

approve the new or different use. Accordingly, a submission has been made to EPA for registration of the herbicide glyphosate for use on sugar beet. When the use of the herbicide on the genetically modified plant would result in an increase in the residues of the herbicide in a food or feed crop for which the herbicide is currently registered, or in new residues in a crop for which the herbicide is not currently registered, establishment of a new tolerance or a revision of the existing tolerance would be required. Residue tolerances for pesticides are established by EPA under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended (21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) enforces tolerances set by EPA under the FFDCA.

FDA published a statement of policy on foods derived from new plant varieties in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1992 (57 FR 22984-23005). The FDA statement of policy includes a discussion of FDA's authority for ensuring food safety under the FFDCA, and provides guidance to industry on the scientific considerations associated with the development of foods derived from new plant varieties, including those plants developed through the techniques of genetic engineering. Novartis and Monsanto have begun consultation with FDA on the subject sugar beet line.

In accordance with § 340.6(d) of the regulations, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status from any interested person for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice. The petition and any comments received are available for public review, and copies of the petition may be ordered (see the ADDRESSES section of this notice).

After the comment period closes, APHIS will review the data submitted by the petitioner, all written comments received during the comment period, and any other relevant information. Based on the available information, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving the petition in whole or in part, or denying the petition. APHIS will then publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the regulatory status of the Novartis/Monsanto GTSB77 sugar beet line and the availability of APHIS' written decision.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 150aa-150jj, 151-167, and 1622n; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of August, 1998.

Joan M. Arnoldi,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-026-2]

Public Meeting; Center for Veterinary Biologics

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is the second notice to producers of veterinary biological products, product users, and other interested persons that we are holding our eighth public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. This notice includes information on the agenda for the public meeting and identifies a contact person for obtaining registration forms, lodging information, and copies of the agenda.

PLACE, DATES, AND TIMES OF MEETING: The eighth public meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Ames, IA. The meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kay Wessman, Center for Veterinary Biologics—Inspection and Compliance, VS, APHIS, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010; telephone (515) 232-5785 (extension 127); fax (515) 232-7120; or e-mail: Kay.Wessman@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 14, 1998 (63 FR 18180, Docket No. 98-026-1), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced that it would be holding its eighth public meeting on veterinary biologics in Ames, IA, on September 23 and 24, 1998. In that notice, APHIS requested that interested persons submit suggestions for agenda topics. Based on the submissions received and on other considerations, the agenda for the eighth public meeting will include, but may not be limited to, the following topics:

1. State of the Center for Veterinary Biologics;

2. Electronic submissions demonstrations;
3. Federal preemption and the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act;
4. Association of Feline Practitioners vaccination guidelines
5. Panel discussion on legal issues;
6. Mutual Recognition Agreement between the United States and the European Union;
7. International harmonization;
8. Vaccinovigilance and veterinary biologics in the United States;
9. Drug Export Reform and Enhancement Act;
10. Panel discussion on international issues;
11. Formulating vaccines with aluminum adjuvants;
12. Relative potency and reference requalification; and
13. Future of vaccines in animal health.

In addition, we have scheduled two community networking sessions in which all meeting attendees and participants will be invited to form small working groups to discuss and provide input on critical issues concerning our program, such as: What is the Center for Veterinary Biologics doing well? Where do we need to improve our services? Given the center's budgetary constraints, what should our priorities be? In what areas should we target our major resources?

Registration forms, lodging information, and copies of the agenda for the eighth public meeting may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The registration deadline is September 15, 1998. A block of hotel rooms has been set aside for this meeting until September 1, 1998.

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of August, 1998.

Joan M. Arnoldi,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Request for Nominations for the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality.

DATE: Nominations must be received in writing or reaffirmed (see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section) by October 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send written nominations to: Chief, USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Bluhm, Designated Federal Official, telephone (530) 752-1018, fax (530) 752-1552, email bluhm@crocker.ucdavis.edu. To obtain form AD-755 ONLY contact Jeff Graham, NRCS Agricultural Climatologist via phone at (202) 720-1858 or email at jeff.graham@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Task Force Purpose

As required by Section 391 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) shall establish a task force to review research results by any Federal agency that addresses air quality issues related to agriculture or agriculture infrastructure. Recommendations from the Task Force will be provided to the Secretary of Agriculture for guidance on air quality policy implementations. The requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) apply to this Task Force.

The Task Force will:

1. Review research on agricultural air quality supported by Federal agencies;
2. Base recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture upon sound scientific findings after adequate peer review and taking into account economic feasibility;
3. Work to ensure intergovernmental (Federal, state and local) coordination to establish policy for agriculture air quality and to avoid duplication; and
4. To the extent practical, assist Federal agencies correct their erroneous data with respect to agriculture air quality.

Task Force Membership

The Task Force will be made up of United States citizens. The Task Force will be composed of:

1. Individuals with expertise in agricultural air quality and/or agricultural production;
2. Individuals representing regional air quality concerns;
3. Representatives of institutions with expertise in air quality impacts on human health;
4. Five representatives from commodity groups having expertise in production agriculture;
5. Six representatives from state or local agencies having expertise in agriculture and air quality; and

6. An atmospheric scientist.

Task Force nominations must be in writing and provide the appropriate background documents required by USDA policy, including form AD-755. Previous nominees and current Task Force members who wish to be reappointed should update their nominations and must provide a new background disclosure form (AD-755) to reaffirm their candidacy. Service as a member of the Task Force shall not constitute employment by, or the holding of an office of, the United States for the purpose of any Federal law.

A Task Force member shall serve for a term of 2 years. No individual may serve more than 2 consecutive 2-year terms as a member of the Task Force. A member of the Task Force shall receive no compensation from the NRCS for their service as a member of the Task Force except as described below.

While away from home or regular place of business of a member of the Task Force, the member will be eligible for travel expenses paid by the NRCS, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at the same rate as a person employed intermittently in the government service is allowed under section 5703 of title 5, United States code.

Additional information about the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/faca/aaqt.html>.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations should be typed and should include the following:

1. A brief summary of no more than two pages explaining the nominee's suitability to serve on the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality.
2. Resume.
3. A completed copy of form AD-755.

Nominations should be sent to the Chief of NRCS at the address listed above, and be post marked no later than October 2, 1998.

Equal Opportunity Statement

To ensure that recommendations of the Task Force take into account the needs of underserved and diverse communities served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals representing minorities, women and persons with disabilities.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

Thomas A. Weber,

Deputy Chief for Science and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Wave 10 of the 1996 Panel

ACTION: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Michael McMahon, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3319, Washington, DC 20233-0001, (301) 457-3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the SIPP which is a household-based survey designed as a continuous series of national panels each lasting four years. Respondents are interviewed once every four months in monthly rotations. Approximately 37,000 households are in the current panel.

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single, unified data base so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis