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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0184]

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 14th public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. We are 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 Wednesday, March 28, and Thursday, March 29, 2007, from 8:30 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 Dr. Byron E. Rippke, Director, Policy, Evaluation, and Licensing, 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 CVB@aphis.usda.gov. For registration information, contact Ms. Gera Ashton at the same address and fax number; phone (515) 232-5785 extension 127; or e-mail Gera.A.Ashton@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since 1989, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has held 13 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 14th such meeting, which will be held March 28 and 29, 2007.

The agenda for the meeting is not yet complete. The theme for this year's meeting is influenza. Topics that have been suggested include: (1) Avian, swine, and equine influenza related topics; (2) pandemic influenza preparedness and related issues; (3) conditional licenses for canine influenza vaccines; (4) influenza diagnostics (rapid and otherwise); and (5) Veterinary Services and Center for Veterinary Biologics related issues. 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, distribution, and regulation of products designed to diagnose, prevent, or treat animal diseases.

Please submit suggested meeting topics and proposed presentation titles to Dr. Byron E. Rippke (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above) on or before December 18, 2006. 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 agenda topics in the **Federal Register**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of November 2006.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0126]

Request for Information; Potential Sites for a Sterile Fruit Fly Production Facility or Potential Alternate Sources of Sterile Fruit Flies

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is exploring options for the construction of a multispecies exotic fruit fly facility and/

or the privatization of sterile fly production to provide backup capacity for our sterile fruit fly programs and emergency needs. APHIS recognizes the need to maintain a backup for sterile fruit fly production to respond to emergency outbreaks when they occur, and to ensure current preventive release programs in California, Florida, and Texas remain effective. In this notice, we are soliciting the submission of information from interested persons regarding potential sites for the production of sterile fruit flies or alternate sources of those flies.

DATES: We will consider all submissions of information that we receive on or before January 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Any information should be submitted, in writing, to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael B. Stefan, Director, Fruit Fly Exclusion and Detection Programs, PPO, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 137, Riverdale, MD 20737-1229; (301) 734-4387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 17, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 8563, Docket No. APHIS-2006-0007) a notice¹ advising the public we had prepared a draft document titled "Exotic Fruit Fly Strategic Plan FY 2006-2010" and made it available to the public for review and comment. Appendix A of that document discussed the potential actions we could take in response to the closing of the sterile Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) production facility in Waimanalo, HI. The following options were presented: (1) Do not replace the facility; (2) build a new production facility in Hawaii; (3) partner with California Department of Food and Agriculture to expand their sterile fruit fly production facility in Hawaii; or (4) build a multispecies facility in the continental United States or on foreign soil. Most of the comments we received on the draft strategic plan agreed on the need for a multispecies exotic fruit fly facility to provide backup capacity for our sterile fruit fly programs and emergency needs. Additionally, several

¹ To view the draft strategic plan and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on the "Advanced Search" tab, and select "Docket Search." In the Docket ID field, enter APHIS-2006-0007, then click on "Submit." Clicking on the Docket ID link in the search results page will produce a list of all documents in the docket.

commenters suggested potential sites for the new facility.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) recognizes the need to maintain a backup for sterile Medfly and Mexican fruit fly (Mexfly) production to respond to emergency outbreaks when they occur, and to ensure that the current preventive release programs in California, Florida, and Texas remain effective. Specifically, we believe we need the capacity to produce 550 million sterile Medflies per week and the ability to maintain and produce 150 million sterile Mexflies per week as a second species. We are exploring our options for meeting these needs, including the construction of a multispecies rearing facility or the privatization of sterile fly production.

In order to further explore our options, we are requesting information from the public regarding options through which we could (1) produce sterile Medflies and Mexflies at an APHIS-managed rearing facility or at a facility operated by a privately owned company or a State or foreign government or (2) purchase sterile Medflies and Mexflies from a facility operated by a privately owned company or a State or foreign government. APHIS is open to considering locations both within and outside the continental United States as backup sources for sterile fruit flies.

Production of sterile fruit flies requires the maintenance of a fertile colony of fruit flies in the facility, and although containment mechanisms are maintained in any production facility, the risk of fertile flies escaping into the local environs can pose a pest risk. Accordingly, any new sterile fruit fly production facility—public or private—would have to be located either in an area that will not support the establishment of the species of fruit flies being produced or an area that is already infested with the species of fruit flies being produced. We welcome any information or suggestions regarding potential locations for the construction of a multispecies facility within or outside the continental United States.

Because the ease of transporting and distributing sterile fruit flies must be considered, we invite information about potential sites where transportation accommodations are of such a nature to allow for the ease of daily shipments to all target release areas of the sterile fruit flies produced. A favorable location would be one where the air transportation accommodations would not entail more than one connecting flight from the production site to the target release area. We are open to information regarding potential

locations within or outside the continental United States that would accommodate this need.

In addition, minimizing construction costs and time is desirable. Any potential economic savings in land acquisition, facility construction, and maintenance costs for a new facility will be a high priority in the selection of a site. Any information or suggestions about potential locations on tribal land, retired military bases, or other locations within or outside the United States would be useful. Any suggestions for other ways to help minimize construction costs and time would also be welcome.

Recent advances in research and development of sterile insect technologies necessitate that any new facility should be able to adapt to and incorporate any new technologies (e.g., adapt to new space requirements, accommodate different filter systems, etc.) where appropriate. We invite information about recent advances in research and development of sterile insect technologies, specifically any information regarding new, more effective and efficient, technologies that would be desirable to incorporate into a new production facility.

We are seeking detailed data and information from the public in response to this notice, which we will use as a resource in our exploration of options for construction of a multispecies rearing facility and/or privatization of sterile fly production.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of November 2006.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of New Recreation Fee Site; Federal Lands Enhancement Act (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: National Forests in North Carolina, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of New Recreation Fee Site.

SUMMARY: The National Forests in North Carolina will begin charging a special recreation permit fee for reserved use of picnic shelters on several sites on the National Forests in North Carolina. Members of the public have requested the ability to reserve use of a picnic shelter in advance of the day of

proposed shelter use. There will be no charging for using a picnic shelter as long as no reservation is made.

Reservations will be posted on site at least 24 hours in advance of the reservation time. The shelters are located at the Murray Branch Day Use Area on the Appalachian Ranger District, the Cheoah Point Day Use Area on the Cheoah Ranger District, the Old Fort Picnic Area and Mortimer Picnic Area on the Grandfather Ranger District, the Sycamore Flats Picnic Area and Pink Beds Picnic Area on the Pisgah Ranger District, the Cherokee Lake Picnic Area, Jackrabbit Day Use Area and Hanging Dog Day Use Area on the Tusquitee Ranger District, and at Kings Mountain Point Day Use Area on the Uwharrie Ranger District. The cost for reserved use of the shelters will vary between \$25-\$30 for a half day and \$40-\$50 for a whole day. The higher use fee will be charged for the larger capacity shelter at Kings Mountain Point Day Use Area. In addition, the National Recreation Reservation Service charges a \$9 reservation service fee. Fee revenue will support operations and maintenance of the shelters and future shelter site improvements.

DATES: The fee is scheduled for implementation in May of 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David H. Wright, Recreation Fee Coordinator, 828-257-4256, National Forests in North Carolina, PO Box 2750, Asheville, NC 28802.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. This new fee will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation. The National Forests in North Carolina presently has two recreation sites permitted to concession operators who charge a shelter use fee of \$25 per half day for a two-table shelter to \$35 per half day for a three-table shelter. Most sites have paved parking. Hanging Dog, Cherokee Lake, Mortimer and Murray Branch have designated gravel parking. In addition to picnic shelters with tables, all sites have picnic grills, flush or vault toilets on site, water on site or nearby, trash receptacles and information boards. People wishing to reserve a picnic shelter will need to do so through the National Recreation Reservation Service at <http://www.reserveusa.com> or by calling 1-877-444-6777.