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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Stephen Sherrod of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone 202-418-5277. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: [ssherrod@cftc.gov](mailto:ssherrod@cftc.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CBT in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 C.F.R. Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 C.F.R. 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 C.F.R. 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CBT, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 5, 1997.

Blake Imel,

*Acting Director.*

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### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 1997.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Enforcement Matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 12, 1997.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Rule enforcement review.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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*Secretary of the Commission.*

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### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY: HOLDING THE MEETING:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 1997.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Lobby Level Hearing Room.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Final Rulemaking concerning contract Market Rule Review Procedures  
Revised procedures for Commission review and approval of applications for Contract Market Designation and of Exchange Rules relating to Contract terms and conditions-final rules

Application by the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange for contract market designation in Basic Formula Price Milk futures and the options, including a report on issues involving the National Cheese Exchange  
Update on Commission activities

**CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP) Premium Rate Change

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Premium rates for the Department of Defense's temporary, transitional health care coverage offered via the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP) were initially established in the Fall of 1994. Rates have not been adjusted since then. A revision to the rates is necessary in order for the rates to keep pace with the increase in expenses incurred in operating the program. Publication of the new rates will allow the Department to change the premium and will also provide interested beneficiaries with the cost information necessary to make informed enrollment decisions. Therefore, effective May 1, 1997, CHCBP quarterly premiums will be increased to the following levels: Individual—\$993; Family—\$1,996. CHCBP premiums will continue to be reviewed annually by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense and announcement of any further revisions will be published accordingly.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gunther J. Zimmerman, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), (703) 695-3331.

**ADDRESSES:** TRICARE Support Office (TSO)/Office of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (OCHAMPUS), Program Development Branch; Aurora, Colorado 80045-6900.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 30, 1994, a final rule regarding benefits and operational issued associated with implementation of the Continued Health Care Benefit Program was published (59 FR 49817).

The CHCBP was established by Congress in section 4408 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, Public Law 102-484, which amended title 10, United States Code, by adding section 1078a. The law directed the implementation of a program of temporary continued health benefits coverage for certain former beneficiaries of the Department of Defense, comparable to the health benefits provided for former civilian employees of the Federal government.

The statute directed that the benefits offered by the CHCBP be comparable to those offered to "similarly situated" former civilian employees of the Federal

government. As is the case for those employees, the costs are borne by the beneficiary who pays the entire premium charge. Additionally, the Department of Defense is permitted to charge up to an additional ten percent of the premium to cover administrative expenses. The referenced final rule indicated that the Department would annually review the premium rates and adjust these rates as necessary.

The CHCBP became effective October 1, 1994. Premiums for the CHCBP are determined by enrollment category. The CHCBP features two enrollment categories, which are individual and family. Initial quarterly premium rates were established at Individual—\$410; and Family \$891.

Initial CHCBP rates were based on the 1994 Mail Handlers Standard rates. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) quarterly premium rates for Mail Handlers Standard increased in 1996 and \$622 and \$1,390 for Family coverage. However, the Department elected not to increase initial CHCBP fiscal year 1995 premium rates for fiscal year 1996 to allow for a full year of operational data to be collected to enable a thorough utilization review to be conducted. Operational experience during fiscal years 1995 and 1996 revealed that the initial premiums have not been sufficient to cover expenses incurred in paying CHCBP claims. As such, the Department has had to supplement premium funds with Defense Health Program funding to cover CHCBP expenses in fiscal year 1995 and 1996. Therefore, the Department proposes to raise the premiums for the CHCBP in fiscal year 1997 to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield—High Option Level (maximum level allowable under enacting legislation) to keep pace with the costs incurred and to reflect the similar increase in FEHBP plans.

Dated: February 5, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## **Corps of Engineers; Department of the Army**

### **Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Long-Term Dredged Material Management at Grand Haven Harbor, Michigan**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

#### **ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, is evaluating the environmental impacts of long-term dredged material management alternatives for Grand Haven Harbor, Michigan. The Federal navigation project at Grand Haven includes an entrance protected by parallel piers and revetments at the mouth of the Grand River, a deep draft channel extending upstream to Spring Lake, a deep-draft turning basin, and a shallow-draft river channel extending 14.5 miles further upstream. A study has been undertaken to identify a suitable disposal plan for dredged material to be removed over the next 20 years, to maintain the deep-draft channel. The deep-draft portion of the project consists of approximately 2½ miles of channel, 300 feet wide, with depths varying from 23 feet at the entrance to 21 feet in the remainder of the channel. Shoaled material dredged from the outer harbor portion of the navigation channel (Harbor entrance), consisting primarily of sand, has routinely been placed along adjacent shoreline reaches. Silty sand dredged from the inner deep-draft harbor was placed at the Harbor Island Disposal Facility which is now filled. A Long-Term Dredged Material Management Plan is being developed for the harbor, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared to evaluate dredged material disposal alternatives proposed as part of this plan. Disposal alternatives under consideration include open-water placement, upland placement, and beneficial use of the material. The no Federal action alternative, which would allow the navigation channel to shoal in, will also be evaluated.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions about the proposed EIS and dredged material management plan development can be directed to Mr. Les E. Weigum, Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch; Engineering & Planning Division; U.S. Army Engineer District, Detroit; P.O. Box 1027; Detroit, Michigan 48231-1027. Telephone: 313-226-6752.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Grand Haven Harbor is located at the mouth of the Grand River, on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, in Ottawa County, Michigan, approximately 30 miles northwest of Grand Rapids. The tri-cities of Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Ferrysburg cluster around the mouth of the Grand River. Project authority for Grand Haven Harbors is from the River and Harbor Act of 1866 and subsequent acts.

Dredged material management for Grand Haven Harbor historically has consisted of two strategies: The outer harbor material, which is primarily sand, has been used to nourish adjacent eroding beaches. Maintenance dredging of this outer harbor, which includes the entrance canal from Lake Michigan through the breakwaters, is projected to require management of 600,000 cubic yards of dredged material over the next 20 years. It is proposed that this material continue to be beneficially used for nourishment of eroding beaches in the harbor vicinity.

The inner harbor material, which is sand with some silt, has historically been placed at the Harbor Island disposal facility located adjacent to the Harbor. Operation practices extended the life of the Harbor Island facility but the facility is not at maximum capacity and is being developed for recreational use. Maintenance dredging of this inner harbor portion is projected to require management of 400,000 cubic yards of dredged material over the next 20 years.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, is currently evaluating the environmental impacts of long-term dredged material management alternatives for dredged material from the harbor. An Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared as a component of a 20-year Dredged Material Management Plan being developed for Grand Haven Harbor.

Management alternatives for material removed from the inner harbor to be evaluated in the EIS include: placement in open water of Lake Michigan, upland placement, and beneficial use of material. The no Federal action alternative will also be considered. The final 20-year management plan for dredged material may consist of a combination of alternatives and beneficial use applications.

The site identified for open water placement of material from the inner harbor is located approximately one mile off shore. The site is an area of Lake Michigan bottomland, approximately ½-mile by ½-mile, located about ¾ miles southwest, @ 225° azimuth from the harbor south pier light. The site has sufficient water depth to prevent significant disturbance of the dredged material by wind and storm induced wave action in the lake. Dredged material would be transported directly from the dredging operation to the open water site by floating plant, hydraulic pipeline, or other similar methods. The suitability of the dredged material for open-water placement has been determined in accordance with the Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual (U.S.