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DATES: Consideration will be given only to comments received on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 92-110-4, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 92-110-4. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, Between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the draft environmental impact statement by writing to the addresses listed below under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Sweeney, Project Leader, Environmental Analysis and Documentation, BBEP, APHIS, Suite 5B05, 4700 River Road Unit 149, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237, (301) 734-8565; or Dr. William E. Ketter, Assistant to Director, Operational Support, VS, APHIS, Suite 3B08, 4700 River Road Unit 33, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-4357.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has prepared a draft programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS) for our Veterinary Services Program, which is responsible for the protection of the Nation's livestock and poultry. As part of this mission, (VS) conducts ongoing programs designed to detect, prevent, control, and eradicate endemic and foreign animal diseases and pests that threaten these resources. The draft programmatic EIS addresses environmental impacts associated with these ongoing programs.

We published a notice of intent to prepare a programmatic EIS in the

Federal Register on July 23, 1992 (57 FR 32771-32772, Docket No. 92-110-1). This notice advised the public that we intended to use in-house resources to study the disease prevention, surveillance, control, and eradication activities of the VS Program to identify any potential environmental effects. We published a notice of the proposed scope of study for the programmatic EIS in the Federal Register on October 9, 1992 (57 FR 46532-46534, Docket No. 92-110-2). This notice identified potential issues to be analyzed in the programmatic EIS, and requested public comment on these and other issues. Comments were to be received on or before November 23, 1992. We published a notice of the final scope of study for the programmatic EIS in the Federal Register on March 29, 1993 (58 FR 16520-16521, Docket No. 92-110-3).

Major Issues

The comments received from the public helped us to determine the principal focus of the draft programmatic EIS. The draft programmatic EIS identifies the following VS programs and activities as having the potential to affect the quality of the human environment: (1) Methods of animal carcass disposal; (2) disease eradication efforts of an emergency nature; (3) the use of disinfectants and pesticides; (4) the import-export program; (5) the vaccination program; (6) the construction, use, and expansion of facilities; and (7) methods of animal identification. The document analyzes these VS programs and activities and examines the potential impacts of the programs as currently implemented along with the alternative of taking no Federal action.

The draft programmatic EIS is now available for review and comment. We are seeking comments from the public; industry; environmental groups; and Federal, State, and local agencies, including Federal and State agencies that have either jurisdiction by law or special expertise regarding any program issue or environmental impact that is discussed in the draft programmatic EIS.

We will consider all comments received by the close of the comment period in the development of the final programmatic EIS. The availability of the final programmatic EIS will be announced in a subsequent Federal Register notice.

This notice is issued in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4231 *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 22nd day of March 1996.

Terry L. Medley,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting: Change of Meeting Location

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting: Change of Meeting Location.

SUMMARY: Notice of the April 4, 1996, Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) was published in the Federal Register on March 21, 1996, 61 FR 11605. The purpose of this notice is announce a change in the location of the meeting to 350 of the State Capitol Building in Salem, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 4 and continue until 4:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-326-6265).

Dated: March 22, 1996.

Donald R. Knowles,
Designated Federal Official.

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Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on April 19, 1996, in Newport, Oregon, at the Hotel Newport, 3019 N. Coast Highway. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Current events, (2) Flood update, (3) Northern Coast Range AMA Update, and (4) open public forums. All Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Two "open forums" are scheduled; one at 9:45 a.m. and another near the conclusion of the meeting. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The