

mushroom and greenhouse standards; and livestock living standards, parasiticides, antibiotics, and a working draft on honey.

A final agenda will be available on April 5, 1995. Persons requesting copies should contact Faith Ashton at the above address or phone number.

#### Type of Meeting

All meetings will be open to the public. Individuals and organizations wishing to provide written comments on these issues or to comment orally on any organic issues should send the request to Dr. Harold S. Ricker at the above address or FAXED to (202) 690-0337 by April 14, 1995, in order to be scheduled. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Monday, April 24, 1995, beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until 5 p.m. While people may sign up to speak at the door, advance scheduling assures an opportunity in the time allowed and helps the NOSB plan its activities. Each individual or organization will be allocated 10 minutes for presenting orally the key issues of concern, and should provide copies of written material elaborating on those issues for the NOSB and USDA.

Dated: March 21, 1995.

**Lon Hatamiya,**

*Administrator.*

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#### Forest Service

##### Wildcat River Advisory Commission; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Wildcat River Advisory Commission will meet at the Jackson Town Hall in Jackson, New Hampshire, on May 3, 1995. The purpose of the meeting is to continue with the development of a Draft River Management Plan for administration of the designated Wild and Scenic Wildcat River. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act requires the establishment of an advisory commission to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on administration of the river. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting and may provide written comment on the plan to the commissioners c/o the district office.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held May 3, 1995, at 7:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Jackson Town Hall, Route 16B, Jackson, New Hampshire.

Send written comments to David Pratt III, Saco Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest, 33 Kancamagus Highway, Conway, NH 03818.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Pratt III, Saco Ranger District, (603) 447-5482.

Dated: March 16, 1995.

**Charles J. Myers,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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#### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-010N]

##### Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems; Notice of Scientific/Technical Conference and Request for Papers

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will hold a scientific/technical conference, "Role of Microbiological Testing in Verifying Food Safety," on May 1-2, 1995, at the Holiday Inn Independence Mall, 4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the conference is to explore scientific issues related to microbiological testing for verifying the safety of meat and poultry.

**ADDRESSES:** Papers should be sent to: Dr. Robert L. Buchanan, Deputy Administrator, Science and Technology, FSIS, USDA, Room 402 Cotton Annex, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information, contact Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Microbiologist, Microbiology Division, Science and Technology, FSIS, USDA, Building 322, Barc-East, Beltsville, MD 20705. (301) 504-8792. To register to attend the conference, call Ms. Mary Gioglio (202) 501-7244.

For hotel reservations, call the Holiday Inn Independence Mall at (215) 923-8660.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 3, 1995, FSIS published a proposed rule "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems" (60 FR 6774). In that document, the Agency proposed a number of regulatory changes applicable to Federal- and State-inspected meat and poultry establishments. The proposed changes were designed to reduce the occurrence

and numbers of pathogenic microorganisms in meat and poultry products, thereby reducing the incidence of foodborne illness associated with the consumption of these products.

In the proposed rule, FSIS stated that public meetings would be held with the regulated industry and all interested parties to foster the development of beneficial new food safety technologies. FSIS is interested in improving food safety through the use of microbiological testing.

FSIS is aware that any biological characteristic is subject to natural variation. An understanding of the factors influencing variability, particularly relating to collecting samples, must be an integral part of microbiological analyses. FSIS is seeking information on different microbiological testing verification protocols that may assure safer meat and poultry products and, therefore, is hosting a scientific/technical conference.

The conference, "Role of Microbiological Testing in Verifying Food Safety" will be held on May 1-2, 1995, at the Holiday Inn Independence Mall, 4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 923-8660. The conference will begin each day at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. on May 1; at 2:00 p.m. on May 2.

#### Conference Agenda

The conference will consist of three sessions as follows:

**Session I:** Invited speakers from government agencies, industry, and academia will discuss the use and limitations of microbiological testing for assuring food safety.

**Session II:** Presentation of papers on the role of microbiological testing in assuring food safety (see **Submission of Papers**).

**Session III:** The general public attending the conference, on a first-come basis, will have up to five minutes per person to comment on the conference proceedings.

Dr. Robert L. Buchanan, Deputy Administrator, Science and Technology, FSIS will moderate and be joined by a panel consisting of: Dr. Ann Marie McNamara, Director, Microbiology Division, Science and Technology, FSIS; Dr. E. M. Foster, University of Wisconsin; Dr. Bruce Tompkin, Armour Swift Echrich; Dr. Myron Solberg, Rutgers University; Dr. Katherine Swanson, Pillsbury Company; and Dr. Margarite Neill, Brown University. The panel will summarize the presentations and prepare a report of the proceedings. This report will include general