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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-087-1]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that an environmental assessment has been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the control of Pacific mealybug, *Planococcus minor* (Homoptera: Pseudococcidae). The environmental assessment considers the effects of, and alternatives to, the release of nonindigenous organisms into the environment for use as biological control agents to reduce the severity of Pacific mealybug infestations. We are making this environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 02-087-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 02-087-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 02-087-1" on the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on the environmental assessment in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Dale Meyerdirk, Agriculturalist, National Biological Control Institute, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 135, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-5220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is proposing to release nonindigenous species of parasitic wasps and predators in the continental United States and U.S. territories in the Caribbean to control Pacific mealybug, *Planococcus minor* (Homoptera: Pseudococcidae). The following organisms are being considered for release:

- Encyrtid wasps in the genera *Aenasius*, *Anagyrus*, *Gyranusoidea*, *Leptomastix*, and *Pseudaphycus*;
- A pteromalid wasp, *Patiana coccorum*;
- Platygastriid wasps in the genus *Allotropa*;
- A lycaenid, *Spalgis epius*; and
- A coccinellid, *Cryptolaemus affinus*.

Pacific mealybug is a foreign plant pest that attacks over 240 different species of plants, including both agricultural and ornamental plants. It has invaded areas in American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Mexico. This pest could enter the eastern United States from Mexico or from the Caribbean or enter California from Mexico or from the Pacific. The purpose of the proposed release of biological

control agents is to suppress Pacific mealybug infestations.

The preferred alternative, biological control, is proposed because it is the best alternative to resolve the problems imposed by Pacific mealybug on various hosts. APHIS will import these biological control agents from different locations around the world into USDA-certified insect quarantine facilities, where species identifications will be confirmed by USDA and State taxonomists and undesirable organisms such as hyperparasites will be screened out and properly eliminated. Laboratory colonies reared on Pacific mealybug will be established by USDA, State, and U.S. territory cooperators in areas invaded by the Pacific mealybug.

It is expected that the biological control agents will be introduced into areas where the Pacific mealybug occurs and reproduce naturally without further human intervention, and that the stingless wasps and predators will become established throughout the eventual geographical distribution of Pacific mealybug in the United States. The biological characteristics of the organisms under consideration preclude any possibility of harmful effects on human health.

APHIS' review and analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with releasing nonindigenous organisms into the environment are documented in detail in an environmental assessment entitled "Control of Pacific Mealybug, *Planococcus minor* (Homoptera: Pseudococcidae)" (July 11, 2002). We are making this environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment. We will consider all comments that we receive by the date listed under the heading **DATES** at the beginning of this notice.

You may request copies of the environmental assessment by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the environmental assessment when requesting copies. The environmental assessment is also available for review in our reading room (information on the location and hours of the reading room is listed under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice).

The environmental assessment has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act

of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of November 2002.

Ron DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Child Nutrition Labeling Program

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Food and Nutrition Service to request Office of Management and Budget review of information collection activities related to the Child Nutrition Labeling Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 28, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval and will become a matter of public record. Comments may be sent to: William Wagoner, Team Leader, Technical Assistance Section, Nutrition Promotion

and Training Branch, Child Nutrition Division, room 632, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instruction should be directed to William Wagoner at (703) 305–2609.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Child Nutrition Labeling Program.

OMB Number: 0584–0320.

Expiration Date: 2/20/03.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Child Nutrition (CN) Labeling Program is a voluntary technical assistance program to aid schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in determining the contribution a commercial product makes toward the food-based meal pattern requirements of these programs. (See Appendix C to 7 CFR Parts 210, 220, 225 and 226 for more information on this program). There is no Federal requirement that commercial products must have a CN label statement.

To participate in the Child Nutrition Labeling Program, industry submits product labels and formulations to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) that are in conformance with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) label approval program for meat and poultry, or United States Department of Commerce (USDC) label approval program for seafood products. FNS reviews a manufacturer's product formulation to determine the contribution a serving of the product makes toward the food-based meal pattern requirements. The application form submitted to FNS is the same application that companies submit to FSIS or USDC to receive label approval. A CN label application is also reviewed by FNS for accuracy.

Estimate of Burden: Based on our most recent interviews with manufacturers it is estimated that it takes a manufacturer forty-five minutes to complete the required calculations and to formulate the CN label application.

Respondents: Participation in the CN labeling Program is voluntary. Only manufacturers who wish to place CN labels on their products must comply with program requirements. Last year 946 establishments sent in 2584 CN label applications.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 946.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 2.7.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 2554.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.75 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1915 Hours.

Dated: November 21, 2002.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Scott Peak Project Area Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to harvest timber, to enhance recreational opportunities, to perform watershed restoration work, and to develop a road management plan for the Scott Peak Project Area on northeastern Kupreanof Island, on the Petersburg Ranger District, Tongass National Forest. The proposed action for timber harvest provides for multiple timber sale opportunities resulting in the production of approximately 16 million board feet (mmbf) of timber from approximately 680 acres of forested land. Since this project is within the Mitkof/Kupreanof Biogeographic province, all timber harvest silvicultural prescriptions will meet marten standards and guidelines as described in the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). Approximately 3 miles of temporary road would be necessary for timber harvest; no classified road would be constructed. A range of alternatives responsive to significant issues is being developed and will include a no-action alternative. Currently the preliminary action alternatives propose timber harvest ranging from 3mmbf to 16 mmbf, with 0 to 3 miles of temporary road construction. The Record of Decision will disclose whether and where the Forest Supervisor has decided to provide timber harvest units, roads, associated timber harvesting facilities, dispersed recreation sites, and watershed improvements.