

pseudorabies in the U.S. swine population. The vaccine contains live pseudorabies virus with gI and tk gene deletions, which significantly reduce the pathogenicity of the vaccine virus compared with the wild type virus.

The EA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (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).

Unless substantial environmental issues are raised in response to this notice, APHIS intends to authorize shipment of the above product for the initiation of field tests 14 days from the date of this notice.

Because the issues raised by field testing and by issuance of a license are identical, APHIS has concluded that the EA and FONSI that were generated for field testing would also be applicable to the proposed licensing action. Provided that the field test data support the conclusions of the original EA and FONSI, APHIS does not intend to issue a separate EA to support the issuance of the product license, and would determine that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. APHIS intends to issue a veterinary biological product license for this vaccine following completion of the field test provided no adverse impacts on the human environment are identified and provided the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

**Authority:** 21 U.S.C. 151–159.

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of November 1998.

**Joan M. Arnoldi,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98–059N]

#### Meeting on HACCP-based Inspection Models Project for Slaughter Plants; Models Phase

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency is holding a public meeting to discuss its HACCP-

based Inspection Models Project for slaughter plants. The morning session will provide general information on the Inspection Models Project and a briefing on the project's Baseline phase, which documents plant performance under current inspection procedures. By the time of the meeting, the Baseline phase will be completed for the first group of plants to participate in the project. The afternoon session will focus in some detail on the upcoming Inspection Models phase in this group of plants and will conclude with an open discussion.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 2, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC, 10 Thomas Circle NW (at Massachusetts Avenue and 14th Street), Washington DC 20009, (202) 842–1300. Transcripts of the meeting will be available in the FSIS Docket Room, Room 102, 300 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Jennifer Callahan of the FSIS Planning Staff at (202) 501–7138 or FAX (202) 501–7642. Attendees who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation should contact Ms. Callahan at the above numbers by November 25, 1998.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Inspection Models Project is an outgrowth of the Agency's Pathogen Reduction/Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (PR/HACCP) Systems Final Rule, published on July 25, 1996. The PR/HACCP rule calls for the establishment of a HACCP-based food safety system to reduce the risk of foodborne illness from meat and poultry products.

In a **Federal Register** Notice of June 10, 1997, FSIS requested public comments on the design and development of new inspection models for slaughter and processing in a HACCP environment (62 FR 31553). This notice summarized recommendations by the National Academy of Sciences and the General Accounting Office that FSIS reduce its reliance on organoleptic (sensory) inspection and redeploy its resources by using inspection methods that are based on the risks inherent in meat and poultry slaughter operations. To accomplish these objectives, new inspection methods must be developed and tested that are consistent with the meat and poultry inspection laws and the systems now required by the PR/HACCP rule. The inspection models project is helping to define the

respective responsibilities of FSIS and the regulated industry in slaughter establishments operating under HACCP systems.

A draft project protocol of July 7, 1998 identifies two objectives: (1) Determine the effectiveness of the present inspection system in slaughter establishments by collecting and analyzing organoleptic and microbial data on carcasses produced under the current system—the Baseline phase; and (2) test new inspection models at establishments where plant personnel perform slaughter process control and FSIS inspectors perform oversight and verification inspection activities and collect and analyze data to determine the effectiveness of the models and ensure the safety and wholesomeness of the products—the Inspection Models phase.

A public meeting was held in Washington DC on July 27, 1998 (63 FR 39068, July 21, 1998) to discuss the project. Baseline data were collected in three poultry plants and two hog plants from August through November. This public meeting will discuss results from the Baseline phase in these initial five plants and projected activities in the plants during the upcoming Inspection Models phase.

The meeting is open to the public on a space-available basis.

Done in Washington, DC, on November 9, 1998.

**Thomas J. Billy,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for the Northern Region; Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and Portions of South Dakota and Eastern Washington

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Northern Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 and to publish notices for public comment and notice of decision subject to the provisions of 36 CFR part 215. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used

to publish legal notices for public comment or decisions; thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

**DATES:** Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after November 18, 1998. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until another notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kristine M. Lee; Regional Appeals and Litigation Coordinator; Northern Region; PO, Box 7669; Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: (406) 329-3647.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

**Northern Regional Office**

Regional Forester decisions in Montana: The Missoulian, Great Falls Tribune, and The Billings Gazette.

Regional Forester decisions in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington:

The Spokesman Review.

Regional Forester decisions in North Dakota: Bismarck Tribune.

Regional Forester decisions in South Dakota: Rapid City Journal.

Beaverhead/Deerlodge—Montana Standard

*Bitterroot*—Ravalli Republic

*Clearwater*—Lewiston Morning Tribune

*Custer*—Billings Gazette (Montana)

Bismarck Tribune (North Dakota)

Rapid City Journal (South Dakota)

*Flathead*—Daily Interlake

*Gallatin*—Bozeman Chronicle

*Helena*—Independent Record

*Idaho Panhandle*—Spokesman Review

*Kootenai*—Daily Interlake

*Lewis & Clark*—Great Falls Tribune

*Lolo*—Missoulian

*Nez Perce*—Lewiston Morning Tribune

Supplemental notices may be placed in any newspaper, but time frames/deadlines will be calculated based upon notices in newspapers of record listed above.

Dated: November 10, 1998.

**Kathleen A. McAllister,**  
Deputy Regional Forester.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Rocky Mountain Region: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Eastern Wyoming; Legal Notice of the Opportunity To Comment on Certain Proposed Actions and of Decisions Subject to Notice and Comment**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; Newspapers for Legal Notices.

**SUMMARY:** This is a list of those newspapers that will be used to publish notice of all decisions which are subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 217, notice of the opportunity to comment on certain proposed actions pursuant to 36 CFR 215.5, and notice of decisions subject to appeal under the general provisions of 36 CFR part 215. As required at 36 CFR 215.5 and 215.9, such notice shall constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice of decisions that are subject to public notice and comment and administrative appeal. Newspaper publications of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Use of these newspapers for purposes of publishing the notices required under the provisions of 36 CFR part 215 shall begin November 30, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Momper, Regional Appeals and Litigation Coordinator, Rocky Mountain Region, Box 25127, Lakewood, Colorado 80225, Area Code 303-275-5161.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Responsible Officials in the Rocky Mountain Region shall give notice of the opportunity to comment on certain proposed actions and of decisions subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service unit. Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the primary newspaper which shall be used to constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice of decisions that are subject to administrative appeal. The day after the publication of the public notice in the primary newspaper shall be the first day of the appeal filing period.

Decisions by the Regional Forester: *The Denver Post*, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado, for decisions affecting National Forest

System lands in the States of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, and eastern Wyoming and for any decision of Region-wide impact. In addition, notice of decisions made by the Regional Forester will also be published in the *Rocky Mountain News*, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Notice of decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota will also be published in *The Rapid City Journal*, published daily in Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota. For those decisions affecting a particular unit, the newspaper specific to that unit will be used.

**Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Colorado**

*Forest Supervisor Decisions*

*The Denver Post*, published daily in Denver, Denver County, Colorado.

*District Ranger Decisions*

Redfeather and Estes-Poudre Districts: *Coloradoan*, published daily in Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado.

Pawnee District: *Greeley Tribune*, published daily in Greeley, Weld County, Colorado.

Boulder District: *Boulder Daily Camera*, published daily in Boulder, Boulder County, Colorado.

Clear Creek District: *Clear Creek Courant*, published weekly in Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County, Colorado.

Sulphur District: *Granby Sky High News*, published weekly in Granby, Grand County, Colorado.

**Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Colorado**

*Forest Supervisor Decisions*

*Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*, published daily in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.

*District Ranger Decisions*

Collbran and Grand Junction Districts: *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*, published daily in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.

Paonia District: *Delta County Independent*, published weekly in Delta, Delta County, Colorado.

Cebolla and Taylor River Districts: *Gunnison County Times*, published weekly in Gunnison, Gunnison County, Colorado.

Norwood District: *Telluride Daily Planet*, published daily in Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado.

Ouray District: *Montrose Daily Press*, published daily in Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado.