

June 16, 2003, Contact: Allen Masuda (573) 636-7104.

*EIS No. 030188*, Final EIS, SFW, CA, Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan, Issuance of Incidental Take Permit and the Adoption of an Implementing Agreement or Agreements, Natomas Basin, Sacramento and Sutter Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: June 2, 2003, Contact: Cay Goude (916) 414-6600.

*EIS No. 030189*, Draft EIS, BLM, WY, Desolation Flats Natural Gas Field Development Project, Drilling Additional Development Wells, Carbon and Sweetwater County, WY, Comment Period Ends: July 1, 2003, Contact: John Spehar (307) 328-4264. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.blm.gov/nepa>.

*EIS No. 030190*, Final EIS, JUS, CA, Juvenile Justice Facility and East County Hall of Justice, Proposal to Evaluate two Projects that could be Constructed at one (Combined Siting) or (Separate Siting), Alameda County, CA, Wait Period Ends: June 2, 2003, Contact: Paul Delameter (202) 514-7903.

*EIS No. 030191*, Draft EIS, FHW, LA, I-49 South Lafayette Regional Airport to LA-88 Route US-90 Project, Upgrading Existing US-90 from the Lafayette Regional Airport to LA-88, Iberia, Lafayette and St. Martin Parishes, LA, Comment Period Ends: June 16, 2003, Contact: William C. Farr (225) 757-7615.

*EIS No. 030192*, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Napa River Salt Marsh Restoration Project, Proposing a Salinity Reduction and Habitat Restoration for Napa River Unit, San Pablo Bay, Napa and Solano Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: June 16, 2003, Contact: Shirin Tolle (415) 977-8467.

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 030078*, Draft EIS, NPS, AK, Denali National Park and Preserve Backcountry Management Plan and General Management Plan Amendment, Implementation, AK, Comment Period Ends: May 30, 2003, Contact: Mike Tranel (907) 257-2562. Revision of FR Notice Published on 3/7/2003; CEQ Comment Period Ending on 5/7/2003 has been Extended to 5/30/2003.

*EIS No. 030115*, Draft EIS, FRC, CA, Pit 3, 4, 5 Hydroelectric Project, (FERC No. 233-081), Application for New License, Pit River, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Shasta County, CA, Comment Period Ends: May 21, 2003, Contact: John Mudre (202) 502-8902. Revision of FR Notice Published on 3/21/2003; CEQ Comment Period

Ending 5/5/2003 has been Corrected to 05/21/2003.

*EIS No. 030116*, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Lower Cache Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project, Implementation, City of Woodland and Vicinity, Yolo County, CA, Comment Period Ends: June 4, 2003, Contact: Patti Johnson (916) 557-6611. Revision of FR Notice Published on 3/21/2003; CEQ Comment Period Ending 5/05/2003 has been Extended to 6/4/2003.

*EIS No. 030141*, Draft EIS, COE, TX, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in the Laguna Madre, Maintenance Dredging from the JFK Causeway to the Old Queen Isabella Causeway, Nueces, Kleberg, Kenedy, Willacy and Cameron County, TX, Comment Period Ends: June 19, 2003, Contact: Dr. Terry Roberts (409) 766-3035. Revision of FR Notice Published on 4/4/2003; CEQ Comment Period Ending 5/19/2003 has been Extended to 6/19/2003.

Dated: April 30, 2003.

**Joseph C. Montgomery**,  
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7492-2]

#### Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) Meeting Dates and Agenda

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) will have teleconference meetings on April 23, 2003 at 11 a.m. edt; May 6, 2003 at 11 a.m. edt; May 14, 2003 at 11 a.m. edt; May 20, 2003 at 11 a.m. edt; and May 28, 2003 at 11 a.m. edt in addition to a Face-to-Face Meeting on June 6, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. edt to discuss the ideas and views presented at the previous ELAB meetings, as well as new business. Items to be discussed include: (1) ELAB Charter; (2) funding and budget proposal to EPA for NELAC; (3) assessment of current state of assessor training; (4) follow-up on draft language on ELAB's past recommendations on EPA reference methods; and (5) draft recommendation on implementation of national accreditation program. Written comments on NELAP laboratory

accreditation and the NELAC standards are encouraged and should be sent to Ms. Lara P. Autry, DFO, U.S. EPA (E243-05), 4930 Old Page Road, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, faxed to (919) 541-4261, or e-mailed to [autry.lara@epa.gov](mailto:autry.lara@epa.gov). Members of the public are invited to listen to the teleconference calls or attend the face-to-face meeting, and time permitting, will be allowed to comment on issues discussed during this and previous ELAB meetings. Those persons interested in attending should call Lara P. Autry at (919) 541-5544 to obtain teleconference information or logistics regarding the hotel for the face-to-face meeting. The number of lines for the teleconferences, however, are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Preference will be given to a group wishing to attend over a request from an individual.

**John G. Lyon**,

Director, Environmental Sciences Division,  
National Environmental Research Laboratory.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7479-8]

#### Guidelines on Awarding Section 319 Grants to Indian Tribes in FY 2003

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has developed guidelines for awarding Clean Water Act section 319 nonpoint source grants to Indian tribes in FY 2003. As has been the case for the past three fiscal years, Congress has authorized EPA to award nonpoint source pollution control grants to Indian tribes under section 319 of the Clean Water Act in FY 2003 in an amount that exceeds the statutory cap (in section 518(f) of the Clean Water Act) of 1/3 percent of the total section 319 appropriation. These guidelines are intended to assist all tribes that have approved nonpoint source assessments and management programs and also have "treatment-as-a-state" status to receive section 319 funding to help implement those programs. The guidelines describe the process for awarding base funding to tribes in FY 2003, including submissions of proposed work plans. The guidelines also describe the process and schedule to award additional funds for selected watershed projects for FY 2003 funding, including submissions of watershed

project summaries and the selection criteria for funding watershed projects.

**DATES:** The guidelines are effective May 2, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons requesting additional information or a complete copy of the document should contact Ed Drabkowski at (202) 566-1198; [drabkowski.ed@epa.gov](mailto:drabkowski.ed@epa.gov); or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4503T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Persons requesting additional information or complete copy of the document should contact Ed Drabkowski at (202) 566-1198; [drabkowski.ed@epa.gov](mailto:drabkowski.ed@epa.gov); or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4503T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The complete text of today's guidelines is also available on EPA's Internet site on the Nonpoint Source Control Branch homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The full text of the Guidelines on Awarding Section 319 Grants to Indian Tribes in FY 2003 is published below.

Dated: April 3, 2003.

**Diane C. Regas,**

*Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.*

**Memorandum**

*Subject:* Guidelines on Awarding Section 319 Grants to Indian Tribes in FY 2003.

*From:* Diane C. Regas, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds.

*To:* EPA Regional Water Division Directors, Regional Tribal Coordinators/Program Managers, Tribal Caucus, EPA Tribal Operations Committee.

I am very pleased to report that Congress has, for the fourth year in a row, authorized EPA to award nonpoint source (NPS) pollution control grants to Indian tribes under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act ("CWA") in FY 2003 in an amount that exceeds the statutory cap (in Section 518(f) of the CWA) of 1/3 percent of the total 319 appropriation. This will enable all of the tribes that have approved NPS assessments and management programs and "treatment-as-a-State" ("TAS") status (hereinafter referred to as "approved tribes") by January 8, 2003, to be eligible to receive Section 319 funding to help implement those programs.

The repeated allowance of increased funding for tribal NPS programs in FY 2003 reflects Congress' continuing recognition that Indian tribes need and deserve increased financial support to implement NPS programs that address critical water quality concerns on tribal lands. EPA shares this view and will continue to work closely with the tribes to assist them in developing and implementing effective tribal NPS pollution programs. To date, EPA has already approved 70 tribal NPS management programs,

covering more than 35 million acres of land (representing more than 71 percent of all Indian country), and we expect to approve additional programs in FY 2003.

As was the case last year, the new authorization to exceed 1/3 percent applies only to the current year (FY 2003). As in the past, EPA will work with the tribes to continue to demonstrate that increased Section 319 funds for tribes can be used effectively to achieve water quality improvement. We were pleased by the high quality of the tribes' work plans that formed the basis of the grants awarded to tribes in FY 2002, which included base grants awarded to sixty-one (61) tribes as well as grants for specific watershed projects awarded to thirty (30) tribes through a competitive process. We believe that the tribes and EPA succeeded in directing the FY 2002 grants towards high-priority activities that will produce on-the-ground results that provide improved water quality. We believe that this success warrants continued substantial investment of Section 319 grant dollars in FY 2003 to address the extensive NPS control needs throughout Indian country, as discussed below. In recognition of this fact, we are once again awarding a total of \$6,000,000 to tribes for FY 2003.

*Summary of Process for FY 2003 Grants to Tribes*

In FY 2003, we will set aside \$6,000,000 for tribal nonpoint source grants. This amount is based on the same three factors as were used last year:

1. We will continue to support all eligible tribes with base grants.
2. We will award base funding to eligible tribes as follows:
  - a. \$30,000 in base funding will be awarded to eligible tribes whose land area is less than 1,000 square miles (640,000 acres).
  - b. \$50,000 in base funding will be awarded to eligible tribes whose land area is greater than 1,000 square miles (640,000 acres).
3. We will award the remaining funds to eligible tribes through a competitive process to support the implementation of priority watershed projects.

*Detailed Discussion of Process for FY 2003 Grants to Tribes*

1. Base Funding

Each tribe that has an approved nonpoint source assessment and management program (and TAS status) as of January 8, 2003, will receive base funding based on the following land area scale:

Square miles (acres)	Base amount
Less than 1,000 sq. mi. (less than 640,000 acres) .....	\$30,000
Over 1,000 sq. mi. (over 640,000 acres) .....	50,000

The land area scale is the same as used last year. EPA is continuing to rely upon land area as the deciding factor for a cutoff because NPS pollution is strongly related to land use; thus land area is a reasonable criterion that generally is highly relevant to identifying tribes with the greatest needs

(recognizing that many tribes have needs that significantly exceed available resources).

The base funding as outlined above may be used for a range of activities that implement the tribe's approved NPS management program, including hiring a program coordinator; conducting nonpoint source education programs; providing training; and implementing, alone or in conjunction with other agencies or other funding sources, on-the-ground watershed projects. In general, this base funding should not be used for assessment activities.

Each tribe that requests base funding must submit to the appropriate EPA Regional office a proposed work plan that conforms to applicable legal requirements (*see* 40 CFR 35.505 and 35.507) and is consistent with the tribe's approved nonpoint source management program. This proposed work plan should clearly describe each significant category of activity to be funded; the roles of any Federal, local, or other partners in completing each activity; the schedule and budget for implementing funded activities; and the outputs to be produced by performance of the activity. Outputs of activities should be quantified; results of projects should be measurable and indicators to do so clearly stated. Tribes should submit their proposed work plans to their appropriate Regional office by January 15, 2003. If a tribe does not submit an approvable proposed work plan by that date, its allocated amount will be added to the competitive pool, discussed immediately below, which will be used to fund tribal NPS program and watershed project priorities.

Regions should work with the tribes to expeditiously award the base grants. However, if the tribe will be awarded additional funds to implement a watershed project, as discussed below, the tribe or the Region may prefer combining the formal process for submission of the final application for both the base and competitive funds. Regions should confer with their tribes and endeavor to proceed in a manner and on a schedule that is most compatible with the tribes' and Regions' needs and preferences.

2. Competitive Funding: Process and Schedule To Select Watershed Projects for FY 2003 Funding

The remaining funds will be awarded to tribes that have approved nonpoint source management programs as of January 8, 2003, on a competitive basis to provide funding for on-the-ground nonpoint source watershed projects that are designed to achieve additional water quality improvement. Each selected project will be eligible to receive up to \$150,000, depending on the demonstrated need. The funds will be awarded using the process described below.

a. Watershed Project Review Committee

As we did for the FY 2002 grants, EPA will establish a Watershed Project Review Committee comprised of nine EPA staff, including three EPA Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinators, three EPA Regional Tribal Coordinators, two staff members of the Nonpoint Source Control Branch, and one staff member of the American Indian Environmental Office. The committee will

then make funding decisions in accordance with the process described below.

### b. Watershed Project Summaries

Tribes that have approved NPS assessments and management programs as well as TAS status as of January 8, 2003, are invited to apply for watershed project funding by submitting watershed project summaries for proposed projects up to a maximum budget of \$150,000. (This funding is in addition to the base funding that each approved tribe will receive, as described above.) Tribes that apply for funding for watershed projects should submit a brief (e.g., 3–5 pages) summary of a watershed project implementation plan by January 15, 2003, to the appropriate EPA Regional office for initial screening. (Complete grant applications should not be submitted until after projects are selected, pursuant to review by the Watershed Project Review Committee, as described below.) The Regional office will, by January 29, 2003, forward the proposals that meet the required criteria to EPA Headquarters for distribution to the Watershed Project Review Committee. (E-mail versions would be appreciated where possible because they can be shared among the reviewers most rapidly and easily.)

The watershed project summary should outline the nonpoint source pollution problem and the on-the-ground improvement to be addressed; the project's goals and objectives and the expected water quality benefit to the receiving waterbody; the lead implementing agency (either the tribe or another organization authorized by the tribe to be the project leader) and other agencies that will be authorized to expend project funds; the types of best management practices or measures that will be implemented; the projected implementation schedule; the project's budget items including construction costs; and the environmental performance measures that will be used to evaluate the success of the project. Each watershed plan summary should be clearly written with enough detail to show why the proposed project should be selected for competitive funding. This is critical to help ensure that the best projects are funded.

### c. Selection Criteria for Funding Watershed Projects

In ranking the projects, each reviewer on EPA's Watershed Project Review Committee will consider the extent to which the following factors are present in each project.

1. The watershed plan summary includes a clear and specific identification of the on-the-ground improvement project and the water quality problem to be addressed, including the pollutants of concern and their sources (including critical areas to be treated, if known), and clearly describes the project to be constructed or installed.

2. Where relevant, the watershed project consists of implementation actions or load calculations that are intended to help restore an impaired waterbody for which an approved nonpoint source total maximum daily load (NPS TMDL) has been developed or the NPS components of mixed-source TMDLs. [Note: EPA recognizes that most tribes have not yet developed NPS TMDLs.

However, section 319 funding may be used to develop and implement approved NPS TMDLs for any 303(d) listed waterbody. Where a tribe has developed a relevant water quality standard and NPS TMDL and seeks section 319 funding to assist in the implementation of the NPS TMDL, that should be considered by reviewers to be a relevant factor supporting the funding request.]

3. The proposed project is listed as a priority implementation project in the tribal NPS management program.

4. The proposed project is designed to include cooperation and/or combination of resources with other agencies and other parties to provide additional technical and/or financial assistance to the project.

5. The watershed plan summary includes a clear and objective statement of the project's goals and objectives, in terms of controlling nonpoint sources and/or of improving/protecting water quality.

6. The summary identifies the best management practices or measures to be implemented and the location where these measures and practices will be implemented.

7. The summary outlines the construction cost of the project and the amount of section 319 grant dollars that are requested, not to exceed \$150,000. Please note that a 40-percent non-Federal match is also required. However, pursuant to section 35.635(b), EPA's Regional Administrator may increase the maximum Federal share if the tribe or intertribal consortium can demonstrate in writing to the satisfaction of the Regional Administrator that fiscal circumstances within the tribe or within each tribe that is a member of the intertribal consortium are constrained to such an extent that fulfilling the match requirement would impose undue hardship. In no case will the Federal share be greater than 90 percent.

8. The summary includes an implementation schedule.

9. The summary includes a statement of how the project will be evaluated to determine its success and to derive lessons that will assist the tribe (and other tribes) in future projects.

### d. Award of Grants for Tribal Watershed Projects

#### (i) Award Decisions

The Watershed Project Review Committee will hold a conference call by February 12, 2003, to ensure that all Committee members fully understand and agree on how to objectively apply the criteria discussed above. Rankings will be developed by considering all of the factors as a whole, in accordance with a weighting system to be decided upon by the Committee.

By March 12, 2003, the Committee will compile the ranking of proposed watershed projects based on the selection criteria and then forward their rankings to the Nonpoint Source Control Branch at EPA Headquarters. Headquarters will tally the Committee's rankings and then hold a conference call to provide a final opportunity for members of the Review Committee to discuss the rankings among themselves. By March 19, 2003, EPA will select the highest ranked proposals and announce to the Regions

which tribes' watershed projects have been selected for funding. These tribes will be notified immediately by phone or e-mail, with a written letter to follow.

#### (ii) Final Work Plans/Full Grant Applications

Once a Region and tribe have been notified of the amount that will be awarded to the tribe, they will negotiate a final work plan consistent with 40 CFR 35.507. After making appropriate changes, the tribe must submit a final work plan to the Region by March 31, 2003. If a tribe fails to or is unable to submit an approvable work plan by March 31, 2003, the Section 319(h) grant will instead be awarded to the next highest ranking unfunded application. Regions should endeavor to finalize the grant awards no later than 60 days after receipt of a complete grant application with an approvable work plan.

#### (iii) Match Requirements

The match requirement for Section 319 competitive grants is 40 percent of the approved work plan costs. The match requirement for Section 319 base grants is also 40 percent unless included as part of an approved Performance Partnership Grant which sets the match requirement at 5 percent of the allowable cost of the work plan budget for base funding only. Both the base funding and competitive funding components are discussed above. In general, consistent with 40 CFR 31.24, the match requirement may be satisfied by allowable costs borne by non-Federal grants, by cash donations from non-Federal third parties, or by the value of third party in-kind contributions.

EPA's regulations also provide that EPA may decrease the match requirement to as low as 10 percent if the tribe can demonstrate in writing to the Regional Administrator that fiscal circumstances within the tribe or within each tribe that is a member of the intertribal consortium are constrained to such an extent that fulfilling the match requirement would impose undue hardship. (See 40 CFR 35.635.)

In making grant awards to tribes that provide for a reduced match requirement, Regions should include a brief finding that the tribe has demonstrated that it does not have adequate funds to meet the required match.

#### *Intertribal Consortia*

Some tribes have formed intertribal consortia to promote cooperative work. An intertribal consortium is a partnership between two or more tribes that is authorized by the governing bodies of those tribes to apply for and receive assistance under this program. (See 40 CFR 35.502.) The intertribal consortium is eligible only if the consortium demonstrates that all its members meet the eligibility requirements for the Section 319 program and authorize the consortium to apply for and receive assistance in accordance with 40 CFR 35.504. An intertribal consortium must submit to EPA adequate documentation of the existence of the partnership and the authorization of the consortium by its members to apply for and receive the grant. (See 40 CFR 35.504.)

*Technical Assistance to Tribes*

In addition to providing NPS funding to tribes, EPA remains committed to providing continued technical assistance to tribes in their efforts to control nonpoint source pollution. During the past several years, EPA has presented many workshops to tribes throughout the United States to assist them in developing: (1) Nonpoint source assessments to further their understanding of nonpoint source pollution and its impact on water quality; (2) nonpoint source management programs to apply solutions to address their nonpoint source problems; and (3) specific projects to effect on-the-ground solutions. The workshops also have provided information on related EPA and other programs that can help tribes address nonpoint source pollution, including the provision of technical and funding assistance. EPA intends to continue providing NPS workshops to interested tribes around the United States in FY 2003 and to provide other appropriate technical assistance as needed.

*Non-Tribal Lands*

The following discussion explains the extent to which Section 319(h) grants may be awarded to tribes for use outside the reservation. We discuss two types of off-reservation activities: (1) Activities that are related to waters within a reservation, such as those relating to sources upstream of a waterway entering the reservation, and (2) activities that are unrelated to waters of a reservation. As discussed below, the first type of these activities may be eligible; the second is not.

## 1. Activities That Are Related to Waters Within a Reservation

Section 518 (e) of the CWA provides that EPA may treat an Indian tribe as a State for purposes of Section 319 of the CWA if, among other things, "the functions to be exercised by the Indian tribe pertain to the management and protection of water resources which are \* \* \* within the borders of an Indian reservation." 33 U.S.C. 1377 (e)(2). EPA already awards grants to tribes under Section 106 of the CWA for activities performed outside of a reservation that pertain to reservation waters, such as evaluating impacts of upstream waters on water resources within a reservation. Similarly, EPA has awarded section 106 grants to States to conduct monitoring outside of state borders. EPA has concluded that grants awarded to an Indian tribe pursuant to Section 319(h) may similarly be used to perform eligible Section 319(h) activities outside of a reservation if: (1) The activity pertains to the management and protection of waters within the reservation, and (2) just as for on-reservation activities, the tribe meets all other applicable requirements.

## 2. Activities That Are Unrelated to Waters of a Reservation

As discussed above, EPA is authorized to award Section 319(h) grants to tribes to perform eligible Section 319(h) activities if the activities pertain to the management and protection of waters within a reservation and the tribe meets all other applicable

requirements. In contrast, EPA is not authorized to award Section 319(h) grants for activities that do not pertain to waters of a reservation. For off-reservation areas, including "usual and accustomed" hunting, fishing, and gathering places, EPA must determine whether the activities pertain to waters of a reservation prior to awarding a grant.

*Milestones Summary*

Date for Tribes to be Eligible for 319 Grants—  
January 8, 2003  
Tribes Submit Base Grant Work Plans to  
Region—January 15, 2003  
Tribes Submit Competitive Grant Proposals  
to Region—January 15, 2003  
Region Forwards Proposals to  
Headquarters—January 29, 2003  
Review Committee Discusses Proposals—  
February 12, 2003  
Review Committee Forwards Ranking Scores  
to HQ—March 12, 2003  
Headquarters Notifies Regions/Tribes of  
Selections—March 19, 2003  
Tribes Submit Final Grant Application to  
Region—March 31, 2003

*Statutory and Regulatory Requirements*

All Section 319(h) grants will be awarded and administered consistent with the statutory requirements in Sections 319(h) and 518(e) of the Clean Water Act and applicable regulations in 40 CFR parts 31 and 35.

*Conclusion*

By once again lifting the 1/3 percent statutory cap in FY 2003, Congress has continued to provide the tribes and EPA with an excellent opportunity to further tribal efforts to reduce nonpoint pollution and enhance water quality on tribal lands. EPA looks forward to working closely with the tribes to assist them in implementing effective nonpoint source programs in FY 2003 and creating a sound basis to assure that adequate funds will continue to be provided in the future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or have your staff contact Ed Drabkowski at (202) 566-1198 (or by e-mail at [drabkowski.ed@epa.gov](mailto:drabkowski.ed@epa.gov)).

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Billy Frank, Northwest Indian Fisheries Council  
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James Schlender, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission  
All Tribes that have an approved Nonpoint Source Management Program  
Regional Water Quality Branch Chiefs  
Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinators

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**FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION****Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on May 8, 2003, from 9 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanette C. Brinkley, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4009, TTY (703) 883-4056.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available), and parts will be closed to the public. In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

**Open Session***A. Approval of Minutes*

—April 10, 2003 (Open and Closed)

*B. Reports*

—Economic Issues and Implications for Agriculture

*C. New Business*

## 1. Regulations

—Regulatory Burden—Notice of Intent; Request for Comment

## 2. Other

—Wichita and Western Farm Credit Merger

**Closed Session\****New Business*

—Preferred Stock Issuance

Dated: April 30, 2003.

**Jeanette C. Brinkley,**  
*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*  
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