

in the agriculture community that can affect agriculture statistics activities.

The Committee, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, consists of 25 members representing a broad range of disciplines and interests, including, but not limited to, representatives of national farm organizations, agricultural economists, rural sociologists, farm policy analysts, educators, State agriculture representatives, and agriculture-related business and marketing experts.

Members serve staggered 2-year terms, with terms for half of the Committee members expiring in any given year. Nominations are being sought for 13 open Committee seats. Members can serve up to 3 terms for a total of 6 consecutive years. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by members to serve a 1-year term.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture with regards to the agricultural statistics program of NASS, and such other matters as it may deem advisable, or which the Secretary of Agriculture; Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics; or the Administrator of NASS may request. The Committee will meet at least annually. All meetings are open to the public. Committee members are reimbursed for official travel expenses only.

Send questions, comments, and requests for additional information to the e-mail address, fax number, or address listed above.

Signed in Washington, DC, July 8, 2005.

R. Ronald Bosecker,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Muddy Fork of the Illinois River Watershed, Washington County, AR

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the rehabilitation of Lake Prairie Grove, Multiple Purpose Structure No. 4, Muddy Fork of the Illinois River Watershed, Washington County, Arkansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 3416, Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3225, phone (501) 301-3100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The purpose of this project is to provide for the rehabilitation of the multiple purpose flood control and water supply structure No. 4 located southwest of Prairie Grove, Arkansas in the Muddy Fork of the Illinois River Watershed. The planned works of rehabilitation includes raising the dam height, adding a structural auxiliary spillway, and modifying the existing auxiliary spillway.

A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available at the above address to fill single copy requests. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Bob Fooks, Acting Assistant State Conservationist Natural Resources Planning, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 3416, Federal Building, 700 West Capitol

Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3225, phone (501) 301-3143.

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

Dated: July 11, 2005.

Kalven L. Trice,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Environmental Statement; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), has prepared an Environmental Assessment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended, the implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and NRCS policy. The St. George and Washington Canal Washington Fields Pipeline Project is a federally assisted action authorized as a Congressional Earmark under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004. The Environmental Assessment was developed in coordination with the Washington County Water Conservancy District and the Bureau of Land Management. Upon review of the Environmental Assessment, the State Conservationist for NRCS, Utah, made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the determination was made that no environmental impact statement is required to support the project. Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the St. George and Washington Canal Washington Fields Pipeline Project. Written comments regarding this action may be submitted to: Sylvia Gillen, State Conservationist, USDA/NRCS, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Room 4402, Salt Lake City, UT 84138-1100. Comments must be received no later than 30 days after this notice is published.