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Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Proposed Amendments to the Chicago Board of Trade Soybean Oil Futures Contract; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period for the proposed amendments.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has proposed amendments to the Chicago Board of Trade soybean oil futures contract. On January 11, 1999, the Commission published a request for public comment on the proposed amendments for a 30-day comment period ending on February 10, 1999. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division), acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that extension of the comment period for an additional fifteen (15) days is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity

Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the CBT soybean oil futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jbird@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Acting Director, acting on behalf of the Commission, has determined to extend the public comment period for the subject notice. The Division believes that an extension of the comment period until February 25, 1999 would permit interested parties to fully evaluate the proposal and to submit comments thereon to the Commission.

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John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Pope Air Force Base Runway Extension

The United States Air Force is issuing this notice to advise the public of its

intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assessing the potential environmental impacts of extending the runway at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina. The present runway is too short to accommodate fully loaded, fully fueled C-5, C-17, and C-141 aircraft. An extended runway will accommodate fully loaded and fueled planes and increase the efficiency of Pope's operations. The Air Mobility Command (AMC) proposes lengthening the runway in order to support Pope's strategic airlift mission better. Four alternatives are being considered—extending the northeast end, extending the southwest end, extending both ends, and leaving the runway as is ("no action"). All alternatives but the "no action" alternative involve extending the runway and adjacent taxiways, constructing a satellite fire station and various air navigation structures, rerouting of various utilities, and obtaining additional property for an end of runway clear zone and to mitigate potentially impacted wetlands.

The Air Force will hold a public scoping meeting, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, to request public involvement to identify environmental concerns that need to be addressed in the EIS. The schedule for the scoping meeting follows:

Date	Location	Time
25 February 1999	Spring Lake Town Hall Assembly Room, 300 Ruth St., Spring Lake, NC 28390.	7:00-10:00 p.m.

This meeting is the first step in soliciting public and government agency comments on the proposed action. Comments provided at this meeting and throughout the scoping process should focus on the nature and scope of the environmental issues and other concerns that need to be assessed in the EIS. During the meeting the Air Force will describe the proposed action and alternatives, define the process involved in preparing an EIS, and outline the opportunities for public involvement in the process. AMC will evaluate any reasonable alternatives identified during the scoping process and address them in

the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will be made available to the public and comments on it will be addressed during a public hearing. The information presented in the Draft EIS along with public comments will be included in the Final EIS. The Final EIS together with economic and technical data will be considered in making a final decision regarding the proposed runway extension. The final decision will then be documented in a Record of Decision that will be made public by the Air Force. To assure the Air Force will have sufficient time to fully consider public inputs on the proposed action

and alternatives, written comments should be mailed no later than March 11, 1999.

Please direct written comments or requests for further information concerning the Pope AFB Runway Extension EIS to: Mr. Jonathan D. Farthing, HQ AFCEE/ECA, 3207 North Road, Brooks AFB, TX 78235-5363, (210) 536-4203.

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