

Secretary will consider the recommendations of the NOSB. The Secretary will then determine what substances should be proposed to be included in the National List and will publish the proposed list for public comment prior to establishing the National List.

Once established, the National List may be amended. Proposed additions to the National List will also be published for public comment. Substances included in the National List will be reviewed by the NOSB and the Secretary at least every 5 years.

**PURPOSE:** The NOSB has made an extensive effort to review existing organic certification organizations' lists of substances approved or prohibited for organic production and handling. However, it is possible that one or more substances currently appearing on these existing lists have not been included in the groups of substances being evaluated at this time by the technical advisors persons and the NOSB. In addition, there may be other substances that should be evaluated for inclusion on the National List which may be determined to be compatible with the organic management system of agricultural production and processing.

This Notice establishes the procedure by which interested parties may petition the NOSB for the purpose of having a substance evaluated for recommendation to the Secretary for inclusion as a permitted synthetic or prohibited natural substance on the National List. Only the names of generic, single, active ingredients should be submitted; brand name products and formulations will not be evaluated or appear on the National List.

A request that a substance be evaluated, along with the following information, is specifically requested.

**DETAILED INFORMATION:**

Substance name (generic or common name);  
 Manufacturer's name, address, and phone, if different from the petitioner;  
 Area of intended use (crops, livestock, or handling/processing);  
 Specific use of the substance within the area of intended use;  
 Sources from which the substance is derived;  
 Description of the manufacturing or processing procedures; and  
 Summary of previous reviews by State or private organic certification programs.

**REGULATORY INFORMATION (AS APPLICABLE):**

EPA registration (include the registration number);

Food and Drug Administration registration;  
 State regulatory authority registration (include State registration number);  
 Chemical Abstract Service number or other product number; and  
 Labels of products that contain the petitioned substance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Detailed findings relevant to the substance's: detrimental chemical interactions with other materials used in organic farming; toxicity and persistence in the environment; environmental contamination resulting from its use and manufacture; effects on human health; and effects on soil organisms, crops and livestock;

Bibliographies;

Material Safety Data Sheet;

Information on the substance obtained from the National Institute of Environmental Health Studies; and  
 Information on whether all or part of any submission is believed to be confidential commercial information, and if so, what parts, and the basis for the belief it is confidential commercial information.

**JUSTIFICATION:** If petitioning for approval of a synthetic substance, state the reasons why the synthetic substance is necessary to the production, processing or handling of the organic product;

If the substance may be defined as synthetic, describe natural substances or alternative cultural methods that could be utilized in place of the synthetic substance; and summarize the beneficial effects to the environment, human health, or farm ecosystem that might support the use of the synthetic substance instead of the natural substances or alternative cultural methods.

If petitioning for prohibition of a natural substance, state the reasons why the natural substance should not be permitted in the production, processing or handling of the organic product.

The information requested for petitioning for a substance to be evaluated for inclusion on the National List should be completed as fully as possible. Persons submitting petitions may be requested to supply additional information.

Persons wishing to submit a petition should send the request and the information requested to: Michael Hankin, Senior Marketing Specialist, USDA, AMS, TMD, NOP, Room 2510 South Building, PO Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 6501-6522.

Dated: March 21, 1995.

**Lon Hatamiya,**

*Administrator.*

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**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. 94-119-4]

**Boll Weevil Control Program; Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has confirmed its finding of no significant impact for a proposed program to eradicate the boll weevil in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. On January 30, 1995, we announced that we had prepared an environmental assessment and preliminary finding of no significant impact for the proposed eradication program. This confirmation of the finding of no significant impact follows our review of comments received regarding the proposed eradication program and the environmental assessment.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the final environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Vicki Wickheiser, Writer-Editor, Environmental Analysis and Documentation, BBEP, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 149, Riverdale, MD 20737-1228, (301) 734-8963. Copies of the final environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are available in both English and Spanish and may be obtained by contacting Ms. Wickheiser or by calling Plant Protection and Quarantine's Central Region Office at (210) 504-4154.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has proposed to cooperate in a boll weevil

eradication program in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas in the counties of Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy. The proposed Lower Rio Grand Valley program would rely on integrated control methods, including the use of chemicals, on cotton crops. Consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Aphids had prepared an environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential effects of the program's alternatives and actions on the quality of the human environment.

The EA considers the characteristics of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and focuses on the Potential effects of chemical pesticides. Because of the presence of communities in proximity to cotton fields, certain program modifications and some additional protective measures have been proposed and adopted. The potential presence of endangered and threatened species in close proximity to program activities prompted APHIS to also prepare a biological assessment of endangered and threatened species which contains special protective measures for those species. All of these protective measures are designed to reduce the potential for adverse effects.

Consistent with important policy objectives and principles of "environmental justice" as expressed in Executive Order No. 12898, APHIS held a public meeting on November 29, 1994, in Weslaco, TX (59 FR 56458, Docket No. 94-119-1), and two public hearings on February 16, 1995 (60 FR 5617-5618, Docket No. 94-119-2; 60 FR 7747-7748, Docket 94-119-3), also in Weslaco, TX. The purpose of the November 1994 public meeting was to provide a forum for community input on health and environmental issues associated with implementation of the proposed boll weevil eradication program. APHIS considered the public's perspectives in its development of the EA for the proposed program. The purpose of the February 1995 public hearings was to provide the public additional opportunities to express views or question agency officials regarding the proposed eradication program, the EA, and the preliminary finding of no significant impact.

APHIS made the EA and the preliminary finding of no significant impact available for public review for a period of 30 days. Subsequent to that period, APHIS considered the comments that it received from the public (private individuals, organizations, industry, and government) before making final revisions in the EA.

The APHISA decisionmaker has confirmed the preliminary finding that the proposed eradication program will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment, and determined that an environmental impact statement does not need to be prepared, and that the program may proceed.

We are mailing copies of the final EA and final finding of no significant impact (in English or Spanish, as applicable) to all persons who submitted comments or manifested an interest in the proposed eradication program.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of march 1995.

**Terry L. Medley,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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#### Forest Service

#### Willamette Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Willamette PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, April 17, 1995, at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Building, 255 Capitol Street NE, Room #122, Salem, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Orientation to the Advisory Committee process and the President's Forest Plan, (2) Introduction of members and expectations, (3) Operating guidelines and ground rules, (4) Status of PIEC activities and forecast of future activities, (5) Open public forum. All Willamette PIEC meetings are open to the public, and interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Written comments concerning the Advisory Committee's affairs can be submitted at the meeting. Oral comment can also be made during the public forum. Length of oral comments will be limited to the time allotted on the agenda.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Neal Forrester, Designated Federal Official, Willamette National Forest, 211 East Seventh Avenue, Eugene, Oregon; 503-465-6924.

Dated: March 21, 1995.

**Darrel L. Kenops,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

#### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Alaska 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 Alaska Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 1995, at the Anchorage Hilton, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The purpose of the meeting is to plan and discuss civil rights issues in the State.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Rosalee T. Walker, 907-586-2873, or Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-0508). 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, March 17, 1995.

**Carol-Lee Hurley,**

*Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*

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#### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Indiana 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 Indiana Advisory Committee to the Commission will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 20, 1995, at the Indiana Convention Center and RCA Dome, 100 South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46225. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information on "The Enforcement of Affirmative Action Compliance in Indiana under Executive Order 11246."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Hollis E.