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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-069-1]

Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for Field Testing *Salmonella* Typhimurium Vaccine, Live Culture

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared a draft environmental assessment concerning authorization to ship for the purpose of field testing, and then to field test, an unlicensed live *Salmonella typhimurium* vaccine for use in poultry. The environmental assessment, which is based on a risk analysis prepared to assess the risks associated with the field testing of this vaccine, examines the potential effects that field testing this veterinary vaccine could have on the quality of the human environment. Based on the risk analysis, we have reached a preliminary determination that field testing this veterinary vaccine will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment, and that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. We intend to authorize shipment of this vaccine for field testing following the close of the comment period for this notice unless new substantial issues bearing on the effects of this action are brought to our attention. We also intend to issue a veterinary biological product license for this vaccine, provided the field test data support the conclusions of the environmental assessment and the issuance of a finding of no significant impact and the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

DATES: We invite you to comment on this docket. We will consider all

comments that we receive by September 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comments and three copies to: Docket No. 00-069-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 00-069-1.

Copies of the draft environmental assessment may be obtained by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the docket number, date, and complete title of this notice when requesting copies. A copy of the draft environmental assessment (as well as the risk analysis with confidential business information removed) and any comments that we receive on this docket are available for public inspection in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. and 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. Albert P. Morgan, Chief Staff Officer, Operational Support Section, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Licensing and Policy Development, VS, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-8245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*), a veterinary biological product must be shown to be pure, safe, potent, and efficacious before a veterinary biological product license may be issued. A field test is generally necessary to satisfy prelicensing requirements for veterinary biological products. Prior to conducting a field test on an unlicensed product, an applicant must obtain approval from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), as well as obtain APHIS'

authorization to ship the product for field testing.

To determine whether to authorize shipment and grant approval for the field testing of the unlicensed product referenced in this notice, APHIS conducted a risk analysis to assess the potential effects of this product on the safety of animals, public health, and the environment. Based on the risk analysis, APHIS has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) concerning the field testing of the following unlicensed veterinary biological product:

Requester: Biomune Company.

Product: *Salmonella* Typhimurium Vaccine, Live Culture.

Field test locations: Texas, Georgia, and Delaware.

The above-mentioned vaccine is for use in chickens as an aid in the reduction of colonization of the internal organs by *Salmonella typhimurium*. Genetic alterations limit the ability of the vaccine bacteria to replicate in vertebrate tissues.

The draft EA 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 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Unless substantial environmental issues are raised in response to this notice, APHIS intends to issue a final EA and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) and authorize shipment of the above product for the initiation of field tests following the close of the comment period for this notice.

Because the issues raised by field testing and by issuance of a license are identical, APHIS has concluded that the EA that is generated for field testing would also be applicable to the proposed licensing action. Provided that the field test data support the conclusions of the original EA and the issuance of a FONSI, APHIS does not intend to issue a separate EA and FONSI to support the issuance of the product license, and would determine that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. APHIS intends to issue a veterinary biological product license

for this vaccine following completion of the field test provided no adverse impacts on the human environment are identified and provided the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151–159.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of July 2000.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Management Direction for the John Muir, Ansel Adams, and Dinkey Lakes Wildernesses; Inyo and Sierra National Forests

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the USDA, Forest Service will prepare a revised draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) to establish management direction for the John Muir, Ansel Adams, and Dinkey Lakes Wilderness areas. Notices of Intent published in the August 12, 1992 issue of the **Federal Register** (57 FR 36061) and the June 2, 2000 issue of the **Federal Register** (65 FR 35317–35318) listed the Monarch Wilderness area on the Sequoia National Forest as included in the management direction to be established. The Monarch Wilderness is no longer included. All other information remains the same as published in the earlier Notices of Intent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding the proposed action and revised DEIS to Mary Beth Hennessy, Wilderness Specialist, Inyo National Forests (760) 873–2400; or Teri Drivas, Recreation and Lands Officer, Sierra National Forest (559) 297–0706.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID–918–00–1610–DE–UCRB]

Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, Northern, Intermountain, and Pacific Northwest Regions; States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana

AGENCIES: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI.

ACTION: Corrected notice of availability of a Congressionally-required report on the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP).

SUMMARY: The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management published a notice of availability of a Congressionally-required report in the April 25, 2000, **Federal Register** (Volume 65, Number 80, page 24174). The notice specified a 120-day period for public review of, and comment on, the report. Recalculation of the final day of the comment period reveals that the date given in the April 25 notice is incorrect.

DATES: Written comments on the report will be accepted through August 26, 2000 (rather than August 23, as stated in the earlier notice). The ICBEMP interdisciplinary team will then analyze the comments and respond to them in the final EIS. The final EIS is expected to be available in late fall, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the report may be obtained from ICBEMP, 304 N. 8th Street, Room 250, Boise, ID 83702 or by calling (208) 334–1770, ext. 120. The report is also available via the internet (<http://www.icbemp.gov>). Comments on the report should be submitted in writing to SDEIS, P.O. Box 420, Boise, Idaho, 83701–0420. Comments may be submitted electronically at the ICBEMP's home page (<http://www.icbemp.gov>), where a comment form is available. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Boise office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays), and may be published as part of the final environmental impact statement. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the

beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments may not have standing to appeal the decision under 36 CFR 217 (Forest Service) or standing to protest the proposed decision under 43 CFR 1610.5–2 (Bureau of Land Management).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Giannettino, Project Manager, 304 North 8th St., Room 250, Boise, Idaho 83702, phone (208) 334–1770; or Geoff Middaugh, Deputy Project Manager, P.O. Box 2295, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, phone (509) 522–4033.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

Susan Giannettino,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact for the Williamson River Delta Restoration Project

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Williamson River Delta Restoration Project in Oregon for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Oregon to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Williamson River Delta Restoration Project in Oregon. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was previously prepared with the required public involvement and comment period.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this Finding of No Significant Impact will be made available upon written request. Address all requests and comments to C. R. Vigil, Jr., Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS),