This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions, applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA, Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax to (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
Title: Independent Assessment of the Delivery of Technical and Financial Assistance.
OMB Control Number: 0503–NEW.
Summary of Collection: In April 2009, the Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, ordered that there be an independent external analysis of program delivery in USDA’s Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development and Risk Management field offices. The analysis will provide specific recommendations and methodologies to ensure that programs are delivered equitably and that access is afforded to all constituents, with particular emphasis on socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers, and other constituents. The legal authorities to collect this information can be found in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill), Public Law 110–246, 122 Stats. 1651 and the 2002 Farm Bill, Section 10707 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill), Public Law 107–171.

Need and Use of the Information: USDA Plans to conduct focus group discussions as part of an evaluation of the effectiveness of the agencies’ programs in reaching diverse populations in a non-discriminatory manner. The objective of conducting focus groups will be to obtain customer views, opinions, and experiences on how effectively USDA is equitably and fairly providing technical and financial assistance to all customers and potential customers, particularly socially disadvantaged ones. The assessment will identify barriers to equal and fair access for all customers regardless of race, gender and other protected categories. This information will provide USDA with direct input from USDA customers regarding their experiences with the four USDA Agencies and the programs and services they provide.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.
Number of Respondents: 2,250.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).
Total Burden Hours: 1,102.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Logan Northern Canal Reconstruction Project, Cache County, UT
AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.
SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d (NEPA), as implemented by the Council of Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces its intent to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Logan Northern Canal Reconstruction project.

The purpose of this notice is to alert interested parties regarding the intent to prepare the EIS, to provide information on the nature of the proposed action and possible alternatives, and to invite public participation in the EIS process (including providing comments on the scope of the DEIS, to announce that public scoping meetings will be conducted, and to identify cooperating agency contacts).

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS, including the project’s purpose and need, the alternatives to be considered, types of issues that should be addressed, associated research that should be considered, and the methodologies to be used in impact evaluations should be sent to NRCS on or before August 31, 2010, at the address below. See the ADDRESSES section below for the address to submit written comments. A public scoping meeting to accept comments on the scope of the EIS will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bridgerland Applied Technology
College, 1301 North 600 West, Logan, Utah. Formal presentations will be given at about 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The building used for the scoping meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any individual who requires special assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, to participate in a scoping meeting should contact Ms. Alana Spendlove, HDR Engineering, (801) 743–7829 or Alana.Spendlove@HDRInc.com. Scoping materials and the Alternatives Analysis will be available at the meetings and are available on the NRCS Utah Web site (http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/). Hard copies of the scoping materials may also be obtained from Ms. Alana Spendlove, HDR Engineering, (801) 743–7829 or Alana.Spendlove@HDRInc.com. An interagency scoping meeting will be held on August 11, 2010, at the NRCS Utah office, 125 South State Street, Room 4402, Salt Lake City, Utah. Representatives of Native American tribal governments and of federal, State, regional and local agencies that may have an interest in any aspect of the project will be invited to be cooperating agencies, as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: Comments will be accepted at the public scoping meetings or they may be sent to Mr. Bronson Smart, State Conservation Engineer, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Room 4402, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138–1100, or via e-mail at bronson.smart@ut.usda.gov. The locations of the public scoping meetings are given above under DATES. Comments should be submitted by August 31, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bronson Smart, State Conservation Engineer, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Room 4402, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138–1100, or via e-mail at bronson.smart@ut.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background
The Logan and Northern Canal (LN Canal) and the Logan, Hyde Park, and Smithfield (LHPS) Canal have provided the citizens of Cache County with irrigation water since the 1890s. During the spring of 2009 a slope failure occurred along a hill side in south Logan, Cache County, UT. As a result of the slope failure, a section of the LN Canal broke away, thus disabling the water distribution capabilities of the canal. Because the canal is part of an important water delivery system, several permitted shareholders have been adversely affected through nondelivery of irrigation water.

NRCS intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed repair and/or modifications to the canal system, which occurs in an unincorporated area of Cache County and the communities of Logan, North Logan and Hyde Park, Utah. NRCS is assisting Cache County through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 7: Agriculture, Part 624—Emergency Watershed Protection). The EIS will be prepared consistent with Title 390, The National Emergency Watershed Protection Program Manual.

The proposed action is needed to reestablish support delivery of irrigation water to canal system shareholders. The purpose of the project is to restore the water conveyance condition of the canal. The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500–1508, and NRCS regulations that implement NEPA at 7 CFR part 650. The EIS process will evaluate alternatives recommended for further study as a result of previous planning-level studies completed by NRCS and any additional (new) alternatives identified during scoping.

Scoping Process
NRCS invites all interested individuals and organizations, public agencies, and Native American Tribes to comment on the scope of the EIS, including the project’s purpose and need, alternatives proposed to date, new alternatives that should be considered, specific areas of study that might be needed, and evaluation methods to be used.

Background information including the project purpose and need and alternatives developed to date will be available at the public and agency scoping meetings. Summaries of this information will also be available on the NRCS Web site at http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/. Hard copies of supporting documentation are also available from Ms. Alana Spendlove, HDR Engineering, (801) 743–7829 or Alana.Spendlove@HDRInc.com.

Once the scope of the EIS is confirmed upon the close of scoping, NRCS will begin preparation of the EIS. A summary of comments received during the scoping process will be available on the NRCS Web site.

Project Study Area and Environmental Setting
The proposed action area is located in Cache County, Utah. The study area includes areas that are unincorporated and portions of the incorporated cities of Logan, North Logan, and Hyde Park and focuses on the LN Canal and the LHPS Canal. Both canals originate at the Logan River and generally run parallel to each in a northerly direction. The canal system that will be studied has been divided into four reaches, each having a unique environmental setting and characteristics varying in length. These four reaches are described below. Reach 1 begins at the Point of diversion from Logan River and is about 1.5 miles long. This reach travels through a canyon environment and ends just before entering the area surrounded by the Logan Golf and Country Club. This reach represents the canal system through the canyon to the beginning of the general urban landscape. Reach 2 is along the eastern side of the project study area in the city of North Logan and is less than a mile long. It extends from the Logan Golf and Country Club to Hyde Park, where irrigation water is temporarily being bypassed through the city of Logan stormwater system to the LHPS Canal. This reach travels through an area that supports urban and suburban development. Reach 3 extends from Lundstrom Park in Hyde Park to 3100 North, which is at the northern edge of the study area. This area is characterized by urban and suburban development. Reach 4 is the section of the LN Canal that extends from 400 North to 3100 North in Logan and North Logan. This reach generally travels through urban and suburban developments.

Alternatives
NRCS has developed four preliminary alternatives for the project. These alternatives are as follows:

• Alternative 1: Divert LN Canal water into the existing LHPS Canal alignment, from Logan River to the mouth of the canyon where it is taken parallel along Highway 89 (US 89) and to a structure at 400 North and 600 East and placed back into the existing LN Canal.
• Alternative 2: Divert LN Canal water into the existing LHPS Canal alignment, from Logan River to Lundstrom Park, where it would be taken under city streets to 1400 North and approximately 900 East and placed back into the existing LN Canal.
• Alternative 3: Use the existing LN Canal’s point of diversion from Logan River, place the water in a conveyance pipeline under Canyon Road to 600 East, then North to the intersection of 400 North and 600 East, and placed back into the existing LN Canal.

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Regional Office, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 240, Denver, CO 80294. Comments may be e-mailed to eborah@usccr.gov. Records generated by this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission’s Web site, http://www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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


Peter Minarik,
Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATES: Date and Time: Friday, July 30, 2010; 11:30 a.m. e.d.t.

Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public, except where noted otherwise.

I. Approval of Agenda.

II. Program Planning.


c. Timeline for Commissioner Statements and Rebuttals to HBCU and STEM Reports.

d. Consideration of Vacancies on the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

III. Management and Operations.

a. Submission of FY 2012 Budget Estimate to the Office of Management and Budget.

b. Approval of March 12, April 16, May 14, May 28, June 11, June 25, and July 16 Meeting Minutes.

V. Adjourn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Person for Further Information: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376–8591; TDD: (202) 376–8116.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at (202) 376–8105. TDD: (202) 376–8116.

Dated: July 20, 2010.

David Blackwood,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Topographic and Bathymetric Data Survey

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 20, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Chris Ellis at NOAA Coastal Services Center, (843) 740–1195 or Chris.Ellis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This survey will be used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric’s (NOAA’s) Coastal Services Center to obtain information from our customers on the location of topographic and