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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>.

You may request a copy of the draft guideline "Testing of Residual Formaldehyde" by writing to Mr. P. Frank Ross, USDA, APHIS, VS, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, 1800 Dayton Road, Ames, IA 50010, or by calling (515) 663-8397. You may request a copy of the draft guideline "Testing of Residual Moisture" by writing to Mr. Gerald G. Christianson, USDA, APHIS, VS, Center for Veterinary Biologics Laboratories, 1800 Dayton Road, Ames, IA 50010, or by calling (515) 663-7416. Both draft guidelines are also available on the internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/cvb/lpd/notices>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding VICH, contact Dr. Richard E. Hill, Director, Licensing and Policy Development, USDA, APHIS, VS, CVB-LPD, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010; (515) 232-5785. For information regarding the draft guideline "Testing of Residual Formaldehyde," contact Mr. P. Frank Ross, USDA, APHIS, VS, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, 1800 Dayton Road, Ames, IA 50010, (515) 663-8397. For information regarding the draft guideline "Testing of Residual Moisture," contact Mr. Gerald G. Christianson, USDA, APHIS, VS, Center for Veterinary Biologics Laboratories, 1800 Dayton Road, Ames, IA 50010; (515) 663-7416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Cooperation on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for the Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH) is a unique project that brings together the regulatory authorities of the European Union, Japan, and the United States and representatives from the animal health industry in the three regions. The purpose of VICH is to harmonize technical requirements for veterinary products (both drugs and biologics). Regulatory authorities and industry experts from Australia and New Zealand participate in an observer capacity. The VICH initiative is conducted under the auspices of the International Office of Epizootics. The World Federation of the Animal Health Industry (COMISA, the Confederation Mondiale de L'Industrie de la Sante Animale) provides the

secretarial and administrative support for VICH activities.

The United States Government is represented in VICH by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The FDA provides expertise regarding veterinary drugs, while APHIS fills a corresponding role for veterinary biological products. As VICH members, APHIS and FDA participate in efforts to enhance harmonization and have expressed their commitment to seeking scientifically based harmonized technical requirements for the development of veterinary drugs and biological products. One of the goals of harmonization is to identify and reduce the differences in technical requirements for veterinary drugs and biologics among regulatory agencies in different countries.

The first of the draft documents that are the subject of this notice, "Testing of Residual Formaldehyde" (VICH Topic GL25), has been made available by the VICH Steering Committee for comments by interested parties. The guideline is intended to provide general requirements for residual formaldehyde testing. Because the guideline would apply to some veterinary biological products regulated by APHIS under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act—particularly with regard to final product testing for residual formaldehyde—we are requesting comments on its provisions so that we may include any relevant comments on the draft in the agency's comments to the VICH Steering Committee.

The second draft document, "Testing of Residual Moisture" (VICH Topic GL26), has also been made available by the VICH Steering Committee for comments by interested parties. The guideline is intended to provide general requirements for residual moisture testing. Again, because the guideline would apply to some veterinary biological products regulated by APHIS under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act—particularly with regard to final product testing for residual moisture—we are requesting comments on its provisions so that we may include any relevant comments on the draft in the agency's comments to the VICH Steering Committee.

The two draft documents reflect, respectively, current APHIS thinking on the testing of veterinary vaccines for formaldehyde and for residual moisture. In accordance with the VICH process, once a final draft of each document has been approved, the guideline will be recommended for adoption by the regulatory bodies of the European

Union, Japan, and the United States. As with all VICH documents, each final guideline will not create or confer any rights for or on any person and will not operate to bind APHIS or the public. Further, the VICH guidelines specifically provide for the use of alternative approaches if those approaches satisfy applicable regulatory requirements.

Ultimately, APHIS intends to consider the VICH Steering Committee's final guidance documents for use by U.S. veterinary biologics licensees, permittees, and applicants. In addition, APHIS may consider the use of each final guideline as the basis for proposed amendments to its regulations in 9 CFR chapter I, subchapter E (Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products: Organisms and Vectors). Because we anticipate that applicable provisions of the final versions of "Testing of Residual Formaldehyde" and "Testing of Residual Moisture" may be introduced into APHIS' veterinary biologics regulatory program in the future, we encourage your comments on the draft versions of those documents.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of January 2001.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

TV-16 Cheniere Au Tigre Shoreline Protection Demonstration Project, Vermilion Parish, LA

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an Environmental Impact Statement is not being prepared for the Cheniere Au Tigre Shoreline Protection Demonstration Project, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Gohmert, State

Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; Telephone number (337) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an Environmental Impact Statement is not needed for this project.

This project proposes to reduce the erosion rates of the shoreline at Cheniere Au Tigre by constructing a series of segmented, rock breakwaters. This project will provide protection to approximately 75 acres of brackish marsh, upland shrub/scrub, and unland forest against loss.

The notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding its approval of front end financing for purchase of combustion turbines by borrowers prior to the completion of a site specific environmental review.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence R. Wolfe, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone

(202) 720-1784. The E-mail address is lwolfe@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 11, 2000, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) issued a programmatic analysis that reconciles RUS procedural requirements for environmental analysis with the emerging needs of a deregulating electric utility industry.

No potential significant impacts resulting from the implementation of this proposed action have been identified. Therefore, RUS has determined that this finding of no significant impact fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794) for the proposed action.

RUS has determined that its action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for this action.

Dated: January 18, 2001.

Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator-Electric Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Georgia Transmission Corporation; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from Georgia Transmission Corporation for assistance from the RUS to finance the construction of a 230 kV transmission line in Cobb County, Georgia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project will consist of a 230 kV electric transmission line that will interconnect the existing South Acworth Substation

and the existing Hawkins Store Road Substation. It will be 7.1 miles long and will be located near Acworth and Kennesaw, Georgia, in northern Cobb County. The transmission line will require a 25 to 35-foot wide corridor adjacent to existing rights-of-way such as roads and railroads. Where the transmission line will not be adjacent to an existing right-of-way, a 100-foot wide corridor will be necessary. The transmission line will be suspended via concrete or steel single-pole structures which will support three conductors and an overhead ground wire. The support structures will average 75 to 80 feet in height and will be spaced approximately 500 to 600 feet apart.

Copies of the FONSI are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Ms. Susan Ingall, Georgia Transmission Corporation, 2100 East Exchange Place, Tucker, Georgia 30085-2088, telephone (770) 270-7425. Susan's e-mail address is susan.ingall@gatrans.com.

Dated: January 17, 2001.

Blaine D. Stockton,

Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Management and Oversight of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0121.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 14,180.

Number of Respondents: 27.

Average Hours Per Response: 2,000 hours for a management plan; 2,000 hours for a site nomination; 15 hours for an annual report/work plan; and 2 hours for a categorical exclusion checklist, for comments from a state Historic Preservation Office, for a preliminary engineering report for projects involving construction, or for a Federal Consistency Certification.

Needs and Uses: The National Estuarine Research Reserve System