

resolve criteria for assessing the effectiveness and adequacy of the national ballast water management program in reducing the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species. The ANS Task Force is required to develop criteria for determining the adequacy and effectiveness of the voluntary ballast water management guidelines and subsequent regulations promulgated by the U.S. Coast Guard. The focus of this meeting will be to review and discuss draft discussion papers on compliance and effectiveness criteria and review the timeframe for developing the criteria and providing recommendations to the ANS Task Force.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 851, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

New Prices for USGS Map Products

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will implement a new price structure for map products on November 1, 1999.

The USGS will raise the handling fee for all product orders to \$5.00 per order. International orders will include a \$20.00 shipping fee plus the \$5.00 handling fee. All international orders exceeding 50 items will be charged actual shipping costs. The new price structure for the USGS published maps is described below.

(1) The price for the USGS Primary Series topographic quadrangle maps (7.5 minute—1:24,000, 1:25,000, 1:20,000; 7.5 × 15 minute—1:25,000, 1:63,360 scales) will remain \$4.00 per sheet.

(2) The price for National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC) maps being a private sector copyright will be \$10.00 per sheet.

(3) The price for all other map titles and scales (including 1:100,000-scale series, 1:250,000-scale series and small

scale topographic maps, as well as thematic maps) will be \$7.00 per sheet.

(4) Prices for maps published by other federal agencies and sold by the USGS may vary.

Unlike the 1995 price change to \$4.00 for all maps regardless of size or scale, the new price structure is designed to reflect the higher publishing and distribution costs for thematic and small-scale maps while maintaining the \$4.00 charge for the Primary Series maps. These changes are consistent with the guidance contained in the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130, which permits government agencies to recover only reproduction and distribution costs from the sales of their products.

For more information about maps or other USGS products and series, visit any Earth Science Information Center, call 1-888-ASK-USGS, Email: esicmail@usgs.gov, or use the fax-on-demand system, which is available 24 hours a day at 703-648-4888. The USGS WWW home page address is <http://www.usgs.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

New Prices for USGS Map Separates

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will implement a new price structure for map separates on November 1, 1999. USGS map separate products are copies of the film positives or negatives used in the USGS published map production process. Prices for this product line have not been revised since April 1, 1984.

Prior to the November 1 price change, a customer had to order and pay for each map separate individually. Now, the USGS will offer two pricing options, standard and custom. The standard product will be a full set of final combined negatives for each map title. Each set will cost \$180. Customers may still purchase individual separates as custom orders using the following price structure: The base price for a custom product is \$100 per order. Added to this base price is a \$59 charge per color separate. A customer may add more than one color group on a separate for an additional charge of \$9 each.

All map separate orders received or postmarked before November 1, 1999, will be subject to the current ordering and pricing structure. All map separate orders received on or after November 1, 1999, will be offered according to the new ordering and pricing structure. The handling fee for all product orders will be \$5.

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