

Clean Water Act (the "Act"). EPA is also providing notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed assessment.

EPA is authorized under Section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1319(g), to assess a civil penalty after providing the person subject to the penalty notice of the proposed penalty and the opportunity for a hearing, and after providing interested persons notice of the proposed penalty and a reasonable opportunity to comment on its issuance. Under section 309(g), any person who has violated Sections 301(a) or Section 308(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311(a), 1318(a), including any person who has violated any permit condition or limitation, may be assessed a penalty in a "Class II" administrative penalty proceeding.

Class II proceedings under section 309(g) are conducted in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits" ("Part 22"), 40 CFR part 22. The procedures through which the public may submit written comment on a proposed Class II order or participate in a Class II proceeding, and the procedures by which a respondent may request a hearing, are set forth in part 22. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed Class II order is forty (40) days after publication of this notice.

On September 30, 2003, EPA filed with Danielle Carr, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, (415) 744-1391, the following Administrative Complaint: *In the Matter of Shapell Monteverde Partnership, Plum Canyon Development Site, Docket No. CWA-9-2003-0005*. For the alleged violations set forth in the Administrative Complaint, EPA proposes to assess penalties of up to One Hundred Thirty-seven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$137,500) for violations of NPDES Permit No. CAS000002 and Sections 301(a) and Section 308 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311(a), 1318(a) at the Plum Canyon Development Site in Los Angeles County, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons wishing to receive a copy of EPA's Consolidated Rules, review the Complaint or other documents filed in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed assessment, or otherwise participate in the proceeding should contact Danielle Carr, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region IX, 75

Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, (415) 744-1391. The administrative record for this proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office identified above, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours. All information submitted by the Respondent is available as part of the administrative record, subject to provisions of law restricting public disclosure of confidential information. In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will issue no final order assessing a penalty in these proceedings prior to forty (40) days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: September 30, 2003.

Alexis Strauss,

Director, Water Division.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2004-2009

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Farm Credit Administration's (FCA or agency) Draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2004-2009. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires that Federal agencies update their strategic plans at least every 3 years and, in doing so, solicit the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the plan. Therefore, the agency is interested in receiving comments on our draft strategic plan. **DATES:** Comments must be submitted by November 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The draft strategic plan is available on the agency's Web site at <http://www.fca.gov>. You can provide your comments to us electronically via e-mail at info-line@fca.gov. You can also send written comments or requests for a hard copy of the plan to the Farm Credit Administration, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Attention: Strategic Plan Coordinator, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090 or by facsimile to (703) 790-5241.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Walker, Executive Assistant, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Farm Credit Administration, McLean, VA 22102-5090, (703) 883-4271; TTY (703) 883-4056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or agency)

is charged by Congress, as established in title V of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended, with the mandate of overseeing the agricultural Government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) serving rural America. These include the Farm Credit System (System) and the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. FCA also has statutory responsibility to examine the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, a non-System entity operating as a federally chartered, privately owned banking corporation.

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires that each Federal agency establish a strategic plan that covers a period of not less than 5 years. It also mandates that these plans be updated and revised at least every 3 years. In accordance with GPRA, FCA issued its first strategic plan in 1997. A revised plan was approved in 2000. Thus, the Draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2004-2009 represents the second update to the agency's original strategic plan completed under GPRA. The draft strategic plan describes our mission, our strategic goals, and strategies to achieve those goals over the next 5 years.

The Draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2004-2009 is the culmination of an extensive outreach effort. The FCA Board began its work on this plan in April 2003 by initiating a series of strategic planning sessions to seek input from farmers, the Farm Credit Council and other Farm Credit System representatives, academics and economists, the American Bankers Association, the Independent Community Bankers of America, former FCA Board chairmen and FCA senior management. Subsequent planning sessions held by the Board and the Office of the Chief Operating Officer over the next several months were used to establish specific direction for formulation of the current draft. Senior management provided input throughout the drafting phase.

Having formulated a draft strategic plan, at this point FCA wants to return our product to our external public for review. We anticipate posting the final strategic plan on the Internet in December 2003.

Dated: October 16, 2003.

Jeanette C. Brinkley,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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