[INS] published a notice in the Federal Register describing pilot programs that are required by section 403 of IIRIRA. On December 20, 2004, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the extension and expansion of one of these programs, the Basic Pilot, which was renamed the E-Verify Program in 2007. The E-Verify Program permits participating employers to electronically verify the employment authorization of newly hired employees against Social Security Administration databases.

Program Evaluations

Section 405 of IIRIRA required that evaluation reports on the verification pilot programs be completed and sent to Congress. Those evaluation reports were submitted to Congress in 2001 and 2002. Since that time the former INS and now USCIS have continued to evaluate and report on the electronic employment verification program to ensure that it is meeting the E-Verify Program’s goals of reducing unauthorized employment, reducing verification-related discrimination, protecting employee privacy and confidentiality, and minimizing employer burden. USCIS is currently evaluating the impact of expanded participation in the E-Verify Program under Arizona law. This meeting is being held as part of the evaluation to help the evaluators identify strengths and weaknesses of the E-Verify Program’s implementation under Arizona law from multiple perspectives, obtain insights into the issues and impacts that might arise with implementation of E-Verify in a mandatory use environment, suggest how those issues might be addressed, and prioritize future research topics. USCIS understands that expanded E-Verify Program participation in Arizona relates to the enactment of certain requirements of Arizona State law; the purpose of the evaluation and this stakeholder meeting are to better understand effects on the E-Verify Program from the Federal perspective, rather than to analyze, construe or take a position as to the scope or merits of any particular provision of Arizona law.

Summary of Agenda

- Introductions.
- Update on the E-Verify Program.
- Overview of the fiscal year (FY) 2008 evaluation.
- Evaluation goals for FY 2009.
- Breakout group meetings to address topics such as addressing identity fraud, understanding and resolving tentative nonconfirmations, identifying program strengths and recommending program improvements focusing on specific types of employers (e.g., designated agents, employers using designated agents, employment and temporary help agencies, small employers, multi-site employers, and companies with large concentrations of immigrant workers).
- Discussion of output from individual breakout groups.
- Questions and comments.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is requested to ensure adequate seating. Persons planning to attend should notify Dr. Glover, by February 27, 2009, at: Telephone: 301–251–2269; Fax: 301–294–3992, or e-mail at deniseglover@westat.com. Individuals who plan to attend and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Dr. Glover at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.


Michael Aytes, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; correction of dates.

SUMMARY: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) affords stakeholders the opportunity to give policy, management, and technical input concerning Trinity River (California) restoration efforts to the Trinity Management Council (TMC). This notice corrects the dates for our recently announced TAMWG meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: TAMWG will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Weaverville Victorian Inn, 1709 Main St., 299 West, Weaverville, CA 96093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy A. Brown of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521; telephone: (707) 822–7201. Randy A. Brown is the TAMWG Designated Federal Officer. For background information and questions regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP), please contact Mike Hamman, Executive Director, Trinity River Restoration Program, P.O. Box 1300, 1313 South Main Street, Weaverville, CA 96093; telephone: (530) 623–1800; e-mail: mhhamman@trrp.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), we recently announced an upcoming meeting of the TAMWG in a February 9, 2009, Federal Register notice (74 FR 6415). After publishing that notice, we have had to change the dates of this meeting. Please see the DATES section for our corrected dates.

Primary objectives and agenda items of the meeting remain the same. See 74 FR 6415 for the agenda.


Randi A. Brown, Designated Federal Officer, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, Arcata, CA.


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Amendment.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an approval of the Amended and Restated Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the State of Oregon.

DATES: Effective Date: February 19, 2009.
