

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6850-8]

Notice of Approval of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Submission Pursuant to Section 118 of the Clean Water Act and the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of approval of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's submission of criteria, methodologies, policies and procedures for the Great Lakes System pursuant to Section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act.**DATES:** EPA's approval is effective on August 14, 2000.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Evelyn S. MacKnight, Chief, PA/DE Branch (3WP11), Office of Watersheds, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, or telephone her at (215) 814-5717.

Copies of a letter from EPA to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania explaining EPA's decision are available upon request by contacting Ms. MacKnight. This letter and other related materials submitted by the Commonwealth in support of their submission and considered by EPA in its decision are available for review by appointment at: EPA, Region 3, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (telephone 215-814-5452). To access the docket material, call Larry Merrill at telephone 215-814-5452 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) (Monday-Friday).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 23, 1995, EPA published the Final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System (Guidance) pursuant to section 118(c)(2) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(2). (March 23, 1995, 60 FR 15366). The Guidance, which was codified at 40 CFR part 132, requires the Great Lakes States to adopt and submit to EPA for approval water quality criteria, methodologies, policies and procedures that are consistent with the Guidance. 40 CFR part 132.4 & 132.5. EPA is required to approve of the State's submission within 90 days or notify the State that EPA has determined that all or part of the submission is inconsistent with the Clean Water Act or the Guidance and identify any necessary changes to obtain EPA approval. If the State fails to make the necessary

changes within 90 days, EPA must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the approved and disapproved elements of the submission and a final rule identifying the provisions of part 132 that shall apply for discharges within the State.

EPA received the submission from Pennsylvania and reviewed it for consistency with the Guidance in accordance with 40 CFR part 131 and 132.5. On April 14, 1998, EPA published in the **Federal Register** a notice pursuant to 40 CFR 132.5(e) which solicited comment on the substantial National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program modification component of Pennsylvania's submission. (63 FR 18195). On December 18, 1998, in a letter from EPA Region 3 to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, EPA described in detail those provisions in Pennsylvania's submission determined to be inconsistent with the Guidance and subject to disapproval if not remedied by the Commonwealth. On January 14, 1999, EPA published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Availability of the letter, and invited public comment on the findings in the letter. (64 FR 2490). In a letter dated March 17, 1999, and in subsequent submittals, Pennsylvania addressed all the inconsistencies identified in EPA's December 18, 1998 letter and EPA has determined that the entirety of the Commonwealth's submission is consistent with 40 CFR part 132. Pennsylvania's submission consists of standards, methodologies, policies and procedures adopted in accordance with the following provisions of the Guidance: the definitions in 40 CFR 132.2; the water quality criteria for the protection of aquatic life, human health and wildlife in tables 1-4 of part 132; the methodologies for development of aquatic life criteria and values, bioaccumulation factors, human health criteria and values and wildlife criteria in Appendices B-D of part 132; the antidegradation policy in Appendix E of part 132; and the implementation procedures in Appendix F of part 132. EPA approves these elements pursuant to 40 CFR 132.5.

Today's final action only addresses the provisions adopted by Pennsylvania to comply with section 118(c)(2) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 132. EPA is taking no action at this time with respect to other revisions Pennsylvania may have made to its NPDES program or water quality standards in areas not

addressed by the Guidance or applicable outside of the Great Lakes System.

Thomas C. Voltaggio,*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 2000, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in closed session, pursuant to sections 552b(c)(2), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code, to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate, resolution, and supervisory activities.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. James D. LaPierre, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898-6757.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James D. LaPierre,*Deputy Executive Secretary.*

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested

persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 7, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. Farmers & Merchants Financial Services, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota; to merge with Minnesota Valley Financial Services, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire Courtland State Bank, Courtland, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 8, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals To Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage de novo, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of

Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 8, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. FleetBoston Financial Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts; to acquire more than 5 percent of the voting shares of North Fork Bancorporation, Melville, New York, which in turn has applied to own, control or operate Dime Bancorp, New York, New York, and The Dime Savings Bank of New York, FSB, New York, New York, a savings association. The ownership, control or operation of a savings association is an activity that is permissible for a bank holding company, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 10, 2000.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01003]

Cooperative Agreement for Research on the Ecology of Lyme Disease in the United States; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a cooperative agreement program for research on the ecology of Lyme disease in the United States. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases.

The purpose of the program is to gain an increased understanding of the ecology of Lyme disease in the United States that will lead directly to the design of new prevention strategies to limit the transmission of the etiologic agent of Lyme disease, *Borrelia*

burgdorferi, and closely related *Borrelia* organisms.

B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private, nonprofit organizations and by governments and their agencies; that is, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, or their bona fide agents, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes or Indian tribal organizations.

Note: Public Law 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$840,000 is available in FY 2001, to fund approximately five awards. It is expected that the average awards will be \$210,000, ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about February 15, 2001, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. The funding estimate may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

D. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. (Recipient Activities), and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under 2. (CDC Activities). Applicants may apply for and receive support under one or more of the five focus areas listed in 1.a.

1. Recipient Activities

a. Define studies to address the following ecological issues:

(1) Tick population densities. Determine the biotic and abiotic factors that potentially regulate population densities of questing nymphal populations of *Ixodes scapularis* and *Ixodes pacificus* vector ticks. The influence of temperature, humidity, soil type, vegetation, and leaf litter on the density of questing nymphal ticks are examples of abiotic factors. The availability of hosts is a biotic factor.

(2) Prevalence of infection. Determine the biotic and abiotic factors that potentially regulate the prevalence of infection with *Borrelia burgdorferi*