

reviewers or draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E. D. Wis. 1980). Because of these courts rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: January 7, 2000.

Nancy T. Curriden,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Loon Mountain Ski Area Improvements and Expansion

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of a supplement to a final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On August 4, 1998, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Supplement to the Loon Mountain Ski Area South Mountain Expansion Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the White Mountain National Forest was published in the **Federal Register**

(Volume 63, Number 149) pages 41541-41543. This notice is being withdrawn because the Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) rather than a supplement to the FEIS to disclose the environmental effects of Loon Mountain Recreation Corporation's proposal to develop and expand recreational facilities at Loon Mountain Ski Resort. This decision is based on changes to the original purpose and need for the Proposed Action since the FEIS was prepared. The Forest Service NOI to prepare a supplemental is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Strand, Project Coordinator, US Forest Service, 99 Ranger Road, Rochester, Vermont, 05767; TTY phone (802) 767-4261; voice phone (802) 767-4261 ext. 522; FAX (802) 767-4777; or E-mail, jstrand/r9_gmfl@fs.fed.us.

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Donna Hepp,

Forest Supervisor.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has established an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. This document gives notice of the dates, times, and location of the next meeting of the Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (committee).

DATES: The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for February 9 through 11, 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the 3rd floor training room at 1331 F Street, NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Beatty, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434

extension 119 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). E-mail address: pvaac@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request. This document is also available on the Board's Internet Site at <http://www.access-board.gov/notices/pvaacmtg.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) established a Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (committee) to assist the Board in developing proposed accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. 63 FR 43136 (August 12, 1998). The committee is composed of owners and operators of various passenger vessels; persons who design passenger vessels; organizations representing individuals with disabilities; and other individuals affected by the Board's guidelines.

The committee will meet on the dates and at the location announced in this notice. The meeting is open to the public. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or real-time captioning systems should contact Paul Beatty by February 1, 2000.

Lawrence W. Roffee,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 000103001-0001-01]

RIN 0607-XX51

Annual Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Determination.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is conducting the Annual Retail Trade Survey. The U.S. Census Bureau has determined that it needs to collect data covering annual sales, e-commerce sales, percent of e-commerce sales to customers located outside the United States, year-end inventories, purchases, accounts receivables, and, for select industries, merchandise line sales, and percent of sales by class of customer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Scheleur or Dorothy Engleking,

Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 457-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Annual Retail Trade Survey is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951 (except 1954). It provides, on a comparable classification basis, annual sales, year-end inventories, purchases, and inventories for 1998 and 1999. These data are not available publicly on a timely basis from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

The U.S. Census Bureau will require a selected sample of firms operating retail establishments in the United States (with sales size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 1999 Annual Retail Trade Survey. We will furnish report forms to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within thirty days after receipt. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on the subjects specified above.

The U.S. Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade for the period between economic censuses. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. These data will provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. These data also apply to a variety of public and business needs.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 United States Code, Chapter 35, the OMB approved the Annual Retail Trade Survey under OMB Control Number 0607-0013. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies are available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: December 27, 1999.

Kenneth Prewitt,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 000103002-0002-01]

RIN 0607-XX52

Service Annual Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Determination.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 1999 Service Annual Survey. The results of the service annual program were previously published on a Standard Industrial Classification basis. Beginning with the survey year 1999, we will publish data using the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). With the NAICS implementation, the Service Annual Survey incorporates the previous Transportation Annual Survey, the Annual Survey of Communication Services, and the publishing industry from the Annual Survey of Manufactures into one service program. With NAICS, 149 new and emerging industries have been added to the Service Annual Survey, including air couriers, publishing, sound recording, waste management and remediation services, and selected financial industries. A new Information Sector also has been added to the survey that brings together industries that produce, manipulate, and distribute information and cultural products; that provide the means to transmit or distribute these products; and that process data or communications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth A. Bramblett, Chief, Current Services Branch, Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 457-2766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background on the Service Annual Survey

Beginning with the survey year 1999, we will publish the Service Annual Survey data using NAICS. The structure of NAICS was developed in a series of meetings among the United States, Canada, and Mexico in the early to mid-1990s. NAICS recognizes the rapid changes in both the U.S. and world economies by providing a means to classify new and emerging industries. The system was constructed on a

production-oriented, or supply-based, conceptual framework.

Effective with the 1999 survey, the Census Bureau changed the Service Annual Survey questionnaires to reflect the many changes brought by NAICS. We expanded the number of form types and developed these forms to be more tailored to the industries they survey. The goal was to maximize industry coverage within our available resources.

The revision to the Service Annual Survey has increased industry coverage. Previously, a single summary report was produced for each of the three surveys. We now will produce multiple data products and reports by various sectors.

The Service Annual Survey provides dollar volume estimates for specific industries in the following NAICS sectors:

- Transportation and Warehousing (48-49)
- Information (51)
- Finance and Insurance (52)
- Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing (53)
- Professional, Scientific, and Technical (54)
- Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services (56)
- Health and Social Assistance (62)
- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71)
- Other Services (81)

The Service Annual Survey produces estimates of total receipts for all industries covered and source of receipts and other expanded data items for the following sectors:

- Trucking (484)
- Information (51)
- Selected industries in Finance and Insurance (52)
- Computer Systems Design and Related Services Industry (5415)
- Health and Social Assistance Sector (62), except subsector 624 (Social Assistance)

For the first time, this annual survey will collect e-commerce receipts/revenue for all services industries. In addition, the survey will collect exported services (receipts/revenue) for specified industries in the Information Sector.

Response to Comments

The Notice of Consideration for the Service Annual Survey was published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 1999 (64 FR 51736). No comments were received in response to that notice, and we made no significant changes since then to the Service Annual Survey program.

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