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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Availability of Proposed Changes to Conservation Practice Standards, Field Office Technical Guide, North Carolina

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of proposed changes to conservation practice standards in Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of NRCS in North Carolina for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in North Carolina to issue revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG for the following practices:

Animal Mortality Freezer (774)
 Closure of Abandoned Waste Facility (360)
 Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
 Contour Farming (330)
 Cover and Green Manure Crop (340)
 Cross-Slope Farming (Interim) (733)
 Grassed Waterway (412)
 Incinerator (769)
 Irrigation System, Trickle (441)
 Long Term No-Till (778)
 Pond Sealing and Lining, Flexible Membrane (521-A)
 Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)
 Waste Storage Facility (313)
 Well (642)
 Wetland Restoration (657)

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before March 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the proposed conservation practice standards changes should be addressed to: Mary Combs, State Conservationist, NRCS, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 205, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request.

Dated: January 26, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
 Title: Marine Mammal Stranding Report/Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Disposition Report.

Form Number(s): NOAA Form 89-864.
 OMB Approval Number: 0648-0178.
 Type of Request: Regular submission.
 Burden Hours: 1,600.
 Number of Respondents: 400.
 Average Hours Per Response: 20 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The marine mammal stranding report provides information on strandings so that NMFS can compile and analyze by region the species, numbers, conditions, and causes of illnesses and deaths in stranded marine mammals. The Agency requires this information to fulfill its management responsibilities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1421a). The Agency is also responsible for the welfare of marine mammals while in rehabilitation status. The data from the marine mammal rehabilitation disposition reports are required for monitoring and tracking of marine mammals held at various NMFS-authorized facilities. The information is submitted primarily by volunteer members of the marine mammal stranding networks who are authorized by the Agency.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, business or other for-profit, and state, local, or tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker,
 (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 29, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,
*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office
 of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Feasibility Study for Conducting the American Community Survey in Puerto Rico

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paper work and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Don Fischer, U. S. Census Bureau, Demographic Surveys Division, Washington, DC 20233. His telephone number is (301) 457-8048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau plans to conduct a feasibility study to assess the operational implications of using the American Community Survey data collection methods in Puerto Rico. The American Community Survey, which the Census Bureau initiated in November 1995, is an ongoing, continuous monthly household survey that provides data which were historically collected via the decennial census long-form questionnaire. We are currently in the comparison phase (1999–2002) of the American Community Survey in which we are comparing American Community Survey data with data collected during Census 2000.

In 2003, the Census Bureau plans to begin conducting the American Community Survey in every county in the United States and also in Puerto Rico. This feasibility study is necessary to determine whether the current data collection procedures are appropriate for use in Puerto Rico.

The current design of the American Community Survey relies on three methods of data collection: mailout/mailback, computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI), and computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI). During Census 2000, the Census Bureau used update/leave/mailback methods in Puerto Rico. This feasibility study will allow us to determine whether we can successfully mail questionnaires to households in Puerto Rico and whether we can conduct CATI and CAPI interviews with households that do not return the mailed form. In addition, we will be able to estimate CATI and CAPI work loads in Puerto Rico in 2003 based on the mail response rates in the study and our ability to obtain telephone numbers for use in the CATI operation.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will mail a modified and translated version of the American Community Survey questionnaire to approximately 10,000 households in Puerto Rico. For households that do not return a questionnaire, the Census Bureau staff will attempt to conduct interviews by CATI or CAPI.

The Census Bureau staff will provide telephone questionnaire assistance.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: ACS–1(2000) PR.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: During the period of July 2001 through October 2001, we plan to contact 10,000 households for this feasibility study.

Estimated Time Per Response:

Estimates are 38 minutes per household.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: The estimate is an annual average of 6,333 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: Except for their time, there is no cost to respondents.

Respondent Obligation: Mandatory.

Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collections techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 7–2001]

Foreign-Trade Zone 129—Bellingham, Washington; Proposed Foreign-Trade Subzone; ARCO Products Company (Oil Refinery Complex); Bellingham, Washington, Area

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Bellingham, grantee of FTZ 129, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BP America, located in the Bellingham, Washington, area. The application was

submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on January 25, 2001.

The ARCO “Cherry Point” refinery complex (223,000 BPD refinery, 66 tanks with over 7 million barrel capacity, 3,600 acres) is located at 4519 Grandview Road, near Cherry Point (Whatcom County), Washington, some 15 miles northwest of Bellingham. The refinery (440 employees) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. Fuel products include gasoline, jet fuel, distillates, residual fuels, naphthas and motor fuel blendstocks. Petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products include liquified petroleum gases, petroleum coke and sulfur. Some 8 percent of the crude oil (nearly all of inputs) is sourced abroad. The application also indicates that the company may in the future import under FTZ procedures some naphthas, virgin gas oil, natural gas condensate, and motor fuel blendstocks.

Zone procedures would exempt the refinery from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the Customs duty rates that apply to certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (duty-free) by admitting certain incoming foreign crude oil in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates on inputs range from 5.25¢/barrel to 10.5¢/barrel. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the refinery's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below.

The closing period for their receipt is April 6, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to April 23, 2001).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Port of Bellingham, Harbor Center Building, 1801 Roeder Avenue, Bellingham, Washington 98227–1677
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room