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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Settlement Pursuant to CERCLA; Duncan Township Landfill, Houghton County, MI

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of settlement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of an administrative settlement for recovery of past response costs with Duncan Township (the Settling Party) concerning the Duncan Township Landfill in Houghton County, Michigan. The settlement requires the Settling Party to pay \$65,000 in installment payments over ten years to the USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the Settling Party pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), with regard to the Site.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the United States will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The United States will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The United States' response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Highway 2, Ironwood, Michigan 49938 and at the office of the USDA Forest Service Eastern Region, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Room 600, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Highway 2, Ironwood, Michigan 49938 and at the office of the USDA Forest Service Eastern Region, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Room 600, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Robert Lueckel on the Ottawa National Forest at (906) 932-1330, or from Kirk M. Minckler with USDA's Office of the General Counsel, (303) 275-5549. Comments should reference the Duncan Township Landfill, Houghton County, Michigan, and should be addressed to Kirk M. Minckler, USDA Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 25005, Denver, Colorado 80225-0005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Robert Lueckel, Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Highway 2, Ironwood, Michigan 49938; phone (906) 932-1330. For legal information, contact Kirk M. Minckler, USDA Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 25005, Denver, Colorado 80225-0005; phone (303) 275-5549.

Dated: November 18, 2005.

Forrest Starkey,

Deputy Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[05-02-S]

Designation for Alabama, Essex (IL), Springfield (IL), and Washington Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act): Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama); Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee); Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield); and Washington Department of Agriculture (Washington).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the June 1, 2005 **Federal Register** (70 FR 9911), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by July 1, 2005.

Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, and Washington were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, and Washington are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the June 1, 2005, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services are effective January 1, 2006, and terminate December 31, 2008, for Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, and Washington. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official Agency
Headquarters Location and Telephone
Designation Term

Alabama

Montgomery, AL; 334-240-7231
Additional locations: Mobile, AL,
Decatur, AL
01/01/06-12/31/08

Kankakee

Essex, IL; 815-365-2268
Additional location: Tiskilwa, IL
01/01/06-12/31/08

Springfield

Springfield, IL; 217-522-5233
01/01/06-12/31/08

Washington

Olympia, WA; 360-902-1921,
Additional locations: Aberdeen, WA,
Colfax, WA, Kalama, WA, Pasco, WA,
Seattle, WA, Spokane, WA, Tacoma,
WA, Vancouver, WA
01/01/06-12/31/08

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867,
as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

David R. Shipman,

*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection,
Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers And
Stockyards Administration**

[05-B-W]

**Designation of Columbus (OH) to
Provide Class X or Class Y Weighing
Services**

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and
Stockyards Administration, (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the
designation of Columbus Grain
Inspection, Inc. (Columbus), to provide
Class X or Class Y weighing services
under the United States Grain Standards
Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M.
Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance
Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S,
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,
Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525, e-mail
Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This
action has been reviewed and
determined not to be a rule or regulation
as defined in Executive Order 12866
and Departmental Regulation 1512-1;
therefore, the Executive Order and
Departmental Regulation do not apply
to this action.

In the December 1, 2004, **Federal
Register** (69 FR9883), GIPSA announced
the designation of Columbus to provide
official inspection services under the
Act, effective January 1, 2005, and
ending December 31, 2007.
Subsequently, Columbus asked GIPSA
to amend their designation to include

official weighing services. Section
7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's
Administrator to designate authority to
perform official weighing to an agency
providing official inspection services
within a specified geographic area, if
such agency is qualified under section
7(f)(1)(A) of the Act. GIPSA evaluated
all available information regarding the
designation criteria in section 7(f)(1)(A)
of the Act, and determined that
Columbus is qualified to provide official
weighing services in their currently
assigned geographic area.

Effective October 1, 2005, and
terminating December 31, 2007 (the end
of Columbus's designation to provide
official inspection services), Columbus's
present designation is amended to
include Class X or Class Y weighing
within their assigned geographic area, as
specified in the June 1, 2004, **Federal
Register** (69FR 30869). Official services
may be obtained by contacting
Columbus at 740-474-3519.

Authority: Pub.L. 94-582, 90Stat. 2867, as
amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

David R. Shipman,

*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection,
Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and
Stockyards Administration**

[05-04-A]

**Opportunity for Designation in the
Topeka (KS), Minot (ND), Lake Village
(IN), and Cincinnati (OH) Areas,
Request for Comments on the Official
Agencies Serving These Areas**

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and
Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the
official agencies listed below will end in
June 2006. Grain Inspection, Packers
and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)
is asking persons interested in providing
official services in the areas served by
these agencies to submit an application
for designation. GIPSA is also asking for
comments on the quality of services
provided by these currently designated
agencies: Kansas Grain Inspection
Service, Inc. (Kansas); Minot Grain
Inspection, Inc. (Minot); Schneider
Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider); and
Tri-State Grain Inspection Service, Inc.
(Tri-State).

DATES: Applications and comments
must be received by January 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit
applications and comments on this
notice. You may submit applications
and comments by any of the following
methods:

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to
Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch,
Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA,
Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence
Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- Fax: Send by facsimile transmission
to (202) 690-2755, attention: Janet M.
Hart.

- E-mail: Send via electronic mail to
Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

- Mail: Send hardcopy to Janet M.
Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance
Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604,
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,
Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Read Applications and Comments: All
applications and comments will be
available for public inspection at the
office above during regular business
hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail
Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This
Action has been reviewed and
determined not to be a rule or regulation
as defined in Executive Order 12866
and Departmental Regulation 1512-1;
therefore, the Executive Order and
Departmental Regulation do not apply
to this Action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States
Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act),
authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to
designate a qualified applicant to
provide official services in a specified
area after determining that the applicant
is better able than any other applicant
to provide such official services.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides
that designations of official agencies
shall terminate not later than triennially
and may be renewed according to the
criteria and procedures prescribed in
Section 7(f) of the Act.

**1. Current Designations Being
Announced for Renewal**

For Kansas, main office in Topeka,
Kansas; Minot, main office in Minot,
North Dakota; and Tri-State, main office
in Cincinnati, Ohio; the current
designations started July 1, 2003, and
will end June 30, 2006. For Schneider,
main office in Lake Village, Indiana; the
current one year designation started July
1, 2005, and will end June 30, 2006.