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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Implementation of Phosphorous Index (PI) in the Caribbean Area

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of proposed implementation of PI as a working tool to assess and manage phosphorous movement for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined that the Natural Resources Conservation Service will adopt the implementation of an assessment tool that may be used by resource managers and land users to assess the risk of phosphorous (P) losses from a field. A work group made up by Scientists from the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Puerto Rico and USDA-NRCS formed a task to adapt and validate this technology to our tropical environment. The purpose of the PI is to aid anyone environmentally involved in the decision-making processes involved planning resource conservation plans to land application to animal wastes. The risk of P losses is a function of transport and sources characteristics.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before July 23, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Juan A. Martinez, State Director, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), P.O. Box 364868 San Juan, PR 00946-4868; Telephone number (787) 766-5206 Ext. 237; Fax number (787) 766-5987.

Copies of the Agronomy Technical Note will be made available upon written request to the address shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: High phosphorous (P) concentrations found in many surface waters throughout

Puerto Rico suggest that this may be the leading cause observed eutrophication. Because agricultural activities are one of many non-point sources apparently contributing to P loading, it is important to implement agricultural nutrient management plans. This must be done judiciously because of the unique social and economic conditions that prevail. One component of said plan is the assessment of P transport from soil to water by the use of the Phosphorous Index (PI). The PI is a site specific, qualitative vulnerability assessment tool used by the USDA-NRCS to determine when manure utilization may be based on a nitrogen or phosphorous-based budget.

No administrative action on implementing of the Agronomy Technical Note will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 17, 2001.

Juan A. Martinez,

State Director, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Caribbean Area.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

Comments Must Be Received on or Before: July 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick T. Mooney (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each commodity or service will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited.

Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information. The following commodities and services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Air Freshener, Zooville Animal

M.R. 475

NPA: Industries of the Blind, Inc.,

Greensboro, North Carolina
Government Agency: Defense

Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, VA

Broom, Swivel Head

M.R. 1043

NPA: Industries for the Blind, Inc.,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin