

Effect of Recommended Action

Rehabilitation of the structure will meet state dam safety requirements and prolong the life of the structure and pool for 100 years. The permanent pool will not change in size but the temporary flood pool will increase from 86 acres to 117 acres. Ten acres will be converted from cropland to a grassed auxiliary spillway.

Sediment delivery to downstream areas will continue to be held back. Recreation will still be available on and around the pool and structure.

Significant cultural resources identified during implementation will be avoided or otherwise preserved in place to the fullest practical extent. If significant cultural resources cannot be avoided or preserved, pertinent information will be recovered before construction. If there is a significant cultural resource discovery during construction, appropriate notice will be made by NRCS to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the National Park Service. Consultation and coordination have been and will continue to be used to ensure the provisions of Section 106 Pub. L. 89-665 have been met and to include provisions of Pub. L. 89-523, as amended by Pub. L. 93-291. NRCS will take action as prescribed in NRCS GM 420, Part 401, to protect or recover any significant cultural resources discovered during construction.

No threatened or endangered species in the watershed will be adversely affected by the project.

No significant adverse environmental impacts will result from installations except for temporary draining of the pool and minor inconveniences to local residents during construction.

Alternatives

Four alternatives were analyzed in this plan.

No Action alternative, the structure is breached by the sponsor in approximately four years. The structure will continue to be out of compliance with state dam safety regulations until it is breached. Flood protection provided by the structure would end and increased flooding and associated problems would increase. Recreational opportunities provided by the structure, pool and surrounding area which are owned by the state Game and Parks would be virtually eliminated.

Decommissioning alternative, the structure would be removed and would therefore not be out of compliance with the state dam safety regulations. Flood protection provided by the structure would end and increased flooding and

associated problems would increase. Recreational opportunities provided by the structure, pool and surrounding area which are owned by the state Game and Parks would be virtually eliminated.

Home Relocation alternative, the structure would be rehabilitated to current Low Hazard Criteria and the downstream homes in the breach area would be removed. The structure would then be in compliance with state dam safety regulations and flood protection and recreational opportunities would continue to be provided by the structure, pool and surrounding area.

Rehabilitation to High Hazard Criteria alternative, the structure would be rehabilitated to current High Hazard Criteria and would be brought into compliance with state dam safety regulations for high hazard structures. Flood protection and recreational opportunities would continue to be provided by the structure, pool and surrounding area.

Consultation-Public Participation

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District submitted an application for assistance January 2001. The request was a result of local concern and interest in addressing dam safety and flood protection.

A scoping meeting was held June 6, 2002 involving interdisciplinary efforts. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Lancaster County Roads, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Resource Conservation and Development, University of Nebraska Extension Service, and local residents were in attendance.

The environmental assessment was transmitted to all participating and interested agencies, groups, and individuals for review and comment in July 2003. Public meetings were held throughout the planning process to keep all interested parties informed of the study progress and to obtain public input to the plan and environmental evaluation.

Agency consultation and public participation to date have shown no unresolved conflicts with the implementation of the selected plan.

Conclusion

The Environmental Assessment summarized above indicates that this Federal action will not cause significant local, regional or national impacts on the environment. Therefore, based on the above findings, I have determined that an environmental impact statement for the Upper Salt Creek 10-A Rehabilitation is not required.

Dated:

Stephen K. Chick,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Public Meeting With All Interested Parties To Comment on the Activities of the Resource Conservation and Development Program.

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold a meeting to solicit comments on the activities of the Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D). Section 2504 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-171) requires that the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (NAR&DC), evaluate the RC&D Program to determine whether it is effectively meeting the needs of, and purposes identified by, States, units of Government, Indian Tribes, non-profit organizations, and councils participating in, or served by the program. The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through NRCS, will conduct this evaluation, and submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report describing the results of the evaluation, together with any recommendations of the Secretary for continuing, terminating, or modifying the program, by June 30, 2005.

As part of this evaluation, NRCS is conducting public meetings with all interested parties to solicit comments on the activities of the program. Comments will be solicited on, and should be limited to, the following topics: (1) RC&D Program effectiveness in meeting the needs of the States, units of Government, Indian Tribes, non-profit organizations and RC&D councils served by the program; (2) RC&D Program effectiveness in developing community leadership conservation; (3) RC&D Program elements that best serve regional conservation and development needs; and (4) RC&D Program elements that can be strengthened to better serve

regional conservation and development needs. The first of six planned meetings is scheduled for October 25, 2003, in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Subsequent meeting dates and locations will be announced at a later date.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The meeting will be held October 25, 2003, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. It will be held at The John Carver Inn, 25 Summer Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360-3438. Written comments may also be submitted, no later than November 15, 2003 to: Terry D'Addio, National RC&D Program Manager, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 14th & Independence Ave., SW., Room 6013, South Building, Washington, DC, 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Terry D'Addio, Natural Resources Conservation Service, (202) 720-0557; fax: (202) 690-0639; e-mail: terry.d'addio@usda.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 1, 2003.

Bruce I. Knight,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1304]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 31 Granite City, IL

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Tri-City Regional Port District, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 31, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 31 to include three sites at the Gateway Commerce Center in Madison County (Site 5—2,254 acres), River's Edge Industrial Park in Granite City (Site 6—458 acres), and MidAmerica Airport in St. Clair County (Site 7—3,851 acres), Illinois, and to formally delete Site 2 from the zone project, within/adjacent to the St. Louis, Missouri, Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 16-2003; filed 3/14/03);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 14191, 3/24/03) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 31 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and further subject to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall zone project.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of October, 2003.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Mexico; Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Extension of Time Limit

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the final results of the 2001-2002 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Mexico. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States, ThyssenKrupp Mexinox S.A. de C.V., and the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Scott at (202) 482-2657 or Robert James at (202) 482-0649, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Office Eight, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 7, 2003, we published the preliminary results of the administrative review of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Mexico for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. *See Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Mexico; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 47043 (August 7, 2003). Pursuant to the time limits for administrative reviews set forth in section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act),

currently the final results of this administrative review are due on December 5, 2003. It is not practicable to complete this review within the normal statutory time limit due to a number of significant case issues, such as level of trade, the calculation of general and administrative expenses and interest expenses for cost of production and constructed value, and the inclusion of certain affiliated sales in the margin calculation. Making a determination with respect to these issues requires considerable scrutiny of respondent's questionnaire and supplemental questionnaire responses. Thus, it is not practicable to complete this review within the normal statutory time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results until February 3, 2004 in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act.

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100603H]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota Committee (TIQC) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The TIQC working meeting will begin Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. and continue until business for the day is complete on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at: Embassy Suites Hotel, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97220; (503)460-3000.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.