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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-086-1]

Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advance notice of public meeting and request for agenda topics.

SUMMARY: This is to notify producers of veterinary biological products, product users, and other interested persons that we will be holding the seventh annual public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. The agenda for this year's meeting is being planned and suggestions for topics of general interest to producers and other interested persons are requested.

PLACE, DATES, AND TIME OF MEETING: The meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Ames, IA, on Tuesday, April 15, and Wednesday, April 16, 1997, from 8 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. each day.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on agenda topics contact Dr. Frank Tang, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Licensing and Policy Development, Veterinary Services, APHIS, Suite 5B48, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237, (301) 734-4833, FAX (301) 734-8669, or e-mail ftang@aphis.usda.gov. For registration information contact Ms. Kay Wessman, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Inspections and Compliance, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 223 South Walnut, Ames, IA 50010, (515) 232-5785, FAX (515) 232-7120, or e-mail kwessman@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) holds an annual public meeting on veterinary biologics in

Ames, IA. The meeting provides an opportunity for the exchange of information between APHIS representatives, producers of veterinary biological products, and interested persons on issues of common concern. APHIS is in the process of planning the agenda for the seventh annual public meeting on veterinary biological products to be held in Ames, IA, on April 15-16, 1997.

As yet, the agenda for the meeting is not complete. APHIS is seeking suggestions for meeting topics from producers, product users, and the interested public before finalizing the agenda. Topics that have been suggested include: (1) The Center for Veterinary Biologics; (2) program updates; (3) regulatory reform; (4) quality assurance initiatives; and (5) postmarketing surveillance.

Consistent with efforts to reinvent government and to improve how programs are delivered, we would like to invite licensed producers of veterinary biological products, product users, and other interested persons to present their ideas and suggestions concerning the licensing, manufacturing, testing, and distribution of veterinary biologics.

Please submit, on or before January 15, 1997, proposed titles for such presentations, the name(s) of the presenter(s), the approximate amount of time that will be needed for presentation(s), and any additional suggested meeting topics (for both breakout and general sessions) to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

After the agenda is finalized, APHIS will announce the schedule in the Federal Register.

Done in Washington, DC, this 29th day of November 1996.

A. Strating,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Forest Service

Elsmere Canyon Proposed Solid Waste Management Facility; Notice of Withdrawal of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Angeles National Forest published a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a non-significant amendment to the Angeles National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan in Volume 55, No. 173 Thursday, September 6, 1990 and a revised Notice of Intent in Volume 59, No. 221, Thursday, November 17, 1994.

This was in response to a proposal to exchange land for the purpose of development of a solid waste management facility in the Elsmere Canyon area of the Tujunga Ranger District, Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles County, California.

At the request of the project proponent, the Forest wishes to withdraw the Notice of Intent with the following information:

DECISION: The Forest Service was to decide whether or not to exchange 1643 acres of National Forest land currently within the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest for private lands within the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest. Other private lands within the boundaries of other National Forests within Southern California were also to be considered.

The Forest Service had completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in January, 1995 and issued the Draft Statement for public review. Comments were received and revisions were complete. In analyzing new information provided by commentors, it was determined that the project did not meet the requirements of the Angeles National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan.

Further, Public Law 104-333, the Omnibus Public Lands Bill of 1996, Section 812, prohibited the transfer of any lands owned by the United States and managed by the Secretary of Agriculture as part of the Angeles National Forest for the use of such land as a solid waste landfill. As a result of the legislation, the project proponent withdrew their application for the land exchange.

Angeles National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan

The Angeles National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan contains standards and guidelines regarding