

Other on-farm water conservation practices such as tailwater recovery pits and pipelines would also be installed as appropriate, according to individual farm irrigation water management plans. No water would be used from the Red River and there would be no district water distribution system.

**Alternative 2—On-farm irrigation water storage with additional water withdrawn from the Red River.** Under this alternative runoff from rainfall that falls upon the project area would be captured, stored in reservoirs, and used for irrigation. Other on-farm water conservation practices such as tailwater recovery pits and pipelines would also be installed as appropriate, according to individual farm irrigation water management plans. Water, as permitted by the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission, would be withdrawn from the Red River and distributed to farms in the project area utilizing canals, pipelines, and some natural channels.

**Alternative 3—On-farm conservation measures, no irrigation water storage, water withdrawn from the Red River.** Under this alternative on-farm water conservation practices such as tailwater recovery pits and pipelines would also be installed as appropriate, according to individual farm irrigation water management plans. Water, as permitted by the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission, would be withdrawn from the Red River and distributed to farms in the project area by utilizing canals, pipelines, and some natural channels.

**Alternative 4—No Action.** Federal agencies are required to evaluate the impacts of a No Action alternative when preparing an EIS, even though the alternative would not meet the agency's purpose and need.

**Permits or Licenses Required:** This proposal is being planned under a Congressional earmark. A nonriparian use permit from the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission would be required to withdraw water from the Red River for nonriparian users. A permit would be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the Clean Water Act (CWA), section 404 for any project that would impede the flow of waters of the U.S. or that would affect any wetlands. A FEMA floodplain permit from effected National Flood Insurance Program Communities may be needed if flood waters of a one hundred year flood are altered. Approval from the State Historic Preservation Office would be required if any National Register-eligible historic properties would be effected. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

would be required if the proposal may effect any species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

**Estimated Dates for Draft EIS and Final EIS:** NRCS expects to file the Draft EIS with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to have it available for public review and comment by July 30, 2004. At that time, the EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The public comment period on the Draft EIS will be a minimum of 45 days from the date the EPA published the NOA.

After the comment period ends on the Draft EIS, the comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by NRCS in preparing the Final EIS. The Final EIS is scheduled for completion by October, 2004. The responsible officials will consider the comments, responses, and environmental consequences discussed in the Final EIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding this proposed action. The responsible officials will document the decision and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CRF part 215.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Arizona NRCS State Technical Guide

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a proposed change in the Arizona NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRCS State Conservationist for Arizona has determined that a change is needed in Section IV of the NRCS State Technical Guide. Specifically, NRCS in Arizona will revise the NRCS Arizona Practice Standard for Nutrient Management (Code 590).

**DATES:** Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all requests and comments to Michael Somerville, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, 3003

North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may also submit your electronic requests and comments to [donald.walther@az.usda.gov](mailto:donald.walther@az.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald Walther, Cropland Specialist, USDA-NRCS, 2000 E. Allen Road, Tucson, Arizona 85719-1596, telephone (520) 670-6602 Ext. 232.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State Technical Guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed change. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Arizona regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject standard.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC 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:** U.S. Census Bureau.

**Title:** Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS).

**Form Number(s):** BAS-1, BAS-2, BAS-3, BAS-4, BAS-5.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0607-0151.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Burden:** 36,000 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 12,000.

**Avg Hours Per Response:** 3 hours.

**Needs and Uses:** This request is for the clearance of forms to continue the annual Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). The results of the BAS are needed to provide information documenting the creation of newly incorporated municipalities, minor civil