such as a feed mill, hatchery, poultry farms, and associated utility lines or ancillary systems. The Clinton County Industrial Park is also proposed as a result of the expansion, even though no specific plans have been made for the industrial park.

In preparing this EIS, the study team considered several alternatives to the

proposed action, but most were considered unlikely, impracticable, or unreasonable. Therefore, this EIS evaluates in depth only two alternatives: the proposed action to expand the potable water treatment plant and the no action alternative.

The affected environment of the proposed facilities consists of rural settings that are dominated by agricultural operations. The proposed expansion would require building a new potable water treatment plant next to the existing plant. This would increase the overall raw water treatment capacity from 2 million gallons per day to 5 million gallons per day. The raw water would be drawn from Lake Cumberland, a major recreational lake in the area.

The proposed poultry processing facility would be located about 3 miles from Lake Cumberland. The proposed poultry processing facility would use an on-site no discharge wastewater treatment system that would spray irrigate treated water on a hay farm. No wastewater would be directly discharged to Indian Creek, which drains into Lake Cumberland. A feed mill and hatchery would be located about 70 miles due west of the poultry processing facility, with poultry farms likely to span throughout fifteen counties in Kentucky and Tennessee. The Clinton County Industrial Park would be located about four miles south of the proposed raw water treatment plant.

The EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the various proposed facilities and associated utility lines. Construction and operation of the proposed facilities and utility lines would have no significant impact on biological resources, noise, aesthetics, and air quality of the region.

Construction of the facilities and utility lines would use best management practices to control erosion, runoff, and sedimentation, as required by Kentucky regulations. Therefore, minimal impacts on soils and surface water would occur. The geology of the area consists largely of limestone, containing sinkholes, crevices, and caves. Therefore, to minimize the risk of problems associated with sinkholes, subsurface investigations would have to be used to help determine the exact siting of buildings, lagoons, and the other facilities.

Operation of the proposed potable water treatment plant would have little impact on Lake Cumberland's water capacity. The proposed spray irrigation of treated water at the poultry processing facility would have no

significant impact on soils or surface and groundwater. However, a monitoring program for soils, surface, and groundwater would be set up to assess any potential long-term effects. The proposed feed mill and hatchery would have minimal impact on the environment since its wastewater would be discharged to a local municipal sewer.

Disposal of poultry wastes from the poultry processing facility and poultry farms would use best management practices as required by the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan, which is in the process of being implemented. Each new agriculture operation would need to comply with the plan. The plan also includes long-term monitoring of the state's water quality to evaluate the effectiveness of the best management practices. Therefore, no significant impacts on water quality are expected.

For most of the proposed facility areas, no significant cultural resources have been found. However, an ongoing archaeological investigation is being conducted at the poultry processing facility site to recover any significant archaeological resources. The site is expected to receive clearance from the State Historical Preservation Officer before any construction activity would begin.

Most of the socioeconomic effects would result from the construction and operation of the poultry processing facility and its support operations. The proposed poultry farming operations would be consistent with U.S. Department of Agriculture's family farming policy. The projected industrial growth in the area would result in increased employment and income. This would in turn stimulate economic growth of this low-income area. No significant impact on the transportation system in the region is expected.

The proposed Clinton County Industrial Park would be able to accommodate businesses interested in locating to the area in the future. This would further stimulate economic growth in the area.

The construction and operation of the proposed facilities and utility lines would meet all federal, state, and local regulations and permitting requirements. Best management practices for construction activities and poultry farming operations would prevent any significantly adverse impacts on the environment. Funding of the potable water treatment plant is the preferred alternative at this time.

The No Action Alternative is not to award Federal financial assistance to the City of Albany. If the No Action Alternative is chosen, the potential

environmental effects of the various proposed facilities, discussed above, would not occur. However, potential economic development in the area would not be realized, and the goals of the federal assistance program would not be met. The area would continue to suffer from high unemployment, poverty, and dependence on Federal and State entitlements.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

John P. Romano,

Deputy Administrator, Water and Environmental Program.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

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: May 19, 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 January 7 and February 28, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 FR 964 and 9159) 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:

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 services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the 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 services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Publications Distribution

Beale Air Force Base, California

Switchboard Operation

VA Medical Center and Administration
Building 21, 3600 30th Street, Des Moines, Iowa

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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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 proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: May 19, 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: 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.