

SUMMARY: We are depositing four stockyards. These facilities can no longer be used as stockyards and, therefore, are no longer required to be posted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 13, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers and enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181—229) (P&S Act). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Section 302 of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 202) defines the term "stockyard" as follows:

* * * any place, establishment, or facility commonly known as stockyards, conducted, operated, or managed for profit or nonprofit as a public market for livestock producers, feeders, market agencies, and buyers, consisting of pens, or other inclosures, and their appurtenances, in which live cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats are received, held, or kept for sale or shipment in commerce.

Section 302(b) of the P&S Act requires the Secretary to determine which stockyards meet this definition, and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. After giving notice to the

stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard is subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201—203 and 205—217a) until the Secretary deposits the stockyard by public notice.

We deposit a stockyard when the facility can no longer be used as a stockyard. Some of the reasons a facility can no longer be used as a stockyard include: the facility has been moved and the posted facility is abandoned, the facility has been torn down or otherwise destroyed, such as by fire, the facility is dilapidated beyond repair, or the facility has been converted and its function changed.

This document notifies the public that the following four stockyards no longer meet the definition of stockyard and that we are depositing the facilities.

Facility No.	Stockyard name and location	Date posted
CO-151	Western Slope Livestock Auction, Montrose, Colorado	January 26, 1984.
ID-125	Weiser Livestock Commision, Weiser, Idaho	March 29, 1950.
MO-228	Nixa Livestock Auction Co., Nixa, Missouri	October 24, 1972.
TX-165	Ennis Livestock Market Co., Ennis, Texas	January 09, 1957.

Effective Date

This notice is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** because it relieves a restriction and, therefore, may be made effective in less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** without prior notice or other public procedure.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 202.

Donna Reifsneider,
Administrator, *Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Dairyland Power Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of intent to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in connection with possible impacts related to a project being proposed by Dairyland

Power Cooperative, Inc. (DPC), of La Crosse, Wisconsin. The proposal consists of the construction and operation of a coal-fired electric generation facility, consisting of a single 400 Megawatt (MW) unit, at a site in Mitchell or Chickasaw Counties, Iowa.

DATES: RUS will conduct the public scoping meetings in an open-house format on January 28, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Pinicon Restaurant, Highway 63 and 18 South, in New Hampton, Iowa, and on January 29, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the First Lutheran Church, 212 North Main Street, in St. Ansgar, Iowa.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1414 or e-mail: nurul.islam@usda.gov, or Rob Palmberg, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Inc., 3200 East Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54602-0817, telephone: (608) 788-4000, extension 483 or e-mail: rmp@dairynet.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DPC proposes to construct and operate a 400 MW coal-fired electric generation facility at one of two sites in northeast Iowa. The Otranto site is located approximately 6 miles north of St.

Ansgar in Mitchell County. The New Hampton site is located approximately 4 miles east of New Hampton in Chickasaw County. Construction of the project will require interconnection with existing electric transmission lines, the upgrade of existing electric transmission lines and/or the construction of new electric transmission lines. The schedule developed by DPC would place the facility in commercial operation by the spring of 2009. Alternatives to be considered by RUS include no action, purchased power, load management, renewable energy sources, distributed generation, and alternative site locations. Comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted (orally or in writing) at the public scoping meetings or in writing within 30 days after the January 29, 2004, meeting to RUS at the address provided in this notice.

The DPC and their consultants have prepared an alternatives evaluation and a site selection study for the proposed project. The studies are available for public review at RUS or DPC, at the addresses provided in this notice. These studies are also available at the public libraries in St. Ansgar and New Hampton. Please consult local notices for locations.

From information provided in the studies mentioned above, input that

may be provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public, RUS will prepare a Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will be available for review and comment for 45 days. A Final EIS will then be prepared that considers all comments received. The Final EIS will be available for review and comment for 30 days. Following the 30-day comment period, RUS will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD). Notices announcing the availability of the Draft and Final EIS and the ROD will be published in the **Federal Register** and in local newspapers.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations and completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in the RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: January 5, 2004.

Lawrence R. Wolfe,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Notice To Cancel a Sunshine Act Meeting Scheduled for January 14, 2004

The January 14, 2004, public meeting of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board in connection with its investigation into the cause of a deadly explosion and the leakage of 26,000 pounds of aqua ammonia into the atmosphere from the DD Williamson & Co., Inc. plant in Louisville, Kentucky, has been cancelled. The public meeting had been scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. local time on January 14, 2004, at the Galt House, 140 North Fourth Street, Louisville, KY. The original **Federal Register** notice announcing the meeting was published on Thursday, December 18, 2003, 68 FR 70487.

Due to the recent receipt of new information relevant to the investigation and the need to conduct further inquiry, the Board (Merritt, Poje, Bresland, and Medina) has unanimously voted to cancel the meeting scheduled for January 14, 2004, and to reschedule it for a later date.

The DD Williamson incident occurred at 2:10 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2003, when a vessel explosion at the DD Williamson plant killed an operator and

caused extensive damage to the western end of the facility. As a consequence of the explosion, 26,000 pounds of aqua ammonia (29.4% ammonia solution in water) leaked into the atmosphere, forcing the evacuation of 26 residents. The DD Williamson plant employs approximately 45 people and is located in a mixed industrial and residential neighborhood approximately 1.5 miles east of downtown Louisville.

For more information, please contact Raymond Porfiri at the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board at (202) 261-7600, or visit our Web site at: www.csb.gov.

Raymond C. Porfiri,

Deputy General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1310]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 2 New Orleans, LA

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 (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 2, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 2 in the New Orleans, Louisiana area, within the New Orleans Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 50-2002, filed 11/6/2002; amended 2/3/03);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 70047, 11/20/2002 and 68 FR 5270, 2/3/03) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; 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 the proposal, as amended, is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 2, as amended, is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of December 2003.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1314]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 93, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, Area

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 (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Triangle J Council of Governments, grantee of Foreign-Trade

Dated: January 7, 2004.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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