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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-011-2]

Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of reopening and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we are reopening and extending the comment period for a draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact that have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact relate to the release into the environment of nonindigenous leaf beetles for use as biological control agents to suppress saltcedar, a major weed pest of water courses and riparian habitats. This reopening and extension will provide interested groups and individuals with additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: We invite you to comment on Docket No. 99-011-1. We will consider all comments that we receive by June 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comment and three copies to: Docket No. 99-011-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 99-011-1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading

room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS rules, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald D. Hennessey, Entomologist, Biotechnology and Biological Analysis, PPO, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 139, Riverdale, MD 20737-1228; (301) 734-8537; or e-mail: ronald.d.hennessey@usda.gov. For copies of the draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, write to Dr. Ronald D. Hennessey at the same address. Please refer to the title of the draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact when ordering copies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 18, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 13395-13396, Docket No. 99-011-1) a notice advising the public that a draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the release into the environment of nonindigenous leaf beetles for use as biological control agents to suppress saltcedar, a major weed pest of water courses and riparian habitats.

Comments on the notice were required to be received on or before April 19, 1999. We are now advising the public that we are reopening and extending the comment period on Docket No. 99-011-1 for an additional 45 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

The draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared in accordance with: (1) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-

1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 150aa-150jj, 151-165, and 167.

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of April 1999.

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Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—FNS-380, Worksheet for Food Stamp Program Quality Control Reviews

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection of the FNS-380, Worksheet for Food Stamp Program Quality Control Reviews (formerly FCS-380, Integrated Quality Control Review Worksheet).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Retha Oliver, Chief, Quality Control Branch, Program Accountability Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of