

with animals challenged with prions were not properly treated prior to discharge to the City wastewater plant. An expert panel was convened to review scientific information about deactivation of prions and assess practices used at NADC to treat liquid wastes from areas where animals with prions are housed and handled that enter the Ames wastewater treatment system. (**Note:** For the purposes of this panel and its review, prions are defined as specific proteins that are abnormally shaped and can cause transmissible diseases associated with the allegations). The panel had its first meeting on August 23, 2006, at the Ames City Hall, followed by preparatory work on August 23, August 24, and September 20. The conference call meeting on October 18, 2006, will continue implementation of the panel's charge to evaluate four main issues related to the handling and disposal of potentially prion-contaminated materials in wastewater from the NADC: (1) Identify scientifically accepted methods for effectively destroying prions; (2) Assess the concerns raised regarding NADC's current and past methods for the destruction of prions; (3) Determine the risk posed to humans and the environment from the current, as well as previous, methods for the destruction of prions utilized at NADC; and (4) If remediation is needed, provide scientifically sound approaches for corrective action(s) that may be taken. Final conclusions of the review will be developed during a meeting at a later date, also to be announced. At the conclusion of its review, the panel will prepare a written report that documents the panel's findings for the four main issues being evaluated. The meeting on October 18 will be held by conference call. The public may monitor the panel's discussion via a speaker phone in the Ames City Hall's Council Chamber. No oral comments will be accepted from the public during the call, however, written public comment received by letter, fax, or e-mail to the contact person named above by close of business on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, will be provided to the panel members. Although access to the conference call monitor will be open to the public, space is limited. If you want to be assured of a seat at this meeting, you must register by contacting the contact person named above at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Please provide your name, title, business affiliation, address, and telephone and fax numbers when you register. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation due to

disability, please indicate those needs at the time of registration. Pre-registrations will be limited to 80 people; others may be able to attend on a space-available basis.

Dated: October 6, 2006.

**Caird E. Rexroad, Jr.,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

#### Order No. 1482

#### **Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc., (Crop Protection Products), Valdosta, Georgia Area**

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, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for "... the establishment ... of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

WHEREAS, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

WHEREAS, Brunswick Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 144, has made application to the Board for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the manufacturing facilities (crop protection products) of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc., located in the Valdosta, Georgia area (FTZ Docket 15-2006, filed 4/27/2006);

WHEREAS, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 26321, 5/4/2006); 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 will be satisfied, and that approval of the application will be in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for

activity related to crop protection products at the manufacturing facilities of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc. (Subzone 144A), as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2006.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman Foreign-Trade Zones Board.*

Attest:

**Pierre V. Duy,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

#### Order No. 1481

#### **Reorganization/Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 148, Knoxville, Tennessee, Area**

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, the Industrial Development Board of Blount County, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 148, submitted an application to the Board for authority to reorganize and expand FTZ 148 in the Knoxville, Tennessee, area, adjacent to the Knoxville Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 12-2006; filed 4/6/2006);

WHEREAS, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 19872, 4/16/2006) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize and expand FTZ 148 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2006.