

method for maintaining a healthy animal population and for enhancing the United States' ability to globally compete in the trade of animals and animal products. VS Forms 10–4 and 10–4A, Specimen Submission are critical components of APHIS' disease surveillance mission. They are used routinely when specimens (such as blood, milk, tissue, or urine) from any animal (including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, and poultry) are submitted to APHIS' National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) for disease testing. VS Form 5–38, Parasite Submission form, is completed by State veterinarians or other State representatives, accredited veterinarians, private laboratories, research institutions, and owners or producer.

Need and Use of the Information: Using the Specimen Submission Form and Continuation Sheet (APHIS VS 10–4 & 10–4A), State or Federal veterinarians, accredited veterinarians, or other State and Federal representatives will document the collection and submission of specimens for laboratory analysis. The form identifies the individual animal from which the specimen is taken as well as the animal's herd or flock; the type of specimen submitted, and the purpose of submitting the specimen. Occasionally the time pressures exerted by or field conditions existing during a disease outbreak leave submitters no time to find or fill out the 10–4; thus, a Nonconforming Submission using whatever scrap of paper is handy. The National Tick Surveillance Program is based on the information submitted on the Parasite Submission Form (VS 5–38), in addition to critical surveillance information needed for the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program. This information identifies the individual submitting the tick samples. Without the information APHIS would not have the critical information necessary to effectively operate a disease surveillance program.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,773.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 8,605.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2010–0100]

Environmental Impact Statement; Cattle Fever Tick Control Barrier in South Texas: Record of Decision

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's record of decision for the final environmental impact statement titled "Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program—Tick Control Barrier: Maverick, Starr, Webb, and Zapata Counties, Texas."

DATES: An official of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Veterinary Services signed the record of decision on July 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may read the final environmental impact statement and record of decision in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming. The record of decision, final environmental impact statement, and supporting information may also be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=APHIS-2010-0100>. To obtain copies of the documents, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program, contact Dr. Denise Bonilla, Entomologist, Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program Manager, Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services, VS, APHIS, Natural Resources Research Center, Building B, 2150 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526; (970) 494–7317. For questions related to the environmental impact statement, contact Ms. Michelle Gray, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental and Risk Analysis Services, PPD, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 149, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 15, 2011, we published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 8709–8710) a notice¹ of intent to prepare an

¹ The notices, comments, EIS, record of decision, and supporting documents for this docket can be

environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed cattle fever tick control barrier in South Texas. This notice solicited comments from the public for additional alternatives and environmental impacts that should be examined further in the EIS and identified public meetings that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) would host concerning the scope of the EIS and other pertinent issues.

On July 24, 2013, we published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 44521–44522) for the draft EIS and invited public comment through August 30, 2013. Responses to those comments are in the final EIS. On June 1, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published a notice of the availability of the final EIS in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 25451–25452, Docket No. ER–FRL–9039–6) and invited public comment through July 2, 2018.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations in 40 CFR 1506.10 require a minimum 30-day waiting period between the time a final EIS is published and the time an agency makes a decision on an action covered by the EIS. APHIS has reviewed the final EIS and comments received during the 30-day waiting period and has concluded that the final EIS fully analyzes the issues covered by the draft EIS and addresses the comments and suggestions submitted by commenters. This notice advises the public that the waiting period has elapsed, and APHIS has issued a record of decision (ROD) to implement the preferred alternative described in the final EIS.

The ROD has been prepared in accordance with: (1) NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b); and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 26th day of November 2018.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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