

Rural Utilities Service**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Town of Albany, Cagle Water Expansion Project and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent and notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), USDA announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*) in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508) and Agency regulations 7 CFR 1940-G. The primary scope of the EIS is to evaluate the environmental impacts of and alternatives to the City of Albany's proposal to increase treatment capacity of their water treatment plant from 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD) to 5.0 MGD; install 30,000 linear feet (5.68 miles) of a 16-inch water transmission main; and construct a 1.5 million gallon water storage tank. Alternatives to be considered will include alternatives to the treatment plant expansion.

The Town of Albany has requested financial assistance from three Federal Agencies: RUS, Economic Development Administration (EDA), and Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.5, Lead Agencies, the RUS will be the lead Agency for the EIS and EDA and HUD will be cooperating Agencies.

With this notice, RUS invites any affected Federal, State, and local Agencies and other interested persons to comment on the scope, alternatives, and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS.

The public scoping meeting will be held on December 19, 1996 at the Clinton County High School Gym, Highway North 127, Albany, KY 42602 at 6:30 pm.

After the scoping process and the initial environmental analysis are completed RUS will issue a Draft EIS. A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS will be published in the Federal Register and area newspapers, and public comments will again be solicited. Those persons who choose not to comment on the scope of the document at this time but desire a copy of the Draft EIS should send their names and addresses to Mark S. Plank at the address listed below. RUS anticipates

releasing a final EIS in less than nine months.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS will be accepted 15 days after the public scoping meeting is held.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Mark S. Plank, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Mail Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1649 or fax (202) 720-0820 or Thomas G. Fern, State Director, USDA, Rural Development State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (606) 224-7300 or fax (606) 224-7340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Letcher, Vernon Brown, or Ken Sloane, USDA, Rural Development State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (606) 224-7300 or Mark S. Plank, at the address and telephone number above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Subchapter C, Part I (Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities and Rural Development Investment Areas) of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Clinton County, Kentucky is located in an area designated as an Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) (see Federal Register Vol. 60, No. 24, February 6, 1995). The purpose of the EZ/EC initiative is to empower rural communities and their residents to create opportunities for economic development as part of a Federal-State-local and private sector partnership. The proposed action is an integral component of the EZ/EC initiative by providing the financial assistance for infrastructure development that is critical for promoting favorable economic conditions for job creation. One of the EZ/EC initiatives is the construction of a chicken processing plant (Plant) in Clinton County by Cagle Industries, Atlanta, GA. The Plant is expected to bring 800-1,000 jobs in an area of chronic poverty and high unemployment. In order to accommodate the water needs of the Plant, the City of Albany submitted a pre-application on September 5, 1996, to the Rural Utilities Service (and other Federal agencies) to upgrade the existing Albany Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The City of Albany proposes to increase treatment capacity of the WTP from 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD) to 5.0 MGD; install 30,000 linear feet (5.68 miles) of a 16-inch water transmission main; and construct a 1.5 million water storage tank at the Plant site.

Dated: November 25, 1996.

Adam Golodner,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD**Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee; Meeting**

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) gives notice of the dates and location of the meetings of the Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee.

DATES: The Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee will meet on December 16, 17, and 18, 1996 beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Steptoe & Johnson building, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC on the concourse level.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Dennis Cannon, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 35 (voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). Electronic mail address: cannon@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request. It is also available on the Internet at <http://www.access-board.gov/notices/taacmtg.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 24, 1996, the Access Board published a notice appointing members to its Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee (Committee). 61 FR 26155 (May 24, 1996). The Committee will make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility guidelines for telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment. These recommendations will be used by the Access Board to develop accessibility guidelines in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under section 255 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Committee is composed of

representatives of manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; telecommunications providers and carriers; and other persons affected by the guidelines.

At its first meeting on June 12–14, 1996, the Committee took the following actions:

- The statutory definitions of telecommunications, telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment are to be construed broadly.
- Providing access is not a “change in form” of information within the meaning of the statute’s definition of telecommunications and, therefore, not excluded.
- A listserv was created through the Trace Center: taac-l@trace.wisc.edu. To subscribe, send e-mail to listproc@trace.wisc.edu with the message subscribe taac-l <first-name last-name>.
- Accepted the application of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association and Motorola to join the Committee.

At its second meeting on August 14–16, 1996, the Committee agreed on the following points:

- In customer premises equipment (CPE), it is not always possible to separate the effects of software from hardware and one manufacturer may choose to perform the same function with one or the other. Therefore, the guidelines must cover both.
- It is not always possible to determine whether a particular function resides with the CPE, the telecommunications carrier, or the source material. Therefore, the guidelines will be developed with the assumption that the function resides in the CPE and urge the FCC to apply the same guidelines to entities and services under its jurisdiction.

The Committee also agreed that the existing definitions of CPE and telecommunications equipment are sufficient.

- While the definition of “readily achievable” in the Telecommunications Act is the same as in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the term is applied differently. In the ADA, the term applies to barrier removal in existing facilities whereas the Telecommunications Act applies the term to the manufacture of new equipment. An ad hoc task group was formed to develop criteria to assess “readily achievable” in this new context.

Subcommittees on Compliance Assessment and Guidelines Content were created. Discussions will be conducted primarily by e-mail. To participate in a subcommittee, send e-mail to cannon@access-board.gov.

At its third meeting on September 25–27, 1996, the Committee took the following actions:

- Accepted the application of Microsoft to join the Committee.
- The subcommittee on Compliance Assessment reviewed and revised a draft list of criteria for an effective conformity assessment model, then developed consensus around fifteen of these criteria, with another five criteria needing further clarification or discussion. The subcommittee divided into two work groups: Consumer Information/Verification and Coordination Point/Practitioners’ Qualifications.

The subcommittee on Guidelines Content divided into two work groups: Process Guidelines, and Performance and Design Guidelines. Each work group developed a set of principles and criteria for further discussion. Draft products are posted on a Trace-sponsored Web site. Discussion will be by e-mail (via the main TAAC–L listserv) and by teleconference call. The URL for the Web site is <http://trace.wisc.edu/taac/workdoc.htm>.

At its fourth meeting on November 6–8, 1996, the Committee took the following actions:

- Accepted the application of Netscape to join the Committee.
- Agreed to exchange information with European experts working on similar issues to help promote consistency.
- The Compliance Assessment subcommittee worked through its draft document and flagged and prioritized issues. Additional issues were also raised and will be addressed in the coming weeks. Issues include: (1) should the guidelines require manufacturers to follow specific steps but give suggested strategies; (2) can the use of “Access Engineers” be required or only suggested; (3) how to make the process clear and understandable; (4) content of a Declaration of Conformity; (5) how to deal with the transition from now until “Access Engineers” are available. The Process work group of the Guidelines Content subcommittee met with the Compliance Assessment subcommittee to discuss overlapping issues including documentation, product testing and specialized CPE.
- The Guidelines Content subcommittee draft contains performance guidelines, including goals and strategies, followed by a rationale.

The document also includes definitions and suggested techniques for providing access in specific cases. The document also suggests a current list of strategies and techniques for access.

The Committee will meet on the dates and at the location announced in this notice. The meetings are open to the public. There will be a public comment period each day for persons interested in presenting their views to the Committee. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening systems and real time transcription will be available. The Committee will meet for the final time on January 14–15, 1997 at a location to be announced.

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Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Antifriction Bearings (Other than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof from Romania; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request by the petitioner, The Torrington Company, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on antifriction bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof (AFBs), from Romania. The review covers shipments of the subject merchandise to the United States during the period May 1, 1993, through April 30, 1994.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have not been made below the foreign market value (FMV). Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 29, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Riggle or Michael Rill, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4733.