

improving communication to the public on food and agriculture, as charged by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Also, the Working Group will be joined by a few other Board members, who will meet on October 15 for a planning meeting on priority setting. The purpose of this Working Group meeting is to develop and plan an effective agenda for the Advisory Board meeting in November 1997, which will focus on research, extension, education, and economics priority setting for the FY 2000 Budget.

Dates: October 14, 1997, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and October 15, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Conference Room 338C-Aerospace Building, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918 South, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199.

Done at Washington, DC, this 12th day of September 1997.

I. Miley Gonzalez,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Public Briefings on Development of a U.S. Action Plan on Food Security

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting postponement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that public workshops regarding development of a U.S. Action Plan on Food Security originally scheduled for September 23 and 24 have been postponed. The workshops are for the purpose of briefing the public on the draft mini-papers, responding to questions and receiving reactions to the papers in order to facilitate public participation in the process of

developing the U.S. Action Plan on Food Security.

DATES: New dates for the workshops will be announced as soon as possible.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Inquiries may be directed to the Office of the National Food Security Coordinator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 3008 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 690-0776 or fax (202) 720-6103.

Signed in Washington, DC, September 11, 1997.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York State Office.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices, Section IV of the New York State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These new standards include; Grass Filter Strip (NY393s) and Grass Filter Area (NY393a).

DATES: Comments will be received on or before October 20, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 441 S. Salina Street, Fifth Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, New York, 13202-2450.

Copies of these standards are available from the above individual. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural 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 will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Richard D. Swenson,

State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Syracuse, NY.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

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

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Delaware.

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

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Delaware to issue a revised conservation practice standard Wetland Development or Restoration (Code 657) in Section IV of the FOTG.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elesa K. Cottrell, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Suite 101, 1203 College Park Dr., Dover, Delaware 19904-8713, telephone (302) 678-4160. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural 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 Delaware will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Delaware regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

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Elesa K. Cottrell,

State Conservationist.

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