

Johnson, Hardin, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, and Union Counties, Illinois.

Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, and Trigg Counties, Kentucky.

Benton, Dickson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Montgomery, Obion, Stewart, and Weakley Counties, Tennessee.

Cairo's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevator inside Cairo's area which has been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Memphis Grain Inspection Service: Cargill, Inc., Tiptonville, Lake County, Tennessee.

c. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Louisiana, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to Louisiana.

d. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of North Carolina, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to North Carolina.

e. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Iowa, is assigned to Schaal.

Bounded on the North by the northern Kossuth County line from U.S. Route 169; the northern Winnebago, Worth, and Mitchell County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Mitchell County line; the eastern Floyd County line south to B60; B60 west to T64; T64 south to State Route 188; State Route 188 south to C33;

Bounded on the South by C33 west to T47; T47 north to C23; C23 west to S56; S56 south to C25; C25 west to U.S. Route 65; U.S. Route 65 south to State Route 3; State Route 3 west to S41; S41 south to C55; C55 west to Interstate 35; Interstate 35 southwest to the southern Wright County line; the southern Wright County line west to U.S. Route 69; U.S. Route 69 to C54; C54 west to State Route 17; and

Bounded on the West by State Route 17 north to the southern Kossuth County line; the Kossuth County line west to U.S. Route 169; U.S. Route 169 north to the northern Kossuth County line.

Schaal's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Schaal's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agencies:

1. Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc.: Agvantage F.S., Chapin, Franklin County; and Farmers' Coop Society, Rockwell, Cerro Gordo County.

2. A. V. Tischer and Son, Inc.: West Bend Elevator Co., Algona, Kossuth County; Stateline Coop, Burt, Kossuth County; Gold-Eagle, Goldfield, Wright County; and North Central Coop, Holmes, Wright County.

f. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Wisconsin, except those export port locations within the State, is assigned to Wisconsin.

2. *Opportunity for designation.* Interested persons, including Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, North Carolina, Schaal, and Wisconsin are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning October 1, 2004, and ending September 30, 2007. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/oversight/parovreg.htm>.

3. *Request for Comments.* GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the quality of services for the Amarillo, Cairo, Louisiana, North Carolina, Schaal, and Wisconsin official agencies. In commenting on the quality of services, commenters are encouraged to submit pertinent data including information on the timeliness, cost, and scope of services provided. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

Applications, comments, and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

**Donna Reifschneider,**

*Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. II), this constitutes notice of the upcoming meeting of the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee ("the Committee").

**DATES:** May 4, 2004, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and May 5, 2004, 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The advisory committee meeting will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel—Kansas City Country Club Plaza, 220 West 43rd Street, Kansas City, MO.

Requests to address the Committee at the meeting or written comments may be sent to:

Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601. Requests and comments may also be faxed to (202) 205-9237.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Terri Henry, (202) 205-8281 (telephone); (202) 205-9237 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

The agenda will include financial status, general program plans, and grain end-use functionality research.

Public participation will be limited to written statements, unless permission is received from the Committee Chairman to orally address the Committee. The meeting will be open to the public.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information or related accommodations should contact Terri Henry, at the telephone number listed above.

**Donna Reifschneider,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Doña Ana Arroyo Watershed, Doña Ana County, NM**

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Rules (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the rehabilitation of two dams (South and North Fork dams) and their disposal system in the Doña Ana Arroyo Watershed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosendo Treviño III; State Conservationist; Natural Resources Conservation Service; 6200 Jefferson, NE.; Albuquerque, NM 87109-3734; telephone 505-761-4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment (EA) of this Federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national effects on the human environment. As a result of these findings, Rosendo Treviño III, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purpose is flood damage prevention. The action includes the rehabilitation of two floodwater retarding dams and their common disposal system. The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency; various Federal, state, and local agencies; and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the EA are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Rosendo Treviño III. No administrative action on implementation of the proposed action will be taken until 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

**Rosendo Treviño,**

*State Conservationist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Availability of finding of no significant impact and Supplement to the environmental assessment for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of finding of no significant impact and Supplement to the environmental assessment for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), has prepared a Supplement to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Environmental Assessment (EA) consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The Supplement was prepared as a means of amending the Final EQIP EA to correct the record and address comments received on the draft EQIP EA but not acknowledged in the final EQIP EA. Upon review of the information in the Supplement to the EQIP EA, the Chief of NRCS made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the determination was made that no environmental impact statement is required to support National implementation of EQIP.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Copies of the Supplement to the EQIP EA and the FONSI, or additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** Notice can be obtained by contacting one of the following individuals at the addresses and telephone numbers shown below:

Mr. Melvin Womack, Conservation Incentives Team Leader, Conservation Operations Division, NRCS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, PO Box 2890, Room 5239-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890. Telephone: (202) 720-0907.

Ms. André DuVarney, National Environmental Coordinator, Ecological Sciences Division, NRCS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, PO Box 2890, Room 6158-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890. Telephone: (202) 720-4925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To implement EQIP, as amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-71 (May 13, 2002) ("the 2002 Act"), the NRCS published in the **Federal Register** a proposed rule with requests for comments (68 FR 6655 (February 10, 2003)). At the same time,

NRCS made available to the public a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzed the impacts of the proposed rule on the quality of the human environment. The Draft EA was prepared on a National Programmatic basis. NRCS was of the preliminary opinion, based on the results of the Draft EA, that implementation of EQIP would have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment, particularly when focusing on the significant adverse impacts which NEPA is intended to help decision makers avoid and mitigate; therefore, NRCS also made a Draft FONSI available to the public at that time. NRCS indicated that it would accept comments on the Draft EA and Draft FONSI through the mail or via the internet until March 12, 2003.

On May 30, 2003, NRCS published in the **Federal Register** the final rule implementing EQIP, as amended (68 FR 32337 (May 30, 2003)), and at that time provided the public with notice of the availability of the Final EA and FONSI.

In the Final EA, NRCS stated that it "received no comments on the draft EA or draft FONSI." In fact, however, NRCS had received a comment letter on the Draft EA. NRCS misplaced these comments and they were not considered during formulation of the final EA that was prepared to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). The error was discovered after the EA and FONSI were made available to the public. To ensure the comments received appropriate consideration as part of the NEPA process, NRCS made a determination to correct the record and address the comments by issuing a supplement to the Final EQIP EA.

NEPA requires that Federal agencies prepare Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. In addition, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) require Federal agencies to prepare EAs to assist in determining whether there is a need to prepare an EIS for actions that have not been categorically excluded from NEPA. NRCS has reviewed the comments on the Draft EQIP EA to determine whether the comments provide new information that would lead NRCS to find that publication of the final rule to implement EQIP on a National basis may result in the significant adverse impacts that NEPA is intended to help decision makers avoid and mitigate; and thus, whether an EIS should be prepared.