

4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372). Based on that EA, APHIS has reached a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with regard to its determination that Monsanto's canola line RT73 and lines developed from it are no longer regulated articles under its regulations in 7 CFR part 340. Copies of the EA and the FONSI are available upon request from the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 29th day of January 1999.

Thomas E. Walton,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99–003N]

Notice of Public Meeting on *Listeria monocytogenes*

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a public meeting on *Listeria monocytogenes*. Current industry and government procedures will be discussed such as sampling programs, monitoring programs, and recall procedures. FSIS anticipates using the information gathered at this meeting as a vehicle for developing a short- and long-term strategy for research, regulation, education, and enforcement regarding *Listeria monocytogenes*.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 10, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments must be received by March 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Arlington Hilton—Ballston, 950 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22203, telephone number is 703–528–6000. To register for the meeting and to schedule a presentation, contact Jennifer Callahan by telephone at (202) 501–7136 or by FAX at (202) 501–7642. If a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is necessary, contact Jennifer Callahan at the above number.

Submit one original and two copies of written comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk,

Docket #99–003N, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Judith Riggins, Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Policy, Program Development and Evaluation by telephone at (202) 720–2709 or by Fax at (202) 720–2025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

USDA believes the current nationwide listeriosis outbreaks associated with meat and poultry products, as unfortunate as they are, present an opportunity to strengthen control efforts from farm to table and to reduce the risk of human illness. In addition to coordinating with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the states to trace the chain of events that led to illness, FSIS is reviewing regulatory, enforcement, and educational strategies for reducing the number of foodborne illnesses associated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. FSIS is reexamining its consumer education materials, particularly those for “at risk” audiences, as well as its strategy for distributing these materials. FSIS will coordinate education and information activities with CDC and the Food and Drug Administration by means of the Partnership for Food Safety.

In light of these concerns and initiatives, FSIS will hold a public meeting on February 10, 1999. The following issues are to be discussed at the meeting:

- Protocols for sampling ready-to-eat product, recall procedures established by industry and FSIS, and the status of the FSIS sampling programs for ready-to-eat products;
- The public health implications of *Listeria monocytogenes*;
- The use of sell-by and pull-by dates on meat and poultry labels, how they are determined, and whether the factors considered in determining them adequately reflect the possibility of *Listeria monocytogenes* grow out;
- Steps industry may take to address this pathogen; and
- Education initiatives, including special materials for “at risk” audiences, FSIS and industry information dissemination procedures, consumer discussion about understanding of sell-by and pull-by dates on labels, and briefings on FoodNet, PulseNet, and DNA “fingerprinting.”

Done at Washington, DC, on February 1, 1999.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Performance Review Board Appointments

AGENCY: American Battle Monuments Commission.

ACTION: Notice of performance review board appointments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the names of individuals who have been appointed to serve as members of the American Battle Monuments Commission Performance Review Board. The publication of these appointments is required by Section 405(a) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–454, 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4)).

DATES: These appointments are effective as of 1 February 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Gloukhoff, Director of Personnel and Administration, American Battle Monuments Commission, Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22201, Telephone Number: (703) 696–6908.

American Battle Monuments Commission SES Performance Review Board—1999/2000

Donald Leverenz, Assistant Director, Research and Development, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Theodore Gloukhoff,

Director, Personnel and Administration.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 12, 1999, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, N.W., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.