

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Natural Resources Conservation Service****Lost River Watershed, Hardy County, WV**

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is giving notice that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared regarding Site 16, Lower Cove Run, in the Lost River Subwatershed of the Potomac River Watershed, Hardy County, West Virginia. (This Notice of Intent supersedes a previously published **Federal Register** in the Notices Section on April 10, 2006 (71 FR 18603), and includes an announcement of a public scoping meeting.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ronald L. Hilliard, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 75 High Street, Room 301, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505, telephone (304) 284-7545.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In October 1974, the Lost River Subwatershed Work Plan—Final Environmental Impact Statement was prepared and was approved for operations on February 11, 1975, under authority of the Flood Control Act, Public Law 534. The approved work plan included provisions for land treatment measures covering 94,750 acres, four single-purpose floodwater retarding impoundments and one multiple-purpose floodwater retarding and recreation impoundment. Two of the single-purpose floodwater retarding impoundments (Site 4, Kimsey Run and Site 27, Upper Cove Run) have been installed. In March 2001, the watershed plan was amended to add 400 acre-feet of rural water supply storage as a purpose for Site 10 (Camp Branch). The impoundment at Site 10 was completed in September 2005. Site 23, Culler Run, was determined to be not feasible due to engineering and geological concerns and will be eliminated as a component of the Lost River Watershed Project.

Planning is now underway for Site 16, Lower Cove Run which will be the

subject of the EIS. Site 16 was originally planned as a multiple-purpose floodwater retarding and recreation structure. At the request of the local sponsoring organizations, the recreation component of Site 16 has been eliminated (other than incidental recreational uses) and the purpose of rural water supply has been added for this impoundment. Alternatives currently identified to be addressed in this EIS include the No Action Alternative and Alternative 1, Construction of Dam at Site 16.

The NRCS has determined that this federally assisted action may have the potential for significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, and due to the age of the original EIS for the watershed, Ronald L. Hilliard, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of a new environmental impact statement is warranted. Since one of the current identified alternatives would impound water on a small portion of National Forest System Land, the U. S. Forest Service will be a cooperating agency.

A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) will be prepared and circulated for review by agencies and the public. The Natural Resources Conservation Service invites participation and consultation of agencies and individuals that have special expertise, legal jurisdiction, or interest in the preparation of the DEIS. A scoping meeting (workshop) will be held on Tuesday August 1, 2006, at the East Hardy High School in Baker, WV. The workshop will be held from 4 p.m. through 7 p.m. Those attending will have the opportunity to inquire about the project and to provide input to determine the scope of the evaluation of the proposed action. The goals of the workshop will be to identify public and agency concerns, environmental issues, and other possible alternatives to be discussed in the DEIS. Further information on the proposed action may be obtained from Ronald L. Hilliard, State Conservationist, at the above address or telephone (304) 284-7545.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Industry and Security****Meeting With Interested Public on the Proposed Rule: Revisions and Clarification of Export and Reexport Controls for the People's Republic of China (PRC); New Authorization Validated End-User**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) will hold a meeting on July 17, 2006 for those companies, organizations, and individuals that have an interest in understanding the United States' revised policy for exports and reexports of dual-use items to the People's Republic of China (PRC) as presented in the proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 6, 2006. U.S. Government officials will explain the amendments proposed in the rule and answer questions from the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 17, 2006 at 2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Main Auditorium, 14th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** In order for BIS to prepare for those who plan to attend the meeting, please provide your name and company or organizational affiliation to fax number (202) 482-4094, Attn: China Policy Briefing. For further information, please contact Judith Peterson at BIS on (202) 482-0092.

*Status:* This meeting will be open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On July 6, 2006, the Bureau of Industry and Security published a rule in the **Federal Register** that proposed amendments to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) that would revise and clarify the United States' policy for exports and reexports of dual-use items to the People's Republic of China (PRC). Specifically, the proposed rule states that it is the policy of the United States Government to prevent exports that would make a material contribution to the military capability of the PRC, while facilitating U.S. exports to legitimate civil end-users in the PRC. Consistent with this policy, BIS proposes to amend the EAR by revising and clarifying United States licensing requirements and licensing