

Sec. 374. Optional State Grants for Forest Legacy Program

Provides the Secretary with authority to make, at the request of a participating State, grants to the State to carry out the Forest Legacy Program in that State.

Subtitle H—Miscellaneous Conservation Provisions

Sec. 381. Conservation Activities of Commodity Credit Corporation

Amends the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act by adding, as a specific purpose for CCC, the carrying out of conservation of environmental functions specifically authorized by law. The amendments becomes effective on January 1, 1997.

Sec. 382. Floodplain Easements

Adds authority to acquire floodplain easement for the Emergency Watershed Protection Programs.

Sec. 383. Resource Conservation & Development Program

Reauthorizes the RC&D program through 2002.

Sec. 384. Repeal of Report Requirements

Repeals current legal requirements for printing a specified number of soil survey reports.

Sec. 385. Flood Risk Reduction

Authorizes the Secretary to enter into a contract with a producer on a farm who has acreage under a production flexibility contract that is frequently flooded. A producer must agree to terminate any contract acreage and production flexibility contract, forgo loans for contract commodities, oilseeds, and ELS cotton, not apply for crop insurance issued or reinsured by USDA, comply with applicable HEL and wetlands compliance requirements, not apply for any conservation program payments from USDA, not apply for disaster program benefits, and refund the payments, with interest, if the terms of the contract are violated or if the producer transfers the property to another person who violates the contract. Producers would receive, from CCC funding, not more than the sum of 95 percent of contract payments under Title I (Agricultural Market Transition Program). Requires that funds for production flexibility payments be reduced by an amount equal to that amount which produces forgo under this provision. Subject to advance appropriations, the Secretary may make additional payments to an eligible producer to offset other estimated Federal government outlays on frequently flooded land. Authorizes to

be appropriated necessary sums for this added payment.

Sec. 386. Conservation of Private Grazing Land

Provides authority and emphasis for a grazing lands program within USDA to promote conservation and enhancement of natural resources on such private lands. If funding is provided, it will be through NRCS.

Sec. 387. Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Directs the Secretary, in consultation with State Technical Committees, to establish, under the Natural Resources Conservation Service, a wildlife habitat incentives program to provide cost sharing for landowners to apply practices to develop upland wildlife, wetland wildlife, threatened and endangered species, fish, and other types of wildlife habitat. To carry out the program, a total of \$50 million shall be made available for fiscal years 1996 through 2002 from funds available to carry out the Conservation Reserve Program.

Sec. 388. Farmland Protection Program

Under the farmland protection program, the Secretary is directed to purchase conservation easements or other interests in between 170,000 and 340,000 acres of land with prime, unique or other productive soil that is subject to a pending offer from a state or local government to limit non-agricultural uses of the land. Funding for the program, from the Commodity Credit Corporation, shall not exceed \$35 million.

Sec. 391. Agricultural Air Quality Research Oversight

Encourages the Secretary to strengthen research efforts related to agricultural air quality. Directs the Secretary to ensure intergovernmental cooperation in research activities related to agricultural air quality and to avoid duplication of activities. The Secretary shall ensure that the results of any research related to agricultural air quality conducted by Federal agencies not report erroneous data with respect to agricultural air quality. Directs the Chief of NRCS to establish a task force to address agricultural air quality issues. The composition of the task force shall include employees of the Department of Agriculture, industry representatives, and other experts in the fields of agricultural and air quality. The task force shall advise the Secretary in his role of providing oversight and coordination related to agricultural air quality.

Subtitle D—Miscellaneous Rural Development Provisions

Sec. 791. Interest Rate Formula

Amends both the Bankhead Jones Farm Tenant Act and the Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act to allow the Secretary to reestablish interest rate for RC&D loan and watershed loan programs.

Sec. 794. Fund for Rural America

Establishes an account labeled the Fund for Rural America and directs that \$100 million be transferred from the Treasury on January 1, 1997, October 1, 1998, and October 1, 1999 to the fund. Specifies the purposes of the fund to be rural development and research. Research includes grants to conserve and enhance natural resources. The Secretary is authorized to use a third of the funds for rural development, a third for competitive research, and a third for either at the discretion of the Secretary.

Sec. 922. Student Internship Programs

Defines a student intern to be a person employed by USDA to assist scientific, professional, administrative, and technical employees of the Department, and be a student in good standing at an institution of higher learning and pursuing a course of study related to the field employed in by USDA. Authorizes use of funds to pay lodging, subsistence, and transportation expenses of a student intern at the agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Open Meeting**

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: NOAA will conduct a meeting of the Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine

Sanctuary on April 17, 1996, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The SAC was established to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the development and management of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

TIME AND PLACE: Wednesday, April 17, 1996, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Honolulu International Airport—Interisland Terminal, Ohia Room #1.

AGENDA: General issues related to the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including an introduction of SAC members, a review of the SAC Charter, election of SAC officers, and a continuation of discussions concerning the review of comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan for the Sanctuary.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allen Tom (808) 879-2818 or Brady Phillips at (301) 713-3141, ext. 169.

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Dated: April 9, 1996.

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Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Ballistic Missile Defense Advisory Committee

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Advisory Committee will meet in closed session in Washington, DC, on May 6-7, 1996.

The mission of the BMD Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), on all matters relating to BMD acquisition, system development, and technology.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act,

Public Law No. 92-463, as amended by 5 U.S.C., Appendix II, it is hereby determined that this BMD Advisory Committee meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: April 10, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal and Reuse of Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (NAWC AD), Indianapolis, Indiana

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as implemented in the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Disposal of Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (NAWC AD), Indianapolis, Indiana. NAWC AD Indianapolis is a Navy facility that provides electronic systems to the fleet, and is located in the east central portion of Marion County, approximately fifteen minutes from Indianapolis. The property comprises 163 acres of land and includes 62 buildings containing more than 973,000 square feet of usable floor space.

In accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as implemented by the base closure process of 1995, the Navy intends to close NAWC AD Indianapolis and either (1) privatize NAWC AD, so that the mission remains the same but the ownership of the equipment and facilities is transferred to the private sector, including, possibly, the local government; or (2) relocate necessary functions along with associated personnel, equipment, and support to other Navy technical activities, then dispose of the base for other uses.

The objective of the EIS is to describe the existing conditions of NAWC AD Indianapolis, the disposal alternatives, and to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the various reuse alternatives. The significant environmental effects that may result from the disposal and reuse of NAWC AD Indianapolis will be identified and fully discussed. The EIS will also effect compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106

consultation process. Major environmental issues that will be addressed in the EIS include air quality, water quality, and impacts to wetlands, endangered species, cultural resources, and socioeconomics.

The Navy will hold a public scoping meeting for the purpose of further identifying the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. It will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the John Marshall Middle School Auditorium, 10101 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Navy representatives will make a brief presentation, then members of the public will be asked to provide their comments. It is important that federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. In the interest of time, speakers will be asked to limit comments to five minutes.

ADDRESSES: Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or, in lieu of, oral comments at the scoping meeting. To be most helpful, comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics which the EIS should address. Written comments must be postmarked by May 30, 1996, and should be mailed to Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010 (Attn: Mr. Ronnie Lattimore, Code 064), telephone (803) 820-5888. The scoping meeting will be conducted in English, and requests for language interpreters or other special communications needs should be made to Mr. Lattimore at least one week prior to the meeting. The Navy will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Dated: April 10, 1996.

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Department of the Navy, DoD

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive Patent License; Northrup Grumman Corporation

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to Northrup Grumman Corporation, to practice the Government owned inventions described in U.S. Patents Nos. 5,489,200 entitled "Compress/Melt Processor for Contaminated Plastic Waste," 5,488,278