

Comments: 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 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Brigitte Sumter, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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: November 24, 2003.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Maine Advisory Committee will convene at 11 a.m. and adjourn at 12 p.m., Friday, December 12, 2003. The purpose of the conference call is to discuss forum panel format/topics and potential panelists to invite for a community forum on post-9/11 civil rights issues in Maine.

This conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1-888-659-1081, access code: 20610279. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls not initiated using the supplied call-in number or over wireless lines and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the

proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and access code number.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Aonghas St-Hilaire of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116), by 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2003.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, November 23, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 29-2003]

Wacker Chemical Corporation— Application for Subzone Status; Extension of Comment Period

The comment period for the application for subzone status at the Wacker Chemical Corporation in Adrian, Michigan, submitted by the Greater Detroit Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc. (68 FR 38009, 6/26/03), is being extended again, to December 22, 2003 to allow interested parties additional time in which to comment. Rebuttal comments may be submitted during the subsequent 15 day period, until January 6, 2004. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the following addresses:

1. Submissions Via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th St. NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions Via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: December 3, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1306]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone; Koochiching County, MN

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for “* * * the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Koochiching Economic Development Authority (the Grantee), a Minnesota public corporation, has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 22-2003, filed 4/30/03), requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone at sites in Koochiching County, Minnesota, within the International Falls-Ranier Customs port of entry;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 23952, 5/6/03); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants to the Grantee the privilege of establishing a foreign-trade zone, designated on the records of the Board as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 259, at the sites described in the application, and subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 28th day of November, 2003.

Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Donald I. Evans,

Secretary of Commerce, Chairman and Executive Officer.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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