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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

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Public Meetings for Environmental Documentation on Herbicidal Eradication

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the "Draft Supplement to the Environmental Impact Statements for Cannabis Eradication in the Contiguous United States and Hawaii" (DSEIS) is available for public review and comment and that public meetings will be held regarding this document. On August 13, 1996, we announced our intent to supplement the programmatic EIS's on eradication of Cannabis on Federal and non-Federal lands and welcomed comments (FR 61 42056). The DSEIS is an update of the latest scientific information regarding the herbicidal alternatives in the original environmental impact statement (EIS) documentation.

In 1985 and 1986, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published programmatic EISs for its Cannabis eradication program. The first EIS was prepared for Cannabis eradication on Federal lands in the continental United States, and the second EIS was prepared for the program as it pertained to non-Federal lands, Indian lands, and the State of Hawaii, including Native Hawaiian Homestead lands. The alternatives analyzed in detail in the EIS include the use of manual, mechanical, and herbicidal eradication methods.

In the DSEIS, changes to the herbicidal eradication alternatives in the 1985 and 1986 EISs were analyzed. The changes analyzed were (1) the addition of triclopyr as an approved program herbicide; (2) elimination of paraquat as an approved program herbicide; and (3) changes in program delivery, including elimination of broadcast aerial applications of herbicides, use of new technology in aerial directed treatments of herbicides, use of marker dyes, and use of amine formulations of 2,4-D..

DATES: Five public meetings will be held.

Tuesday, May 12, 1998, 4 pm-8 pm, Denver, Colorado, Renaissance Denver, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80207 (Ball Room)
 Friday, May 15, 1998, 4 pm-8 pm, Honolulu, Hawaii, Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkins Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814 (Hibiscus Ball Room)
 Tuesday, May 19, 1998, 4 pm-8 pm, Boise, Idaho, Boise Center on the Grove, 850 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702 (The Summit Room)
 Thursday, May 21, 1998, 4 pm-8 pm, Atlanta, Georgia, Westin Atlanta Airport, 4736 Best Road, Atlanta, GA 30337 (Grand Ball Room 1)
 Wednesday, May 27, 1998, 4 pm-8 pm, Washington, DC Metro Area, Holiday Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Eisenhower Station Ball)

The public comment period will be open for 45 days beginning with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's formal Notice of Availability, anticipated to appear in the **Federal Register** on April 17, 1998. The DSEIS will be mailed to the names on the mailing list.

CONTACTS: Comments and participation at the public meetings are invited. Speakers are requested to present one original and three copies of the written text of their presentation to register. Speakers may pre-register by facsimile at (301) 734-3640 any time of day or by calling Ms. Vicki Wickheiser, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Speakers should identify which meeting they plan to attend. Speakers may also register starting at 3 p.m. the day of the meeting. Again, they should present written text as described above.

ADDRESSES: Comments and participation at the public meetings are invited. Speakers are requested to submit text of their presentation to: Ms. Vicky Wickheiser, DOA/APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 149, Riverdale, MD 20737-1228. Anyone unable to attend one of the above meetings, who wishes to submit written comments to the DSEIS may submit them to the above address prior to June 1, 1998.

Copies of the Draft DSEIS

Copies of the DSEIS have been sent to all agencies and individuals who responded to the DSEIS **Federal Register** Notice of Intent, and to all respondents from the Original EIS Mailing list who responded positively to a mailing list query, and to other individuals that have requested copies

of the document. Persons wishing copies of this DSEIS should immediately contact: Mr. Jack Edmundson, DOA/APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 149, Riverdale, MD 20737-1228, phone (301)-734-4844, facsimile (301)-734-5992.

Copies of the DSEIS will be available until May 10, 1998. There will be a limited number of copies of the DSEIS at each public meeting. We have also arranged to have Internet online access to the document through the Drug Enforcement Administration's web site: <www.usdoj.gov/dea> Click on Programs then select Cannabis.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Drug Courts Program Office; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Grantee Survey

ACTION: Emergency notification of information collection under review; new collection drug courts grantee data collection survey.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** and allowed 60 days for public comment.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments from the date listed at the top of this page in the **Federal Register**. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 1320.10.

Written comments and suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to 202-395-7285. Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally,