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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Renewal of Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Renewal of Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries announces the renewal of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria Walker, 202-622-8280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Joint Board on examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology. The Joint Board administers such examinations in discharging its statutory mandate to enroll individuals who wish to perform actuarial services with respect to pension plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The Committee's advisory functions will include, but will not necessarily be limited to: (1) Considering areas of actuarial knowledge that should be treated on the examinations; (2) developing examination questions; (3) recommending proposed examinations and pass marks; and (4), as requested by the Joint Board, making recommendations relative to the examination program.

Dated: September 20, 2004.

Rudy Nuissl,

Chairman, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a closed meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 18, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Segal Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Suite 500, Chicago, IL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick W. McDonough, Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202-622-8225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet at the Segal Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Suite 500, Chicago, IL on Monday, October 18, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions, which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics, pension law and methodology referred to in 29 U.S.C. 1242(a)(1)(B).

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that the subject of the meeting falls within the exception to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such meeting be closed to public participation.

Dated: September 20, 2004.

Patrick W. McDonough,

Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[No.: TM-04-11]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: The meeting dates are: Tuesday, October 12, 2004, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, 2004, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, October 14, 2004, 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Requests from individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting are due by the close of business on September 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Washington Marriott, Salon E, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC. Requests for copies of the NOSB meeting agenda, requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting, or written comments may be sent to Ms. Katherine Benham, Advisory Board Specialist at USDA-AMS-TMD-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0200. Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may also be sent via facsimile to Ms. Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7808 or electronically to Ms. Katherine Benham at katherine.benham@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Mathews, Associate Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program, (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to make recommendations about whether a substance should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the OFPA.

The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC, in March 1992, and currently has six committees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification; Crops; Livestock; Materials; Handling; and Policy Development.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 53 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 264 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held on April 28–30, 2004, in Chicago, Illinois.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final National Organic Program regulation in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80548). The rule became effective April 21, 2001.

The principal purposes of the meeting are to hear discussions between NOP and NOSB regarding the status of previous NOSB materials recommendations; NOSB recommendations concerning compatibility, commercial availability, and minor non-compliances; a NOP/NOSB framework for collaboration; an action plan for a NOSB Executive Director; and the process for reviewing materials. The NOSB will receive an update on the statement of work for TAP contractors, discuss issues concerning a letter of understanding with the Organic Materials Review Institute, and participate in working sessions that consider committee drafts designed to provide feedback to the NOP on directives regarding inerts, fishmeal as a feed supplement, antibiotics, and NOP scope. The Board will receive public input on materials issues, standards for pet food and aquatic animals, and hear a presentation on integrated organic program research grants from the USDA Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service (CSREES).

The Materials Committee will present, for NOSB consideration, an action plan to establish standard operating procedures for facilitating the sunset review of materials and discuss issues involving OFPA provisions for materials and interpretations of those provisions and the National List. The Materials Committee will also discuss revising the **Federal Register** notice for petitioning substances and consider issues in refining the process for materials review. The Handling Committee will

provide an update on materials approved as food contact substances and present, for NOSB consideration, action plans to address issues concerning organic yeast and pet food standards. The Livestock Committee will present, for discussion, the formation of a task force on wild caught and aquaculture standards. The Policy Development Committee will present a draft committee recommendation for scheduling NOSB meetings and provide an update on board policy manual revisions. Finally, the Crops Committee will discuss issues concerning the use of extraction methods, including the use of potassium carbonate and hydrolyzed extracts, and submit, for consideration, its recommendation on the Compost Tea Task Force report.

Materials to be reviewed at the meeting by the NOSB are as follows: for Crop Production: Soy Protein Isolate.

For further information, see <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>. Copies of the NOSB meeting agenda can be requested from Ms. Katherine Benham by telephone at (202) 205-7806; or by accessing the NOP Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

The meeting is open to the public. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, October 14, 2004, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting may forward their request by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to Ms. Katherine Benham at addresses listed in **ADDRESSES** above. While persons wishing to make a presentation may sign up at the door, advance registration will ensure that a person has the opportunity to speak during the allotted time period and will help the NOSB to better manage the meeting and to accomplish its agenda. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making an oral presentation are requested to provide their comments in writing. Written submissions may contain information other than that presented at the oral presentation.

Written comments may also be submitted at the meeting. Persons submitting written comments at the meeting are asked to provide 30 copies.

Interested persons may visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> to view available documents prior to the meeting. Approximately 6 weeks following the meeting interested persons will be able to visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site to view documents from the meeting.

Dated: September 20, 2004.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Williamson River Delta Restoration Project

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Williamson River Delta Restoration Project and requesting public comment. A public meeting will be held at the Chiloquin High School Library on October 6, 2004, at 7 p.m. to discuss the project.

SUMMARY: The NRCS is seeking public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a wetland restoration project on the Williamson River Delta. The full DEIS can be found at the following Web site: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/OR/Klamath/williamsonriverdeis.pdf> and at the following locations:

- NRCS Office, 2316 S. 6th St., Suite C, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.
- Klamath County Commissioners, 305 Main St., 2nd Floor, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.
- Klamath Tribes Natural Resources Department, 501 Chiloquin Blvd., Chiloquin, OR 97624.
- Chiloquin Public Library, 140 First St., Klamath Falls, OR 97624.
- Klamath Falls Public Library, 126 S. Third St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601.
- The Nature Conservancy, 226 Pine St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 45-day period beginning September 17, 2004, through November 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Kevin Conroy, Basin Team Leader, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 2316 S. Sixth St., Suite C, Klamath Falls, OR 97601; (541) 882–9044 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Conroy, (541) 883–6924.

Dated: September 9, 2004.

Bob Graham,

State Conservationist, Portland, OR.

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