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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Wood, telephone (212) 637-3866.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Background

A TMDL, or total maximum daily load, is the maximum amount of the pollutant that a waterbody can assimilate and still meet ambient water quality standards. TMDLs are established for water quality-limited segments, which are defined as "any segment where it is known that water quality does not meet applicable water quality standards, and/or is not expected to meet applicable water quality standards, even after the application of technology-based effluent limitations * * *" (40 CFR 130.2(i)).

On January 24, 1996, EPA established certain phased TMDLs, including waste load allocations (WLAs) and load allocations (LAs) for copper. (61 FR 1930). Phased TMDLs were developed for copper because of the limited ambient data and uncertainty in the model calibration for the New Jersey Harbor waters. The Phase I TMDLs established in January 1996 required additional data collection in the New Jersey Harbor waters before the establishment, as necessary, of revised Phase II TMDLs. Phase II TMDLs were to be established only if the additional data and/or modeling indicated that it was necessary to reduce point and/or nonpoint sources of copper below Phase I levels. The New Jersey Harbor waters affected by this action are Newark Bay, Hackensack River below the Oradell Dam, Passaic River below the Dundee Dam, Raritan River below the Fieldville Dam and Raritan Bay.

The New Jersey Harbor Dischargers Group (NJHDG), in cooperation with the State of New Jersey and EPA, agreed to undertake the required additional monitoring and modeling. The first phase of the monitoring was designed to enhance the existing ambient database and to confirm whether copper

exceeded or potentially exceeded applicable water quality standards in the above defined New Jersey Harbor waters. Based on the results of this data collection effort, it was determined that copper does not exceed the appropriate water quality criteria, and therefore the Phase I copper TMDLs are being withdrawn, for the waters mentioned above.

For the Arthur Kill and Kill Van Kull, the Phase I copper TMDLs are not being withdrawn by today's action. The copper TMDLs for these waters remain in effect. Additional monitoring and modeling is currently ongoing for these two waters, and EPA expects to review these data and take appropriate action. Such action may include, without limitation, withdrawing the Phase I copper TMDLs, establishing Phase II copper TMDLs or taking no action to revise the Phase I copper TMDLs. In order to clarify EPA's position in this matter, EPA will, following review of the data, publish notice in the **Federal Register** of the results of its review and what further action, if any, it intends to take on the Arthur Kill and Kill Van Kull copper TMDLs.

II. Public Notice of Draft Decision

EPA's proposed withdrawal was public noticed in the **Federal Register** dated January 10, 1997 (62 FR 1454). A 30-day comment period followed, during which EPA received five comment letters. All comments have been addressed in a responsiveness summary which may be obtained by writing or calling Mr. Steven Wood as referenced above.

III. Final Decision

EPA is noticing its final decision to withdraw the Phase I copper TMDLs from the following New Jersey Harbor waters:

- Hackensack River below the Oradell Dam,
- Passaic River below the Dundee Dam,
- Raritan River below the Fieldville Dam,
- Newark Bay, and
- Raritan Bay.

This action has no effect on the TMDLs for other pollutants established for these waters.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

William J. Muszynski,
Acting Regional Administrator.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), that the October 9, 1997 regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) will not be held. The FCA Board will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 1997. An agenda for this meeting will be published at a later date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Floyd Fithian, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

Dated: September 16, 1997.

Floyd Fithian,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Farm Credit Administration Board; Amendment to Sunshine Act Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), the Farm Credit Administration gave notice on September 10, 1997 (62 FR 47667) of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) scheduled for September 11, 1997. This notice is to amend the agenda by adding an item to the open session of that meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Floyd Fithian, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Parts of this meeting of the Board were open to the public (limited space available), and parts of this meeting were closed to the public. The agenda for September 11, 1997, is amended by adding the following item:

Open Session

B. Report

—FCSBA's Quarterly Report

Dated: September 16, 1997.

Floyd Fithian,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 97-1672]

Auction of 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio Service Licenses; Auction Notice and Filing Requirements for 525 Licenses in the Upper 200 Channels Scheduled for October 28, 1997

Released August 6, 1997.

1. Introduction

Licenses to Be Auctioned: 525 licenses in the upper 200 channels of

the 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio Service ("SMR"). The auction will consist of 3 licenses in each of 175 Economic Areas ("EAs"); frequency block A is allocated 20 channels; frequency block B is allocated 60 channels; and frequency block C is allocated 120 channels. Each frequency block encompasses the following spectrum and channel numbers:

Spectrum block	Channel Nos.	Frequencies (Base and Mobile)
A	401-420	861.0-861.5 MHz. 816.0-816.5 MHz.
B	421-480	861.5-863.0 MHz. 816.5-818.0 MHz.
C	481-600	863.0-866.0 MHz. 818.0-821.0 MHz.

A detailed listing of the EAs, with their FCC market number, market

location, license number, population, and upfront payment, as well as a service area map, are provided in Attachment A.

Note: As indicated below, not all 200 SMR channels in Spectrum Blocks A, B and C are available for auction in the Canadian and Mexican border areas. Some frequencies are subject to international assignment and coordination. For further information, see paragraphs 23-26 of the *Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 97-224, 62 FR 41225 (July 31, 1997) and Appendix C to the *Second Report & Order*, FCC 97-223, 62 FR 41190 (July 31, 1997).

CANADIAN BORDER AREA

Spectrum block	Available channels regions 1, 4, 5 and 6	Available channels region 2	Available channels region 3	Available channels regions 7 and 8
A	None ..	None ..	4	12
B	18	None ..	44	32
C	72	55	72	48

MEXICAN BORDER AREA

Spectrum block	Available offset channels
A	3
B	12
C	18

Auction Date: The auction will begin on October 28, 1997. The precise schedule for bidding will be announced by public notice at least one week before the start of the auction. Unless otherwise announced, bidding will be conducted on each business day until bidding has stopped on all licenses.

Auction Title: This is the sixteenth spectrum auction the FCC has scheduled, and will be referred to as "Auction No. 16, 800 MHz SMR—Upper 200 Channels."

Bidding Methodology: Simultaneous multiple round bidding. Bidding will be permitted only from remote locations, either electronically (by computer) or telephonically.

Pre-Auction Dates:

- An Auction Seminar will be conducted at a location and date to be announced.

- Short-Form Application (FCC Form 175)—September 29, 1997, 5:30 p.m. ET
- Upfront Payments: (Only Wire Transfer Accepted)—October 14, 1997, 6:00 p.m. ET
- Orders for Remote Bidding Software—October 15, 1997, 5:30 p.m. ET
- Mock Auction—October 23, 1997
- Telephone Contacts:**
 - FCC National Call Center—888-CALL-FCC (888-225-5322) (General Auction Information and Seminar Registration, press option #2 at the prompt)
 - FCC Technical Support Hotline—202-414-1250

List of Attachments:

- Attachment A: List of Licenses Offered
- Attachment B: Guidelines for Completion of FCC Forms 159 and 175 and Exhibits
- Attachment C: Electronic Filing of FCC Form 175
- Attachment D: Summary Listing of FCC Documents Addressing Application of the Anti-Collusion Rules

Release of Further Information: The Commission plans to release public notices with further information

regarding Auction 16 in the following order:

- Due diligence
- Software ordering information and bidders seminar registration
- Instructions for on-line monitoring, bid tracking tool, outstanding auction event issues (including round schedules and bid increment calculations)

Background: In December 1995, the Commission restructured the licensing framework that governs the 800 MHz SMR service. Site- and frequency-specific licensing was replaced with a geography-based system similar to those used in other Commercial Mobile Radio Services ("CMRS"). The geographic areas for the licenses were created based on Economic Areas developed by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Service and operational requirements for the 800 MHz SMR service are contained in part 90 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR part 90.

Potential bidders are reminded that there are a substantial number of incumbent licensees already licensed and operating in the 800 MHz SMR service on frequencies that will be subject to the upcoming auction. Such incumbents must be protected from