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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will meet on Wednesday, November 17, 1999. The meeting will be held in the Atrium Building, Calhoun's Restaurant, 1004 Parkway, Catlinburg, Tennessee, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The Council was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. Section 470) to advise the President and the Congress on matters relating to historic preservation and to comment upon Federal, federally assisted, and federally licensed undertakings having an effect upon properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Council's members are the Architect of the Capitol; the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation; the Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency and General Services Administration; the Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; a Governor; a Mayor; a Native Hawaiian; and eight non-Federal members appointed by the President.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

- I. Chairman's Welcome
- II. Chairman's Report
- III. Millennium Discussion
 - A. Follow up from Tuesday's Discussion at Oak Ridge—Action
 - B. Follow up from Wednesday's Discussion Regarding Managing Cultural Resources in Natural Areas—Action
 - C. Council Millennium Report on Federal Stewardship—Discussion
- IV. Proposed Council Policy Regarding Tribal Relations—Discussion
- V. Executive Director's Report

- A. Section 106 Cases—Report
- B. Legislation Update—Report
- VI. New Business

- A. Meeting Schedule for 2000—Report
- VII. Adjourn

Note: The meetings of the Council are open to the public. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 809, Washington, DC 202-606-8503, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the meeting is available from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., #809, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: November 3, 1999.

John M. Fowler,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-084-1]

Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advance notice of public meeting and request for suggested agenda topics.

SUMMARY: We are issuing this notice to inform producers and users of veterinary biological products, and other interested individuals, that we will be holding our ninth annual public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. We are in the process of planning the meeting agenda and are requesting suggestions for topics of general interest to producers and other interested individuals.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 4, 2000, from 8 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on agenda topics, contact Mr. Steven A. Karli, Director, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010-8197; phone (515) 232-5785, fax (515) 232-7120, or e-mail Steven.A.Karli@usda.gov. For registration information, contact Ms. Kay Wessman at the same address and fax number; phone (515) 232-5785 extension 127; or e-mail Kay.Wessman@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since 1989, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has held eight public meetings in Ames, IA, on veterinary biologics. The meetings provide an opportunity for the exchange of information between APHIS representatives, producers and users of veterinary biological products, and other interested individuals. APHIS is in the process of planning the agenda for the ninth annual meeting, which will be held on April 3 and 4, 2000.

The agenda for the meeting is not yet complete. Topics that have been suggested include: (1) Followup of customer service feedback; (2) oil adjuvants; (3) electronic submission of regulatory information; (4) antibody products; (5) progress on international harmonization; and (6) update on compliance with *in vitro* references. Before finalizing the agenda, APHIS is seeking suggestions for additional meeting topics from the interested public.

We would also like to invite interested individuals to use this meeting to present their ideas and suggestions concerning the licensing, manufacturing, testing, and distribution of veterinary biologics.

Please submit suggested meeting topics (for both breakout and general sessions) and proposed presentation titles to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before December 17, 1999. For proposed presentations, please include the name(s) of the presenter(s) and the approximate amount of time that will be needed for each presentation.

After the agenda is finalized, APHIS will announce the schedule in the **Federal Register**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of November 1999.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

National Drought Policy Commission

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Commission meeting, public hearing and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Drought Policy Act of 1998 established the National Drought Policy Commission (Commission). The Farm Service Agency (FSA) was identified as the lead USDA agency to provide support to the Commission. The Commission shall conduct a thorough study and submit a report to the President and Congress on national drought policy. Prior meetings of the Commission were held on July 22, 1999, and September 22, 1999, and public hearings on July 23, 1999, September 22, 1999, and October 13, 1999. Minutes of these meetings and a list of Commission members can be found on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/drought>. This notice announces the third meeting, and fourth public hearing and seeks comments on issues that the Commission should address and recommendations that the Commission should consider as part of its report.

DATES: The Commission will conduct a public hearing on December 1, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the First Floor Board Room of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Office Building, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California.

The Commission will meet on December 2, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the same location. All times noted are Pacific Standard Time.

All meetings and public hearings are open to the public; however, seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Commission at the public hearing, must contact the Executive Director, Leona Dittus, in writing (by letter, fax or internet) no later than 12 noon, November 24, 1999, in order to be included on the agenda. Presenters will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis. The request should identify the name and affiliation

of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. Thirty-five copies of any written presentation material shall be given to the Executive Director by all presenters no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Commission and the interested public. Those wishing to testify, but who are unable to notify the Commission office by November 24, 1999, will be able to sign up as a presenter the day of the hearing (December 1) between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. These presenters will testify on a first-come, first-served basis and comments will be limited based on the time available and the number of presenters. Written statements will be accepted at the meeting, or may be mailed or faxed to the Commission office.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Leona Dittus by telephone at 202-720-3168 on Internet: leona.dittus@usda.gov, or through Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, by COB November 24, 1999.

COMMENTS: The public is invited to respond and/or to submit additional comments, concerns, and issues for consideration by the Commission.

ADDRESSES: Comments and statements should be sent to Leona Dittus, Executive Director, National Drought Policy Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6701-S, STOP 0501, Washington, DC 20250-0501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leona Dittus (202) 720-3168; FAX (202) 720-9688; Internet: leona.dittus@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission will review the first draft of the Commission findings. They will also discuss the status of Commission activities and other committee business. Below is a draft vision statement and set of principles to guide the Commission. Draft Vision Statement: Our vision is of a U. S. citizenry and its governments well prepared for and capable of mitigating in a consistent and timely manner the impacts of drought in the new millennium.

This vision is based on the following principles:

- A well-informed, involved public;
- Self-reliance and self-determination;
- Consideration of all affected entities and related issues, including legal, economic, geographic, climate, religious, and cultural differences, and environmental concerns;
- Lessons from past drought experiences;
- Comprehensive, long-term strategic planning, emphasizing preparedness and mitigation;

Federal role focused on appropriate coordination, technical assistance, education, and incentives while at all times respecting the rights and sovereignty of States, local governments, and tribes.

In addition to your own views and thoughts regarding a national drought policy, as you review the draft vision and guiding principles, the Commission would be interested in your thoughts regarding the following questions:

1. What is the best means for informing the public of Federal assistance for drought planning and mitigation?
2. What type of information do you need for responding to the drought?
3. What needs do you or your organization presently have with respect to addressing drought conditions?
4. What do you see as the Federal role with respect to drought preparedness? Drought response? Should Federal emergency assistance be contingent on advance preparedness?
5. Are there any ways you feel that the Federal Government could better coordinate with State, regional, tribal, and local governments in mitigating or responding to droughts?
6. What lessons have you or your organization learned from past drought experiences that would be beneficial in the creation of a national drought policy?

The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice and recommendations to the President and Congress on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy, designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies. Tasks for the Commission include developing recommendations that will: (a) Better integrate Federal laws and programs with ongoing State, local, and tribal programs, (b) improve public awareness of the need for drought mitigation, prevention, and response, and (c) determine whether all Federal drought preparation and response programs should be consolidated under one existing Federal agency, and, if so, identify the agency. The Commission will be chaired by the Secretary of Agriculture or his designee. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will act in his stead. Administrative staff support essential to the execution of the Commission's responsibilities shall be provided by USDA.

Commission members specifically cited in Pub. L. 105-199, include the Secretaries of Agriculture, Interior, Army, and Commerce, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration; two persons nominated by the National