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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

TV-4, Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration Project, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana

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 Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (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 Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration Project, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

This plan proposes to reduce wetland loss on approximately 30,000 acres of intermediate marsh in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. Project measures include 1,700 linear feet of passive type, low-level weir structures, and 10,000 linear feet of shoreline stabilization.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to 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 environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 14, 1995.
Donald W. Gohmert,
State Conservationist.
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Commodity Credit Corporation

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Conservation Reserve Program Signup and Related Provisions

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will be holding the 13th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup to accept bids for 10-through 15-year contracts to replace acreage that was released from enrollment in the CRP under provisions announced in the **Federal Register** on May 8. Consistent with announcements by the Secretary of Agriculture in December 1994 and in April 1995, this signup will target acreage of higher environmental quality. The goal of the 13th signup is to replace approximately 651,342 acres which was released under the aforementioned provisions. The signup will be conducted in accordance with existing regulations at 7 CFR Part 1410. Variations from the 12th CRP signup period, though consistent with the regulations, are discussed in this notice.

DATES: The signup is scheduled for September 11, 1995, through September 22, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LeslieDee Deavers, Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA), USDA, P.O.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 13th CRP signup will be held from September 11, 1995, to September 22, 1995, in county CFSA offices. The regulations at 7 CFR Part 1410 apply to this signup.

The 13th CRP signup will be conducted in generally the manner as the 12th CRP signup was conducted but there will be different acreage goals, types of bids, and ranking requirements. The goal of the 13th signup is to replace the approximately 651,342 acres previously released under the "early out" provisions announced in May 1995 by CCC. CCC's goal is to accept acreage that will meet higher environmental and conservation criteria which will provide significant soil erosion, water quality, tree planting, and wildlife benefits. CCC is also encouraging the enrollment of filter strips and riparian buffers. Only the most environmentally beneficial acres as determined on the basis of per dollar of government expense will be selected.

State CFSA committees have been authorized to develop State-specific environmental criteria to supplement the selection process. During the signup process, each applicant will be informed of the maximum rental rate CCC is willing to pay to enroll participants in specific areas and will be informed that the actual rates accepted by CCC may be less than that maximum amount. By bidding below that maximum amount, the likelihood that an offer will be accepted may be increased because it is anticipated that more acreage than that allowed for enrollment will be offered for enrollment by perspective participants.

There are two types of bids: (1) Environmental Priority (EP) bids for field windbreak establishment, grass waterways, shallow water areas for wildlife, filter strips and riparian buffers, and shelterbelt establishment and (2) Standard bids for all other contracts.

All bids will be evaluated based on the anticipated environmental benefits relative to cost. EP bids will receive the highest possible environmental benefits ranking. To encourage enrollments of filterstrips and riparian buffers, CCC will accept bids with rates for land to be