

of Natural Resources and Conservation Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) have preliminarily identified two potential issues to consider in the environmental analysis. These issues have been identified due to the possibility that the existing environmental conditions may change as a result of the proposed activities. The potential issues include long-term surface and groundwater quality and long-term surface and groundwater quantity. Aspects related to these issues that likely will be considered in the analysis are: operation and maintenance of the long-term water management system; effectiveness of long-term water treatment; management and monitoring systems (including LAD) to avoid violations of water quality standards; modifications to existing Montana Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (MPDES) at the Nye and East Boulder sites; long-term discharge from tailings impoundment under drains and from tailing impoundment caps; length of required long-term treatment to meet water quality standards; maintenance of water system pipelines at the Hertzler and Boe Ranch sites; and, effects (e.g., shorter mine life, employment level changes, Hard Rock Impact Plan amendment, and impoundment Stages 2 thru 5 construction schedule) of lifting the production cap at the East Boulder site.

Preliminary Alternatives

- No Action
- Proposed Action
- An alternative to the Boe Ranch proposal would be use of the permitted proposals for water treatment entirely on the Gallatin National Forest as originally planned and leaving the production cap at 2,000 tons of ore per day.
- Proposed Action with Appropriate Mitigation

EIS Availability

The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) is expected to be available for public review by mid-February 2002. After a 45-day public comment period, the comments received will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service and Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation during the preparation of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS). The FEIS is scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2002. The regulatory agencies will respond to the comments received in the FEIS. The Custer National Forest Supervisor, the Gallatin National Forest Supervisor, and the Directors of the Montana Department of

Environmental Quality and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation are the responsible officials for the EIS and will make decisions regarding this proposal considering the comments and responses, environmental consequences discussed in the DEIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and reasons for the decision will be documented in a Record of Decision.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the Federal Register.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, commenters and reviewers of environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts the agencies to the reviewers' positions 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 court 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 should be as specific as possible. It is also 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: May 30, 2001.

Nancy T. Curriden,
Forest Supervisor, Custer National Forest.

Dated: June 1, 2001.

Rich Inman,
Acting Forest Supervisor, Gallatin National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Humble Canal Project (ME-11), Cameron Parish, LA

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of 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 Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (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 Humble Canal Project (ME-11), Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this 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 are not needed on this project.

The primary goal is to promote hydrologic benefits by allowing water to flow out of the system without subjecting the fresh marshes to damaging outside salinity. Interior areas that have converted to shallow open water will be given the opportunity to revegetate by attempting to lower excessive water levels within the project. Protection from salinities will continue to permit the growth of aquatic vegetation. The planned works of improvement include installing five 48-inch water control structures with variable-crest weir inlets and flapped

outlets and an 18-inch marine organism ingress structure with a screwgate.

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.

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

Dated: July 20, 2001.

Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

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

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 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: Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 30, April 20, and June 1, 2001, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (66 FR 17406, 20234 and 29769) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodity and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodity and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

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 commodity and services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodity and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

4. 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 commodity and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodity and services are added to the Procurement List:

Commodity

Flu Detection Kit
6550-00-NIB-0001
6550-00-NIB-0002

Services

Janitorial/Custodial U.S. Army Reserve Center, Bullville, Route 17K, Bullville, New York
Janitorial/Custodial McConnell USARC, Liverpool, New York
Janitorial/Custodial Seward USARC, Mattydale, New York
Janitorial/Custodial Fort Ontario USARC, Oswego, New York

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletion 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 commodity previously furnished by such agencies.

Comments Must Be Received On or Before: August 27, 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: Louis R. Bartalot (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 have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Replicated Class V—Training Aids
1315-00-NSH-0001
1315-00-NSH-0002
1315-00-NSH-0003
1315-00-NSH-0004