

onto trucks. Former landings sites would be used whenever appropriate to limit effects. They would be closed after use with adequate stormwater and erosion control measures. To view a map of locations of proposed treatments go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/sumter/resources/projects.current.php?p=1.1.7.3>.

#### Responsible Official

Andrew Pickens District Ranger

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

Whether or not to implement the action as proposed or an alternative way to achieve the desired outcome.

#### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

February 23, 2010.

**Michael B. Crane,**  
District Ranger.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yakutat, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting is to continue business of the Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee. The committee was formed to carry out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000. The agenda for this meeting is to review submitted project proposals and consider recommending projects for funding. Project proposals were due by March 19, 2010 to be considered at this meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 30, 2010 from 6-9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Kwaan Conference Room, 712 Ocean Cape Drive, Yakutat, Alaska. Send written comments to Lee A. Benson,

c/o Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 327, Yakutat, AK 99689, (907) 784-3359 or electronically to [labenson@fs.fed.us](mailto:labenson@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lee A. Benson, District Ranger and Designated Federal Official, Yakutat Ranger District, (907) 784-3359.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members. However, persons who wish to bring resource projects or other Resource Advisory Committee matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 30, 2010 will have the opportunity to address the Council at those sessions.

Dated: February 19, 2010.

**Lee A. Benson,**

District Ranger, Yakutat Ranger District,  
Tongass National Forest.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Petersburg, Alaska. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to update Committee members on changes in the legislation, elect officers, and develop operating guidelines and project evaluation criteria. The committee may also make funding recommendations at this meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, March 25th from 3:30-5:30 p.m., on Friday, March 26th from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and on Saturday, March 27th from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Petersburg Lutheran Church Holy Cross House at Fifth and Fram Streets in Petersburg, Alaska. Written comments should be sent to Christopher Savage, Petersburg District Ranger, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, Alaska 99833. Comments may also be sent via e-mail

to [csavage@fs.fed.us](mailto:csavage@fs.fed.us), or via facsimile to 907-772-5995.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Petersburg Ranger District office at 12 North Nordic Drive during regular office hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Savage, Petersburg District Ranger, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, Alaska 99833, phone (907) 772-3871, e-mail [csavage@fs.fed.us](mailto:csavage@fs.fed.us), or Robert Dalrymple, Wrangell District Ranger, P.O. Box 51, Wrangell, AK 99929, phone (907) 874-2323, e-mail [rdalrymple@fs.fed.us](mailto:rdalrymple@fs.fed.us).

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: updating the committee on the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343); election of officers; development of committee operating guidelines and criteria for evaluation of projects proposed for funding. The committee may review project proposals and make recommendations for funding if time allows. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 19, 2010 will have the opportunity to address the Committee at those sessions.

Dated: February 22, 2010.

**Forrest Cole,**

Forest Supervisor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS 2010-0008]

#### Improving Tracing Procedures for E. coli O157:H7 Positive Raw Beef Product

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that it will hold a public meeting on March 10, 2010 to discuss Agency procedures for identifying suppliers of source material used to produce raw beef product that FSIS has found positive for *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) O157:H7. FSIS will also discuss additional verification activities the Agency will conduct at suppliers in response to positive *E. coli* O157:H7 results. In addition, FSIS will seek input from meeting participants on ways to improve Agency procedures for identifying product that may be positive for *E. coli* O157:H7.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on March 10, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Submit comments on or before May 7, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in the USDA South Building Jefferson Auditorium, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. All participants should enter the USDA South Building at Wing 5 on Independence Avenue. There will security personnel at the entrance to check identification.

**Registration:** Pre-registration is recommended. To pre-register, visit the FSIS Web site at: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings\\_&\\_Events/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&_Events/). You can click on register and then complete the registration form including all required fields.

**Comments and Agenda:** In addition to providing oral comments at the public meeting, FSIS invites interested persons to submit written comments on the issues addressed at the public meeting. FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting date and will post it on the FSIS Web page [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings\\_&\\_Events/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&_Events/). The official transcript of the meeting will be available for viewing by the public in the FSIS Docket Room and on the FSIS Web site [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings\\_&\\_Events/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&_Events/) when it becomes available.

Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

**Federal eRulemaking Portal:** This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.

**Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs, and hand- or courier-delivered items:** Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), FSIS, Room 2-2127, George Washington

Carver Center, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Mailstop 5474, Beltsville, MD 20705-5474.

**Instructions:** All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2010-0008. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Docket:** For access to background documents or to comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All comments submitted in response to this proposal, as well as background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For logistical questions related to the meeting: Ms. Sheila Johnson, Congressional and Public Affairs, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, 202-690-6498, e-mail: [Sheila.Johnson@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Sheila.Johnson@fsis.usda.gov).

For technical information related to the meeting: Dr. Daniel Engeljohn, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 205-0495.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FSIS is evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and procedures in responding to findings that raw beef is positive for *E. coli* O157:H7, and whether the Agency takes the appropriate steps to identify source materials used to produce the product and to identify other products derived from those source materials. One conclusion reached by FSIS thus far is that the Agency must improve its procedures for assessing the conditions at suppliers that may have resulted in the positive product.

FSIS has also concluded that it should conduct additional verification activities at suppliers that produced source materials for raw beef product that FSIS has found positive for *E. coli* O157:H7. Therefore, FSIS intends to issue new instructions to Enforcement, Investigations, and Analysis Officers (EIAOs) to conduct additional verification activities at suppliers in response to positive *E. coli* O157:H7 results. These instructions are intended to assist EIAOs in assessing conditions at the suppliers, including whether

source materials used to produce the positive raw beef product may have been produced during high event periods. High event periods are production periods during which an establishment's sampling and testing program detects a series of positive test results that indicates a systemic failure or breakdown of process controls. If FSIS personnel determine that the subject source materials were produced during high event periods, the Agency may determine that additional product is implicated by the positive result. FSIS will issue these new instructions after the public meeting.

At the meeting FSIS will discuss the Agency's *E. coli* O157:H7 test data, its current policies for responding to *E. coli* O157:H7 positives, the Agency's current thinking for improving those policies, and information regarding next steps. An opportunity for participants to comment will be provided as well.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&\\_Policies/2010\\_Notices\\_Index/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&_Policies/2010_Notices_Index/index.asp). FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news\\_&\\_events/email\\_subscription/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_&_events/email_subscription/). Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC on: March 2, 2010.

**Alfred V. Almanza,**  
Administrator.

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## ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

[USARC 10-018]

### 92nd Meeting

February 16, 2010.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 92nd meeting in Miami, FL, on March 15, 2010. The business session, open to the public, will convene at 8:30 a.m.

*The Agenda items include:*

- (1) Call to order and approval of the agenda.
- (2) Approval of the minutes from the 91st meeting.
- (3) Commissioners and staff reports.
- (4) Discussion and presentations concerning Arctic research activities.

The focus of the meeting will be reports and updates on programs and research projects affecting the Arctic.

Any person planning to attend this meeting, who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission of those needs in advance of the meeting.

Contact person for further information: John Farrell, Executive Director, U.S. Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

**John Farrell,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### **Action Affecting Export Privileges; Mohamad M. Elkateb; In the Matter of: Mohamad M. Elkateb, 29256 Marilyn Dr., Canyon Country, CA 91387. Respondent; Order Relating to Mohamad M. Elkateb**

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce ("BIS") has notified Mohamad M. Elkateb ("Elkateb") of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against Elkateb pursuant to Section 766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (the

"Regulations"),<sup>1</sup> and Section 13(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (the "Act"),<sup>2</sup> through issuance of a Proposed Charging Letter to Elkateb that alleged that he committed one violation of the Regulations. Specifically, the charge is:

#### **Charge 1 15 CFR 764.2(d)—Conspiracy**

Between on or about July 9, 2004, and continuing through on or about August 16, 2004, Elkateb conspired and acted in concert with others, known and unknown, to violate the Regulations and to bring about an act that constituted a violation of the Regulations. The purpose of the conspiracy was to cause the export of U.S.-origin lab equipment from the United States to Syria, via Indonesia, without the required U.S. Government authorization. Pursuant to General Order No. 2 of May 14, 2004, set forth in Supplement No. 1 to Part 736 of the Regulations, authorization was required from BIS before the lab equipment, items subject to the Regulations,<sup>3</sup> could be exported from the United States to Syria. In furtherance of the conspiracy, Elkateb and his co-conspirators devised and employed a scheme to purchase U.S.-origin lab equipment for a customer in Syria from a foreign distributor of the U.S. manufacturer. This scheme was developed after Elkateb was informed by the U.S. manufacturer that there were restrictions on exporting to Syria. By engaging in this activity, Elkateb committed one violation of Section 764.2(d) of the Regulations.

Whereas, BIS and Elkateb have entered into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Regulations whereby they agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein, and

Whereas, I have approved of the terms of such Settlement Agreement; It is therefore ordered:

First, that for a period of one year from the date of issuance of the Order, Mohamad M. Elkateb, 29256 Marilyn Dr., Canyon Country, CA 91387, and when acting on behalf of Elkateb, his representatives, assigns, or agents ("Denied Person") may not participate,

<sup>1</sup> The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR Parts 730-774 (2009). The charged violation occurred in 2004. The Regulations governing the violation at issue are found in the 2004 version of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR Parts 730-774 (2004)). The 2009 Regulations set forth the procedures that apply to this matter.

<sup>2</sup> 50 U.S.C. app. 2401-2420 (2000). Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 CFR 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), as extended most recently by the Notice of August 13, 2009 (74 FR 41325 (Aug. 14, 2009)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*).

<sup>3</sup> EAR99 is a designation for items subject to the Regulations but not listed on the Commerce Control List. 15 CFR 734.3(c) (2004).

directly or indirectly, in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations, including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or

C. Benefitting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations.

Second, that no person may, directly or indirectly, do any of the actions described below with respect to an item that is subject to the Regulations and that has been, will be, or is intended to be exported or reexported from the United States:

A. Export or reexport to or on behalf of the Denied Person any item subject to the Regulations;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by the Denied Person of the ownership, possession, or control of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby the Denied Person acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control;

C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from the Denied Person of any item subject to the Regulations that has been exported from the United States;

D. Obtain from the Denied Person in the United States any item subject to the Regulations with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States; or

E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States and which is owned, possessed or controlled by the Denied Person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or