

after the course is filled. Registration at the site is not guaranteed but may be possible on a space available basis on the day of the public workshop beginning at 8 a.m. The cost of registration at the site is \$80 payable to The University of Arkansas. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Steven C. Seideman (see *Contact*) at least 7 days in advance.

Registration Form Instructions: To register, please complete the form below and submit along with a check or money order for \$75 payable to the "The University of Arkansas." Mail to: Institute of Food Science & Engineering, University of Arkansas, 2650 North Young Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72704.
 Name: _____
 Affiliation: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Zip Code: _____
 Phone: () _____
 Fax: () _____
 E-mail: () _____
 Special Accommodations Required: _____

Transcripts: Transcripts of the public workshop will not be available due to the format of this workshop. Course handouts may be requested at cost through the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the public workshop at a cost of 10 cents per page.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FDA Southwest Regional Small Business Representative previously presented this workshop in Kansas City, MO on January 10 and 11, 2002 (66 FR 65976) and in Dallas, TX on April 14 and 15, 2002 (67 FR 15211).

This public workshop is being held in response to the large volume of food labeling inquiries from small food manufacturers and startups originating from the area covered by the FDA Denver District Office. The Southwest Regional Small Business Representative presents these workshops to help achieve objectives set forth in section 406 of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (21 U.S.C. 393), which include working closely with stakeholders and maximizing the availability and clarity of information to stakeholders and the public. This is consistent with the purposes of the Small Business Representative Program, which are in part to respond to industry inquiries, develop educational materials, sponsor workshops and conferences to provide

firms, particularly small businesses, with firsthand working knowledge of FDA's requirements and compliance policies. This workshop is also consistent with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-121), as outreach activities by Government agencies to small businesses.

The goal of this public workshop is to present information that will enable manufacturers and regulated industry to better comply with labeling requirements, especially in light of growing concerns about obesity and food allergens. Information presented will be based on agency position as articulated through regulation, compliance policy guides, and information previously made available to the public. Topics to be discussed at the workshop include: (1) Mandatory label elements, (2) nutrition labeling requirements, (3) health and nutrition claims, (4) FDA's allergen declaration policy, and (5) special labeling issues such as exemptions. FDA expects that participation in this public workshop will provide regulated industry with greater understanding of the regulatory and policy perspectives on food labeling and increase voluntary compliance.

Dated: February 1, 2005.

Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Publication and Release of the National Response Plan

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice informs the public that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has developed and published the National Response Plan, which is now available to the public.

Authority: Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296; Homeland Security Presidential Directive -5, Management of Domestic Incidents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Response Plan: Bob Shea, Operational Integration Staff, DHS, Washington, DC 20528, 202-282-9651 or Robert.shea@dhs.gov.

National Incident Management System: Gil Jamieson, National Incident Management System Integration Center, DHS/FEMA, Washington, DC 20472, 202-646-4090, or Gil.Jamieson@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Homeland Security Presidential Directive -5 required the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System and a National Response Plan. The National Incident Management System (NIMS), released in March 2004, established a unified and standardized approach within the United States for protecting citizens and managing homeland security incidents. The National Response Plan standardizes Federal incident management actions by integrating existing and formerly distinct processes. Using the comprehensive framework of the NIMS, the National Response Plan provides the structure and mechanisms for the coordination of Federal support to State, local, and tribal incident managers and for exercising direct Federal authorities and responsibilities. It is applicable to all Federal departments and agencies that may be requested to provide assistance or conduct operations in the context of actual or potential incidents of national significance.

The purpose of the National Response Plan is to establish a comprehensive, national, all-hazards approach to domestic incident management across a spectrum of activities including prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. The National Response Plan incorporates the best practices and procedures from various incident management disciplines—homeland security, emergency management, law enforcement, firefighting, hazardous materials response, public works, public health, emergency medical services, and responder and recovery worker health and safety—and integrates them into a unified coordinating structure. As such, it is intended to replace the Initial National Response Plan, the Federal Response Plan, the U.S. Government Domestic Terrorism Concept of Operations Plan, and the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan, all of which are currently in effect.

The National Response Plan represents a true "national" framework in terms of both product and process. The National Response Plan development process included extensive vetting and coordination with Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, private-sector entities, and the first-responder and emergency management communities across the country. The activation of the National Response Plan and its coordinating structures and protocols—either partially or fully—for specific incidents of national significance provides mechanisms for the coordination and implementation of

a wide variety of incident management and emergency assistance activities. Included in these activities are Federal support to State, local, and tribal authorities; interaction with nongovernmental, private donor, and private-sector organizations; and the coordinated, direct exercise of Federal authorities, when appropriate.

The plan was approved by the Homeland Security Council and signed by 32 Federal departments and agencies, and nongovernmental organizations. The signatories are the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of the Interior, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of the Treasury, Department of Veterans Affairs, Central Intelligence Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Communications Commission, General Services Administration, National Aeronautic and Space Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Personnel Management, Small Business Administration, Social Security Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Postal Service, American Red Cross, Corporation for National and Community Service, and National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

Implementation of the National Response Plan commenced on December 15, 2004 per a memorandum from the Secretary of Homeland Security. Implementation will occur in three phases over the period of one year. During the first 120 days of the implementation process, the Initial National Response Plan, the Federal Response Plan, the U.S. Government Domestic Terrorism Concept of Operations Plan, and the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan remain in effect. After April 14, 2005, these plans are superseded by the National Response Plan. Detailed implementation guidance and schedules are identified in the Letter of Instruction in the base plan of the document.

This Notice informs the public of the release and availability of the National Response Plan. The National Response Plan is available on the Department of Homeland Security's Web site at www.dhs.gov/nationalresponseplan. A hard copy or CD-ROM of the National

Response Plan may be obtained by calling 800-480-2520.

Dated: January 28, 2005.

Bob Stephan,

*Special Assistant to the Secretary,
Department of Homeland Security.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Open Meeting of the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS)

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: FEMA announces the following open meeting.

Name: Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS).

Date of Meeting: March 3, 2005.

Place: Building J, Room 138, National Emergency Training Center (NETC), 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

Times: 10:30 a.m.—Main FICEMS Meeting; 1 p.m.—FICEMS Ambulance Safety Subcommittee.

Proposed Agenda: Review and submission for approval of previous FICEMS Committee Meeting Minutes and Ambulance Safety Subcommittee reports; Action Items review; presentation of member agency reports; and reports of other interested parties.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. See the Response and Security Procedures below.

Response Procedures: Committee Members and members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Lee Wren, on or before Tuesday, March 1, 2005, via mail at NETC, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727, or by telephone at (301) 447-1107, or via facsimile at (301) 447-1178, or via e-mail at lee.wren@dhs.gov. This is necessary to be able to create and provide a current roster of visitors to NETC Security per directives.

Security Procedures: Increased security controls and surveillance are in effect at the National Emergency Training Center. All visitors must have a valid picture identification card and their vehicles will be subject to search

by Security personnel. All visitors will be issued a visitor pass which must be worn at all times while on campus. Please allow adequate time before the meeting to complete the security process.

Conference Call Capabilities: If you are not able to attend in person, a toll free number has been set up for teleconferencing. The toll free number will be available from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Members should call in around 10:30 a.m. The number is 1-800-320-4330. The FICEMS conference code is "885721#."

FICEMS Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available upon request 30 days after they have been approved at the next FICEMS Committee Meeting on June 2, 2005. The minutes will also be posted on the United States Fire Administration Web site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/ems/ficems.shtm> within 30 days after their approval at the June 2, 2005, FICEMS Committee Meeting.

Dated: January 31, 2005.

R. David Paulison,

U.S. Fire Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of Applications for Incidental Take Permits for the Arnaudo Brothers, Wathen-Castanos, and River East Holding Sites in Merced County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The Arnaudo Brothers, Wathen-Castanos, and River East Holding Sites (Applicants) have applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for incidental take permits pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The Service is considering issuing 10-year permits to the Applicants that would authorize take of the endangered San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*, "kit fox") incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with the residential and commercial development of four sites in Merced County, California. The projects would result in the incidental take of kit fox on the project sites through permanent removal of 182 acres of