

individuals for review and comment in September 15, 2002. Public meetings were held as needed to keep all interested parties informed of the study progress and to obtain public input to the plan and environmental evaluation.

Agency consultation and public participation to date have shown no unresolved conflicts with the implementation of the selected plan.

Conclusion

The Environmental Assessment summarized above indicates that this federal action will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. Therefore, based on the above findings, I have determined that an environmental impact statement for the Mill Creek Watershed Plan Supplement is not required.

Dated: December 9, 2002.

Don Baloun,

Acting State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Virginia State Technical Guide

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

ACTION: Notice of Availability of proposed changes in the Virginia NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Virginia that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in practice standards: #342, Critical Area Planting; #466, Land Smoothing; #468, Lined Waterway or Outlet; #484, Mulching; #516, Pipeline; #533, Pumping Plant; #608, Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral to account for improved technology. These practices will be used to plan and install conservation practices on cropland, pastureland, woodland, and wildlife land.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to M. Denise Doetzer, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 209, Richmond, Virginia 23229-5014; Telephone number (804) 287-1665; Fax number (804) 287-1736. Copies of the practice

standards will be made available upon written request to the address shown above or on the Virginia NRCS Web site <http://www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/DataTechRefs/Standards&Specs/EDITStds/EditStandards.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Virginia will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Virginia regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject standards.

Dated: December 17, 2002.

L. Willis Miller,

Assistant State Conservationist/Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Richmond, Virginia.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Board of Directors meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2003.

PLACE: Room 0204, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Consideration of the following amendment to the Article V of the Bylaws to allow for meeting by electronic means: SEC. 5.6 Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held by any electronic means, including, without limitation, telephone or any other communications equipment, provided that, during the meeting, all persons participating can clearly and promptly hear, send, and receive all messages or spoken words. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence at the meeting.
3. Report on Privatization Study.

4. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 24, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4036 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-9550. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for approval.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technical collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.
Title: 7 CFR part 1728, Electric Standards and Specifications for Materials and Construction.

Type of Request: New collection.
Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service makes loans and loan guarantees in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.* (RE Act). Section 4 of the RE Act requires that RUS make or guarantee a loan only if there is reasonable assurance that the loan, together with all outstanding loans and obligations of the borrower, will be repaid in full within the time agreed. In order to facilitate the programmatic interests of the RE Act, and, in order to assure that loans made or guaranteed by RUS are adequately secure, RUS, as a secured lender, has established certain standards and specifications for materials, equipment, and the construction of electric systems. The use of standards and specifications for materials, equipment and construction units helps assure RUS that: (1) Appropriate standards and specifications are maintained; (2) RUS loan security is not adversely affected; and (3) loan and loan guaranter funds are used effectively and for the intended purposes. 7 CFR 1728 establishes Agency policy that materials and equipment purchased by RUS electric borrowers or accepted as contractor-

furnished material must conform to RUS standards and specifications where they have been established and, if included in RUS IP 202-1, "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Systems of RUS Electrification Borrowers" (List of Materials), must be selected from that list or must have received technical acceptance from RUS.

Estimate of Burden: This collection of information is estimated to average 20 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 38.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.30.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,760 hours.

Copies of this information can be obtained from Michele Brooks, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 18, 2002.

Blaine D. Stockton,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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ACTION: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with November anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 24, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly A. Kuga, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2002), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with November anniversary dates.

Initiation of Reviews:

In accordance with section 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we are initiating administrative reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings. We intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than November 30, 2003.

	Period to be Reviewed
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Mexico: Circular Welded Non-alloy Steel Pipe, A-201-805 Hysla, S.A. de C.V. Niples Del Norte, S.A. de C.V.	11/1/01-10/31/02
Netherlands: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products, A-421-807 Corus Staal BV	5/3/01-10/31/02
Republic of Korea: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe, A-580-809 Hyundai Hysco (formerly Hyundai Steel Pipe Company) Husteel Co., Ltd. (formerly Shinho Steel Co., Ltd.) SeaH Steel Corporation, Ltd.	11/1/01-10/31/02
Romania: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products, A-485-806 Sidex Trading, SRL & Sidex International, PLC Metanef, S.A. Metagrimex, S.A.	5/3/01-10/31/02
Thailand: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products A-549-817 Nakornthai Strip Mill Public Co., Ltd. Sahaviriya Steel Industries Public Co., Ltd. Siam Strip Mill Public Co., Ltd.	5/3/01-10/31/02
The People's Republic of China: Fresh Garlic,* 1 A-570-831 Clipper Manufacturing Ltd.	11/1/01-10/31/02