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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public meetings will be held at the following locations from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. Meetings are: 11/13/97—Concordia Community Center, 802 Gordon Street, Concordia, Missouri; 11/14/97—Holiday Inn Sports Complex, 4011 Blue Ridge Cut-off (Exit 9 off I-70), Kansas City, Missouri; 11/17/97—The Columns Banquet/Conference Center, 711 Fairlane (5th Street exit South off I-70), St. Charles, Missouri; 11/18/97—Holiday Inn Select (Executive Center), 2200 I-70 Drive S.W. (Stadium Exit 124 off I-70), Columbia, Missouri; and 11/19/97—Lewis and Clark Hotel, Upper Banquet Room, 6054 Highway 100, Washington, Missouri. During the public meetings, information may be obtained by calling 573-718-7304.

Ms. Judy McClendon, Wildlife Biologist, is the primary author of this document. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), Department of the Interior, has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on its proposal to expand the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge in Missouri from its currently authorized 16,628 acres to a total of 60,000 acres.

The Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge expansion would be accomplished by acquiring from willing sellers an additional 43,372 acres along the Missouri River floodplain from Kansas City, Missouri, to St. Louis, Missouri, and the lower 10 miles of major tributaries. Proposed additions could be located in any of the twenty counties that lie along this stretch of the Missouri River. Selection criteria based on values related to proposed management goals will be used to determine specific sites for acquisition. Management goals of the Big Muddy project are to restore acquired acreage to a natural floodplain condition, including bottomland forests, improve and restore wetland values, improve fishery and wildlife resources, and provide additional public use areas for fish and wildlife dependent recreation.

This action is designed to preserve and restore natural river floodplain, allow for management of viable and diverse fish and wildlife habitats, and provide for compatible fish and wildlife dependent recreation.

The major alternatives under consideration that were analyzed and evaluated during planning are: (A) No Action. The Refuge would not be

expanded beyond the currently authorized 16,628 acres. This acreage figure amounts to 2.7 percent of the 800,000 acre floodplain in this reach of the Missouri River and is insufficient to protect the health of the Missouri River ecosystem; (B) Expand the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to 60,000 acres by acquisition of 43,372 acres dispersed along the Missouri River corridor from its confluence with the Kansas River, near Kansas City, to its confluence with the Mississippi River, near St. Louis, Missouri. Expansion under Alternative B (Preferred) would allow approximately 8 percent of riverine habitat losses of the Missouri River and its floodplain from Kansas City to St. Louis, Missouri to be restored. Three other alternatives were considered but not analyzed. They include: (C) Seek permanent protection of fish, wildlife, and habitats through cooperative agreements with landowners and other agencies with no acquisition of lands; (D) encourage private land programs to preserve or restore fish, wildlife, and their habitats without further acquisition; and (E) acquire the entire Missouri River floodplain from Kansas City to St. Louis, Missouri, about 800,000 acres. Alternatives C, D, and E were rejected because they did not have the capacity to address the Service's mandated responsibilities, did not provide permanent resource protection and restoration opportunities, and/or failed to meet the purpose and need for which the Big Muddy Refuge was established.

Other government agencies and members of the general public contributed to the planning and evaluation of the proposal and to the preparation of this EIS. The Notice of Intent to prepare this EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on November 28, 1995. Public scoping meetings were held in five locations in January 1996, with over 300 comments received from interested parties. The Service gave presentations to county officials, conservation groups, and other interested parties as well as the media and informed the public through intermittent distribution of the Big Muddy Update. The Service's mailing list has over 1,000 names.

All agencies and individuals are urged to provide comments and suggestions for improving this EIS by January 7, 1998. All comments received by the above date will be considered in preparation of the final EIS for this proposed action.

Dated: October 23, 1997.

Marvin E. Moriarty,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sport Fishing and Wildlife Service, Interior

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting, sponsored by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council), is open to the public and interested persons may participate in a facilitated, interactive discussion of issues affecting public participation in recreational fishing and boating activities.

DATES: November 19, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314, telephone (703) 683-6000.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Coordinator for the Council at 1033 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22314, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Alcorn, Council Coordinator, at 703/836-1392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council will convene representatives for recreational fishing and boating organizations, industry, federal and state resource agencies, and other interested parties to identify issues affecting public participation in recreational fishing and boating activities. Meeting participants will be asked to provide their insights on the reasons why people never begin or no longer participate in recreational fishing and boating. Participants will identify and rank problems facing resource managers, service providers, and industry in maintaining an active recreational fishing and boating

constituency. Input from the meeting participants will be used to complete a situation analysis (Phase I) in a three-phase process to develop a national outreach/marketing strategy to increase public participation in recreational fishing and boating.

Dated: October 17, 1997.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Importer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated July 21, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 1997, (62 FR 45271), Applied Science Labs, Inc., A Division of Altech Associates, Inc., 2701 Carolean Industrial Drive, P.O. Box 440, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration to be registered as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Heroin (9200)	I
Morphine (9300)	II

DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Applied Science Labs to import listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971, at this time. Therefore, pursuant to Section 1008(a) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act and in accordance with Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1301.34, the above firm is granted registration as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed above.

Dated: October 17, 1997.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[DEA #171I]

Controlled Substances: 1997 Aggregate Production Quota

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Justice.

ACTION: Interim notice establishing a 1997 aggregate production quota and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This interim notice establishes a revised 1997 aggregate production quota for codeine (for sale), a Schedule II controlled substance, as required under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970.

DATES: This is effective on October 29, 1997. Comments must be received on or before November 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments or objections to the Acting Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, D.C. 20537, Attn.: DEA Federal Register Representative/CCR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank L. Sapienza, Chief, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, D.C. 20537, (202) 307-7183.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 306 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 826), requires the Attorney General to establish aggregate production quotas for controlled substances in Schedules I and II each year. This responsibility has been delegated to the Administrator of the DEA pursuant to Section 0.100 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Administrator, in turn, has re delegated this function to the Acting Deputy Administrator of the DEA pursuant to Section 0.014 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The DEA established revised 1997 aggregate production quotas for controlled substances in Schedules I and II, including codeine (for sale), in a **Federal Register** notice published on August 15, 1997 (62 FR 43750). Since publication of the revised 1997 aggregate production quotas, DEA has received information which necessitates an immediate increase in the revised 1997 aggregate production quota for codeine (for sale). The increase for codeine (for sale) is necessary to meet additional and unforeseen domestic manufacturing needs and export requirements. For these reasons, an interim notice is being published.

Therefore, under the authority vested in the Attorney General by Section 306

of the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. 826), delegated to the Administrator of the DEA by Section 0.100 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and re delegated to the Acting Deputy Administrator, pursuant to Section 0.104 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Acting Deputy Administrator hereby orders that the revised aggregate production quota for the following controlled substance, expressed in grams of anhydrous base, be established as follows:

Basic class	Established revised 1997 quota
Codeine (for sale)	58,140,000

All interested persons are invited to submit their comments in writing regarding this interim notice.

The Office of Management and Budget has determined that notices of aggregate production quotas are not subject to centralized review under Executive Order 12866. This action has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and it has been determined that this matter does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

The Acting Deputy Administrator hereby certifies that this action will have no significant impact upon small entities whose interests must be considered under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.* The establishment of annual aggregate production quotas for Schedule I and II controlled substances is mandated by law and by international treaty obligations. Aggregate production quotas apply to approximately 200 DEA registered bulk and dosage from manufacturers of Schedule I and II controlled substances. The quotas are necessary to provide for the estimated medical, scientific, research and industrial needs of the United States, for export requirements and the establishment and maintenance of reserve stocks. While aggregate production quotas are of primary importance to large manufacturers, their impact upon small entities is neither negative nor beneficial. Accordingly, the Acting Deputy Administrator has determined that this action does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis.

Dated: October 22, 1997.

James S. Milford,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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