

facility loan commodities that such producers produce. The FSFL program is authorized under the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714–714p). FSA, on behalf of CCC, administers the FSFL program. The 2008 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 110–246) includes several changes to the FSFL program.

The Final PEA assesses the potential environmental impacts associated with implementing changes to provisions of the FSFL program as required by sections 1404 and 1614 of the 2008 Farm Bill (7 U.S.C. 8789). The 2008 Farm Bill specifies the increases to the maximum term of a farm storage facility loan and the maximum loan amount, identifies additional commodities eligible for storage, specifies the required loan security, allows for partial disbursement of loans, and no longer requires a severance agreement if certain conditions are met. In addition, the 2008 Farm Bill gives the Secretary discretionary authority to determine other eligible facility loan commodities. The need for the Proposed Action is to implement provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill that revise the FSFL program. The specific changes to the FSFL program include:

- Adding hay and renewable biomass as eligible facility loan commodities and making the appropriate storage facilities eligible for loans;
- Extending the maximum loan term to 12 years;
- Increasing the maximum loan amount to \$500,000;
- Allowing one partial loan disbursement and the final disbursement;
- Specifying the loan security requirements and allowing the borrower the option to increase the down payment on a loan, instead of requiring a severance agreement from the holder of any prior lien on the real estate where the storage facility is located; and
- As a discretionary provision, adding vegetables and fruits that require cold storage facilities as eligible facility loan commodities.

FSA analyzed the No Action Alternative (continuation of the FSFL program as currently implemented) as an environmental baseline.

The Final PEA also provides a means for the public to voice any suggestions they may have about the program and any ideas for rulemaking. The Final PEA can be reviewed online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ecrc&topic=nep-cd>.

The Final PEA was completed as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for

Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and FSA's policy and procedures (7 CFR part 799). Additional analysis under NEPA of potential impacts associated with certain implementation alternatives not included in the PEA may be conducted, as appropriate.

Determination

In consideration of the analysis documented in the Final PEA and the reasons outlined in the FONSI, the preferred alternative (proposed action) would not constitute a major State or Federal action that would significantly affect the human environment. In accordance with NEPA, 40 CFR part 1502.4, "Major Federal Actions Requiring the Preparation of Environmental Impact Statements," and 7 CFR part 799, "Environmental Quality and Related Environmental Concerns—Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act," and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), I find that neither the proposed action nor any of the alternatives analyzed constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, no environmental impact statement will be prepared.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 11, 2009.

Jonathan W. Coppess,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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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: #500, Obstruction Removal; #326, Clearing and Snagging; #460, Land Clearing; #572, Spoil Spreading; #466, Land Smoothing; #521C, Pond Sealing or Lining,

Bentonite Sealant; #521B, Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant; #521A, Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane; #521D, Pond Sealing, Compacted Clay Treatment. 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 John A. Bricker, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 209, Richmond, Virginia 23229–5014; Telephone number (804) 287–1691; Fax number (804) 287–1737. 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/technical/draftstandards.html>.

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: August 11, 2009.

W. Ray Dorsett,

Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Richmond, Virginia.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Short Supply—Unprocessed Western Red Cedar.

OMB Control Number: 0694–0025.
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection without change.

Burden Hours: 35.

Number of Respondents: 35.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: Section 7(i) of the Export Administration Act (EAA) of 1979, as amended, prohibits the export of unprocessed western red cedar (WRC) harvested from State or Federal lands, except for unprocessed WRC harvested under contracts entered into before September 30, 1979. To enforce this prohibition, section 754.4 of the Export Administration Regulations requires a validated license for the export of unprocessed WRC harvested from private lands or from State or Federal lands under contracts entered into prior to October 1, 1979. Applications for export licenses must include affidavits, supported by a certificate of inspection issued by a log scaling and grading bureau, to prove the applicant's compliance with the EAA.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: August 12, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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Broadband Initiatives Program; Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service (RUS), Department of Agriculture, and National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Funds Availability; extension of application closing deadline for pending electronic applications.

SUMMARY: RUS and NTIA announce that the application closing deadline for the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) is extended until 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on August 20, 2009, for any electronic applications pending as of 5 p.m. ET on August 14, 2009. There are no changes to the filing instructions for paper applications.

DATES: An applicant that is submitting an application for the BIP and BTOP electronically will be permitted to complete electronic submission of its application until 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009, so long as its application was pending in the Easygrants® System as of 5 p.m. ET on August 14, 2009 (application closing deadline).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general inquiries regarding BIP, contact David J. Villano, Assistant Administrator Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, e-mail: bip@wdc.usda.gov, telephone: (202) 690-0525. For general inquiries regarding BTOP, contact Anthony Wilhelm, Deputy Associate Administrator, Infrastructure Division, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, e-mail: btop@ntia.doc.gov, telephone: (202) 482-2048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 9, 2009, RUS and NTIA published a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) and Solicitation of Applications in the **Federal Register** announcing general policy and application procedures for

the BIP and BTOP. 74 FR 33104 (2009). In the NOFA, RUS and NTIA encouraged all applicants to submit their applications electronically and required that certain applications be filed electronically through an online application system at <http://www.broadbandusa.gov>. 74 FR at 33118. RUS and NTIA established an application window for these grant programs from July 14, 2009, at 8 a.m. ET through August 14, 2009, at 5 p.m. ET (application closing deadline).

Over the last several days, the online application system (Easygrants® System) has experienced service delays due to the volume of activity from potential applicants. The agencies have added additional servers to address these capacity issues. Nevertheless, in an effort to give applicants that have already started the electronic application submission process prior to the application closing deadline an opportunity to complete the submission of those applications, RUS and NTIA announce that an applicant with an application pending in the Easygrants® System as of 5 p.m. ET on August 14, 2009, will be given until 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009, to complete the electronic submission of its application. Please note that an applicant must have completed the following steps, at a minimum, to be recognized as having a pending application in the Easygrants® System:

1. Log into the Easygrants® System at www.broadbandusa.gov;
2. Select "Start a new application" under "Apply for a new grant/loan;"
3. Select one of the two choices for available funding opportunities;
4. Select "Continue;" and
5. Select "ok" when prompted "Are you sure you want to apply for the program."

All other requirements for electronic submissions set forth in the NOFA remain unchanged. There are no changes to the filing instructions, requirements, or application deadline for paper submissions.

Dated: August 13, 2009.

Jonathan Adelstein,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

Anna M. Gomez,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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