

present a risk of plant pest introduction or dissemination.

In Section 403 of the Plant Protection Act (Title IV, Pub. L. 106-224, 114 Stat. 438, 7 U.S.C. 7701-7772), plant pest is defined as any living stage of any of the following that can directly or indirectly injure, cause damage to, or cause disease in any plant or plant product: A protozoan, a nonhuman animal, a parasitic plant, a bacterium, a fungus, a virus or viroid, an infectious agent or other pathogen, or any article similar to or allied with any of the foregoing. APHIS views this definition very broadly. The definition covers direct or indirect injury, disease, or damage not just to agricultural crops, but also to plants in general, for example, native species, as well as to organisms that may be beneficial to plants, for example, honeybees, rhizobia, etc.

In accordance with the regulations in 7 CFR 340.6(d), we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status from any interested person for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice. We are also soliciting written comments from interested persons on the environmental assessment (EA) prepared to provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of any potential environmental impacts and plant pest risk associated with a proposed determination of nonregulated status for Vector 21-41 tobacco. The EA was 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 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372). The petition and the EA and any comments received on these documents are available for public review, and copies of the petition and the EA may be ordered (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice).

After the comment period closes, APHIS will review the data submitted by the petitioner, all written comments received during the comment period, and any other relevant information. After reviewing and evaluating the comments on the petition and the EA and other data and information, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving the petition in whole or in part, or denying the petition. APHIS will then publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the

regulatory status of Vector's reduced-nicotine Vector 21-41 tobacco and the availability of APHIS' written decision.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 166, 1622n, 7756, and 7761-7772; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 6th day of February 2002.

W. Ron Dehaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Environmental Quality Incentive Program for Geographic Priority Areas, New Mexico

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, in New Mexico, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for: Jicarilla Apache Nation (Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties) Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Trust Lands (Sandoval County) Rio Brazos Watershed (Rio Arriba County) Rincon-Mesilla Valley Irrigated Cropland (Dona Ana and Sierra Counties)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosendo Trevino III, State Conservationist; Natural Resources Conservation Service; 6200 Jefferson, NE; Albuquerque, NM 87109-3734; Telephone (505)761-4400.

Copies of these environmental assessments are available from NRCS in Albuquerque, NM and are also available electronically on the NRCS New Mexico Internet Homepage at: <http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/techserv/ea.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessments of these federally assisted action indicates that the projects will not cause significant local, regional, or national effects on the

human environment. As a result of these findings, Rosendo Trevino III, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for these projects. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment is on file and may be reviewed by contacting Rosendo Trevino III.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposed action will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 31, 2002.

Rosendo Trevino III,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: National Marine Sanctuary Permits.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0141.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,018.

Number of Respondents: 336.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 hour for a general permit application; 15 minutes for a baitfish permit application; 13 hours for a historical resource permit application; 24 hours for a special use permit application; 1 hour for a notification of other agency permits or requests; 15 minutes for a permit amendment; 30 minutes for a request for certification of a pre-existing lease, license or permit; 15 minutes for an entry to a voluntary registry of activities; and 90 minutes for an appeal of an application rejection.

Needs and Uses: National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) regulations list specific activities that are prohibited in the sanctuaries. These otherwise-prohibited activities are permissible if a permit is issued by the NMS program. Persons wanting permits must submit applications, and persons obtaining permits must submit reports on the activity conducted under the permit.