

Summary

The Forest Service proposes to revise the Forest Service Timber Sale Preparation Handbook (FSH 2409.18) to remove the harvest volume data from the recomputation formula and require the use of volume of timber purchased data to determine the small business share. The agency also proposes to reduce the time period for structural change implementation.

Regulatory Impact

This proposed policy has been reviewed under USDA procedures and Executive Order 12866 on Regulatory and Review. It has been determined that this is not a significant policy. This proposed policy will not have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy nor adversely affect productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, nor State or local governments. This proposed policy will not interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency nor raise new legal or policy issues. Finally, this proposed action will not alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients of such programs. Accordingly, this proposed policy is not subject to OMB review under Executive Order 12866.

Moreover, this proposed policy has been considered in light of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et. seq.), and it has been determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as defined by that Act.

Environmental Impact

Section 31.1b of Forest Service Handbook 1909.15 (57 FR 43180; September 18, 1992) excludes from documentation in an environmental assessment or impact statement "rules, regulations, or policies to establish Service-wide administrative procedures, program processes, or instructions." The agency's preliminary assessment is that this proposed policy falls within this category of actions and that no extraordinary circumstances exist which would require preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. A final determination will be made upon adoption of the final policy.

Unfunded Mandates Reform

Pursuant to Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538), which the President signed into law on March 22, 1995, the Department has assessed the effects of

this policy on state, local, and tribal governments and the private sector. This policy does not compel the expenditure of \$100 million or more by any State, local, or tribal governments or anyone in the private sector. Therefore, a statement under section 202 of the Act is not required.

Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public

This policy does not contain any recordkeeping or reporting requirements or other information collection requirements as defined in 5 CFR part 1320 and, therefore, imposes no paperwork burden on the public. Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3510 et seq.) and implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320 do not apply.

Dated: April 13, 1999.

Robert Lewis, Jr.,

Acting Associate Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Michigan

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Michigan, US Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Michigan NRCS FOTG, Section IV for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Michigan to issue revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards include: Water and Sediment Control Basin (638) Grade Stabilization Structure (410) Cross Wind Trap Strip-Filter (589C) Cross Wind Trap Strip-Field (589C) Filter Strip-Animal Waste Management (780) Fueling Facility, Above Ground Storage (701) Dry Hydrant-Interim (995) Conservation Crop Rotation (328) Narrow Strip Cropping-Interim (996) Well Decommissioning (351) Cross Wind Stripcropping (589B) Residue Management, No-Till or Strip Till (329A) Residue Management, Mulch Till (329B) Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)

Waste Storage Facility (313) Waste Utilization (633) Alley Cropping (311) Filter Strip (393A) Wetland Creation (658) Wetland Enhancement (659) Wetland Restoration (657)

DATES: Comments will be received until June 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Kevin Wickey, Assistant State Conservationist for Technology, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1405 S. Harrison Rd., Room 101, E. Lansing, MI 48823. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to kwickey@mi.nrcs.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Wickey, 517-337-6701 ext. 1242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 393 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 in Michigan will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Michigan regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: May 14, 1999.

Jane E. Hardisty,

State Conservationist, E. Lansing, Michigan.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality will meet for the second time in FY 1999 to discuss the relationship between agricultural production and air quality. Special emphasis will be placed on promoting a greater understanding of agriculture's impact on air quality and the role it plays in the local and national economy. The meeting is open to the public.

DATE: The meeting will convene Tuesday, June 22, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. and

continue until 4:00 p.m. The meeting will resume Thursday, June 24, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Natural Resources Conservation Service on or before June 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, Spokane City Center, 322 N. Spokane Falls Ct., Spokane, Washington 99201, telephone (509) 455-9600. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to George Bluhm, University of California, Land, Air, and Water Resources, 151 Hoagland Hall, Davis, CA 95616-6827.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Questions or comments should be directed to George Bluhm, Designated Federal Official, telephone (530) 752-1018, fax (530) 752-1552, email bluhm@crocker.ucdavis.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information about the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality, including any revised agendas for the June 22 and 24, 1999 meeting that may appear after this **Federal Register** Notice is published, may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/faca/aaqtf.html>.

Draft Agenda of the June 22 and 24, 1999 Meeting

- A. Welcome to Washington State and the Pacific Northwest
 1. Leonard Jordan, State Conservationist, NRCS
 2. Dr. Jim Zuiches, Dean, WSU College of Agriculture
 3. Grant Pfeffer, Director, WA Dept. Ecology
 4. Lynn McKee, USEPA, Region X
 5. Terry Jacquilin, Northern ID Farmers Assoc.
 6. Gretchen Borck, WA Wheat Growers Assoc.
 7. Dr. Jane Koenig, U of Washington Medical Center
 8. Rich Fisher, Forest Service, Air Quality Specialist
- B. Old business
 1. Approve minutes of the March 3-4, 1999 AAQTF meeting
 2. Monitoring and health effects subcommittee report
 3. Voluntary program subcommittee report
 4. Research priorities and oversight subcommittee report
 5. Agricultural burning subcommittee report
 6. Confined animals and emission factors subcommittee report
- C. New business
 1. EPA's new regional haze rule
 2. Implication of the federal appeals court decision on the 1997 NAAQS implementation

3. EPA's new Nonroad Diesel Standards (Tier 2 and 3) and proposed standards for Light-Duty Vehicles/Trucks (Tier 2) and for low sulfur gasoline and diesel fuel

D. Set date and location for next meeting

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may present oral presentations during the June 22 and 24, 1999 meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify George Bluhm no later than June 18, 1999. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, that person should submit 25 copies to George Bluhm no later than June 18, 1999.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact George Bluhm as soon as possible.

Dated: May 20, 1999.

Richard Van Klaveren,

Acting Deputy Chief for Science and Technology, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletion from 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, and to delete a commodity previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: June 28, 1999

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

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.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the 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 services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

3. 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. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

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

Base Supply Center

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland

NPA: Blind Industries & Services of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

CD-Rom Duplication Services

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 100 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Hospital Housekeeping Services

U.S. Army Medical Activity & U.S. Army Dental Activity (including Evans Army Community Hospital), Fort Carson, Colorado

NPA: Development Resources, Inc., San Antonio, Texas

Janitorial/Custodial

VA Medical Center, 3350 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, California

NPA: Job Options, Inc., San Diego, California