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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact

SUMMARY: An environmental assessment on the Council's proposed regulatory revisions of its regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's NEPA regulations, 36 CFR part 805. The environmental assessment made a preliminary determination that promulgation of its revised regulations will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement will not be necessary. Copies of the environmental assessment and proposed finding of no significant impact may be obtained by contacting the person listed below. Interested parties may submit comments on the environmental assessment and proposed finding of no significant impact to the address listed below no later than 30 days from the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Woronowicz, Information Assistant, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 809, Washington, D.C. 20004, (202) 606-8503.

Dated: August 7, 1997.

John M. Fowler,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-49N]

Meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold a meeting on August 12, 13, and 14, 1997 to discuss food safety issues related to fresh produce, meat, and poultry products; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) process control; risk assessment; and international issues pertaining to Codex Alimentarius initiatives.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 13, and 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best West SouthCenter, 15901 West Valley Road, Tukwila, Washington 98188. The meeting site is less than three miles from SeaTac International Airport.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested persons may file comments before and after the meeting. Comments should be addressed to Dr. Richard L. Ellis, Director, Scientific Research Oversight Staff, Department of Agriculture, FSIS, Suite 6913 Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20250-3700 or FAX to (202) 501-7628.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In the July 10, 1997, **Federal Register** notice announcing the July 24 and 25 meeting of NACMCF's Fresh Produce Subcommittee, it was noted that the full committee would meet in August to further discuss a number of issues related to food safety. This meeting will feature morning plenary sessions followed by breakout subcommittee meetings on August 12 and 13. The full committee will convene on August 14. The meeting is open to the public on a space available basis.

NACMCF provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning the

development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed. NACMCF also provides advice and guidance to the Department of Commerce and the Department of Defense.

Done at Washington, DC, on August 7, 1997.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section 4 of the Maryland State Technical Guide

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Maryland State Technical Guide for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Maryland that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in practice standards 329A Residue Management; No-Till and Strip Till, 329B Residue Management; Mulch Till, 329C Residue Management; Ridge Till, and 344 Residue Management; Seasonal, to account for improved technology. These practices can be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before September 11, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE STANDARD(S) CONTACT:

David P. Doss, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 339 Busch's Frontage Road, Suite 301, Annapolis, MD 21401; 410-757-0861; FAX 410-757-0687.

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 will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

David P. Doss,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Refinancing Water and Wastewater Loans

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the Rural Utilities Service's Water and Wastewater (WW) loan program refinancing policies, informs commercial lenders of the availability of a list of eligible WW borrowers that have the potential to refinance outstanding debt, and invites commercial credit sources to participate in refinancing loans from the Agency's portfolio.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deanna Plauche' Loan Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, Room 2238, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-9635.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency provides credit to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, tribal organizations and nonprofit corporations. The eligible WW loan purposes are to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve water and wastewater systems. The Agency's credit programs are administered in a manner which ensures that they do not compete with credit available from other reliable sources. Loan agreements require financially capable borrowers to refinance debts owed to the Agency when other credit is available at reasonable rates and terms from a cooperative or private credit source.

The Agency would like to further develop its public/private partnerships while enhancing its refinancing efforts. As part of these efforts, each Rural Development State office, which administers the WW program in the field, will maintain a current listing of borrowers that have the potential to refinance. The Agency requests that any interested lenders contact the State

office in each State for the current list of borrowers with potential to graduate. The Agency has developed a unified database of lenders interested in this refinancing initiative as part of the ongoing effort to establish a stronger alliance with private sector lenders. Each interested lender should submit its name and address to the State office located in its residing State. Each State office is required to provide a copy of its current lender list annually to the National office for compilation of a nationwide database. This list should be submitted to the National office by October 1, of each year.

Dated: July 31, 1997.

John Romano,

Deputy Administrator, Water and Wastewater.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 1997 at the Embassy Suites, 425 S. 7th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues of interest and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Alan W. Weinblatt, 612-292-8770, or Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, August 5, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Mexico Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the New Mexico Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on September 15, 1997, at the Clovis Public Library, Ingram Room, 701 North Main Street, Clovis, New Mexico 88101. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss: (1) Food stamp fraud sting operation carried out in Clovis; (2) progress on the Farmington project; and (3) plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Lynda Eaton, 505-326-4338, or Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, August 4, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Ohio Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Ohio Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 1997, at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Grace Ramos, 614-466-6715, or Constance Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the