

area-wide eradication to eradication in outlying areas and containment in the core infestation areas. In the United States, EAB eradication efforts involve the removal of all ash trees within a specified radius around known infestations. However, by the time an infestation is discovered and treated, EAB has usually already dispersed outside the eradication zone. Besides natural dispersal, the spread of EAB has been accelerated through human-assisted movement of infested ash firewood, timber, solid wood packing materials, and nursery stock. As EAB spreads in North America, regulatory agencies, land managers, and the public are seeking sustainable management tools such as biological control to reduce EAB population densities and to slow its spread.

On May 23, 2007, we published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 28947–28948, Docket No. APHIS–2007–0060) a notice¹ in which we announced the availability for public review and comment of an environmental assessment, entitled “Proposed Release of Three Parasitoids for the Biological Control of the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) in the Continental United States” (April 2, 2007), that examined the potential effects on the quality of the human environment that may be associated with the release of three specific biological control agents to control infestations of EAB within the continental United States. APHIS and the Forest Service proposed to release the three parasitoids into the environment of the continental United States for the purpose of reducing EAB populations. These parasitoids are known to attack EAB consistently in its native habitat in China. Post-release monitoring of the spread and establishment of each parasitoid species and impacts on EAB and non-target wood-boring beetles will also be conducted.

We solicited comments on the environmental assessment for 30 days ending June 22, 2007. We received 41 comments by that date, of which 30 supported the release of the biological control agents to control infestations of EAB. The 11 comments that opposed the release are addressed at length in the updated environmental assessment.

In this document, we are advising the public of our decision and finding of no significant impact regarding the release of three insect parasitoid species for the biological control of the emerald ash

borer. This decision is based upon the updated environmental assessment, entitled “Proposed Release of Three Parasitoids for the Biological Control of the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) in the Continental United States” (July 2007).

The updated environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site² or in our reading room at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to view the updated environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are requested to call ahead on (202) 690–2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room. You may request paper copies of the updated environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the environmental assessment when requesting copies.

The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have 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 1), and (4) APHIS’ NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 27th day of September 2007.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, October 12, 2007; 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Rm. 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda.

- II. Approval of Minutes of September 21, Meeting.
- III. Announcements.
- IV. Staff Director’s Report.
- V. Management and Operations.
 - Strategic Plan.
 - Establishment of Briefing and Meeting Schedule for 2008.
 - Celebration of Commission’s 50th Anniversary.
 - Information Quality Guidelines.
 - Involvement of Commissioners in Staff Activities.
- VI. Program Planning.
 - Consideration of Proposed Debate on Race and Intelligence.
- VII. State Advisory Committee Issues.
 - South Carolina SAC.
 - Involvement of Commissioners on State Advisory Committees.
- VIII. Future Agenda Items.
- IX. Adjourn.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

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Dated: October 2, 2007.

David Blackwood,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1527]

Approval of Expansion of Authority for Subzone 133D; Deere & Company (Construction Equipment); Davenport, IA

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, Deere & Company, operator of FTZ Subzone 133D, has requested authority to expand the scope of manufacturing under zone procedures within Subzone 133D at the company’s facility in Davenport, Iowa (FTZ Docket 49–2006, filed 12/28/06);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 1317, 1/11/07); and,

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

Now, therefore, the Board hereby approves the expansion of the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 133D to include the manufacture of articulated dump trucks at the Deere & Company

¹ To view the notice, the environmental assessment, the finding of no significant impact, and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0060>.

² See footnote 1.