

**SEA RIM STATE PARK RECREATION  
DEVELOPMENT RC&D PROJECT  
Notice of Negative Declaration**

Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; part 1500.6(e) of the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (38 FR 20550) August 1, 1973; and part 650.8(b)(3) of the Soil Conservation Service Guidelines (39 FR 19651) June 3, 1974; the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Sea Rim State Park Recreation Development RC&D Project, Jefferson County, Texas.

The environmental assessment of this federal action indicates that the project will not create significant adverse local, regional, or national impacts on the environment and that no significant controversy is associated with the project. As a result of these findings, Edward E. Thomas, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, USDA, First National Bank Building, Temple, Texas 76501, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project concerns a plan to develop public water-based recreational and educational facilities on a 15,336 acre tract of land. The plan provides an opportunity for the public to learn about the ecology of the marsh as a part of the recreational experience.

The environmental assessment file is available for inspection during regular working hours at the following location: Soil Conservation Service, USDA, First National Bank Building, Temple, Texas 76501.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until February 18, 1975.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 10.901, National Archives Reference Services)

Date: January 28, 1975.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Bureau of Standards  
CUSTOMARY SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS  
AND MEASURES**

**Commercial Weights and Measures Units**

In the FEDERAL REGISTER of July 27, 1968 (33 FR 10755), the National Bureau of Standards, in accordance with a recommendation of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics and pursuant to the responsibility of the National Bureau of Standards for "the custody, maintenance, and development of the national standards of measurement" (15 U.S.C. 272), published a listing of the common weights and measures used in normal commerce throughout the United States, and related them to the standards developed in accordance with ex-

isting law. In connection with the notice of July 27, 1968, the following explanatory material will assist in the proper interpretation and application of the data in column three under "Linear Measurement, U.S. Customary," and under "Area Measurement, U.S. Customary":

As the July 27, 1968 notice states, all U.S. Customary Units of linear and area measurement that will be found in ordinary commerce are derived from the yard. The yard was last defined in a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER of July 1, 1959 (24 FR 5348), as being exactly equal to 0.9144 meter.

The foot defined by the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \text{ feet} &= 1 \text{ yard} = 0.9144 \text{ meter, exactly} \\ 1 \text{ foot} &= 0.3048 \text{ meter, exactly} \end{aligned}$$

is known as the International Foot. In addition, the July 1, 1959 notice defines the U.S. Survey Foot as follows:

$$1 \text{ survey foot} = \frac{1200}{3937} \text{ meter, exactly}$$

or

$$1 \text{ survey foot} = 0.30480061 \text{ meter, approximately}$$

Accordingly, it is necessary to differentiate between the international foot, used for engineering, and the U.S. survey foot, used for mapping and land measurement. The metric equivalents listed in the July 27, 1968 notice for land measurements: statute mile (U.S. survey mile), acre, square mile, section, and township are approximate; metric equivalents to more figures can be determined from the survey foot. For example, the U.S. survey mile equals 1.609347 kilometers, approximately, whereas the international mile equals 1.609344 kilometers, exactly. Metric equivalents of all surveyor's units, e.g., links, rods, and chains, are derived from the survey foot.

The relationship

$$1 \text{ international nautical mile} = 1.852 \text{ kilometers}$$

is exact, but the relationship

$$6\,076.115 \text{ international feet} = 1 \text{ international nautical mile}$$

is not exact.

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RICHARD W. ROBERTS,  
Director.

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**FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING  
STANDARDS COORDINATING AND AD-  
VISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. I (Supp. III, 1973), notice is hereby given that the Federal Information Processing Standards Coordinating and Advisory Committee (FIPSCAC) will hold a meeting from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 1975, in Dining Room C, Administration Building, of the National Bureau of Standards, in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the actions of the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Task Groups and to consider other matters relating to Federal Information Processing Standards.

The public will be permitted to attend, to file written statements, and, to the extent that time permits, to present oral statements. Persons planning to attend should notify Joseph O. Harrison, Jr., Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C. 20234 (Phone 301-921-3551).

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RICHARD W. ROBERTS,  
Director.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
EDUCATION, AND WELFARE**

**National Institutes of Health  
ACUPUNCTURE RESEARCH**

**Notice of a Conference**

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences will sponsor a conference on acupuncture research, March 14, 1975. It is the Institute's intent to bring together those individuals directing NIH supported research projects and other experts knowledgeable in such fields of anesthesiology, neurophysiology, and physical medicine. The conference is aimed at reviewing and discussing current progress in the sponsored research projects and other investigations in order to establish the present state of the field and identify promising areas for further study.

The meeting will be held at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, Building 31C, Conference Room 8, starting at 9 a.m. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

For further information please contact Dr. Howard P. Jeneriek, NIGMS, Building 31, Room 4A-31, telephone (301) 496-5163.

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SUZANNE L. FREMBAU,  
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National Institutes of Health.

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**AUTOMATION IN THE CLINICAL  
LABORATORY**

**Notice of a Conference**

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences will sponsor a conference on the Evaluation of Uses of Automation in the Clinical Laboratory, May 14-16, 1975. It is the Institute's intent to bring together individuals knowledgeable in the field of clinical laboratory sciences and related disciplines such as bioengineering, biophysics, statistics, and the life sciences. The conference is aimed at exploring the uses and abuses of automation in the clinical laboratory