

withdrawals at the Burr Well Field on South Dakota resources. Notwithstanding a Minnesota and South Dakota written commitment to work together on Burr Well Field permitting issues and a continuing belief that the MDNR's permitting procedures contain the appropriate statutory, regulatory, and administrative processes to officially incorporate South Dakota officials (and citizens') concerns at the Burr Well Field, RUS fully intends to encourage and invite SDDENR's full participation in the development of the WRMP.

As stated in the FEIS, the WRMP should formalize all procedures, protocols, and methodologies to monitor in a comprehensive fashion groundwater appropriations at the Burr Well Field and its effects on the surface water resources hydraulically connected to the Burr Unit in both South Dakota and Minnesota. As a minimum, the following components shall be included in the WRMP:

- Contingency Plan—the plan should incorporate impact thresholds established by MDNR, SDDENR's input, and outline what procedures LPRW will take in the event water appropriations from the Burr Unit are restricted.
- Well Field Operation and Management Plan—this plan should be designed to minimize reductions in the potentiometric surface in the Burr Unit during any specified time periods.
- Supplemental Well Field Exploration Plan—based on previous geologic exploration efforts, this plan should outline future exploration efforts and development activities, including schedules, for a supplemental well field.
- Monitoring Plan—formalize monitoring well locations; establish standard methodologies or procedures for data management, i.e., collection, documentation, and information sharing.

Assuming LPRW continues to pursue its request for financial assistance for the Northeast Phase Expansion and RUS has funds available for and approves the proposal, RUS will formally invite the following participants to contribute to and assist in the development of the WRMP:

- Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 8 (while Minnesota is in USEPA Region 5, Region 8, in accordance with their Cooperating Agency Agreement with RUS, has agreed to serve in the lead role for this project).

RUS will support, within the context and time frames of its loan approval process, the planning and development of the WRMP by coordinating meetings between the above participants. As stated previously, RUS shall not release project funding until LPRW successfully completes the WRMP to RUS's satisfaction. RUS will evaluate the technical sufficiency and acceptance of the WRMP primarily through consultations with hydrogeologists at the USEPA, Region 8 and the other regulatory officials. The mechanism for this consultation with USEPA will be provided for through RUS's Cooperating Agency Agreement with USEPA. RUS will further condition the release of funds for the Northeast Phase Expansion area subject to LPRW being able to obtain the appropriate Water Appropriation Permit(s) from the MDNR.

Through the WRMP, RUS hopes to foster a cooperative working environment among all stakeholders to the proposal. The overall goal of RUS' decision is to promote the wise use and sustainability of natural resources, avoiding irreversibility in the ecological integrity of those resources, and provide the area's citizens with a safe, reliable source of potable water. Even though the EIS is a decision document, not a scientific research report, RUS believes it has evaluated current and relevant data and is confident that given a cooperative attitude among stakeholders, significant adverse impacts to the environment can be minimized or avoided through mitigation and adopting an adaptive environmental management approach in monitoring groundwater appropriations at the Burr Well Field.

Dated: September 16, 1999.

**Wally Beyer,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-580-842]

#### **Structural Steel Beams From the Republic of Korea; Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 4, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tipten Troidl at (202) 482-1767 and Eric B. Greynolds at (202) 482-6071, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

#### **POSTPONEMENT OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION:**

On July 27, 1999, the Department initiated the countervailing duty investigation of structural steel beams from the Republic of Korea. See *Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Structural Steel Beams from the Republic of Korea*, 64 FR 42088 (August 3, 1999). The preliminary determination currently must be issued by September 30, 1999.

On September 3, 1999 Northwestern Steel & Wire Company, Nucor-Yamato Steel Company, and TXI-Chaparral Steel, Inc. (petitioners) made a timely request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e) for a postponement of the preliminary determination in accordance with section 703(c)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Petitioners requested a postponement because of the complicated nature of the case, to allow petitioners adequate time to analyze submitted responses, and to allow time for the Department to determine the extent to which particular subsidies are being used.

For reasons identified by petitioners, we see no compelling reason not to postpone the preliminary determination. See Memorandum from Bernard Carreau to Robert S. LaRussa, dated September 15, 1999 (on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce). Therefore, we are postponing the preliminary determinations under section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act. We will make our preliminary determination in this investigation no later than December 6, 1999.

This notice of postponement is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: September 24, 1999.

**Bernard T. Carreau,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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