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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

Opportunity to Comment on the Applicant for the Northeast Indiana (IN) Region.

AGENCY: **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration** (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

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SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicant for designation to provide official services in part of the geographic area currently assigned to East Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (East Indiana).

DATES: Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) by December 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. All comments received will be made available for public **inspection** at the above address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the August 21, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 44439), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Northeast Indiana area, currently assigned to East Indiana, to submit an application for designation. There was one applicant: Northeast Indiana **Grain Inspection, Inc.**, a proposed organization to be established by Steve Walker to be located at Hoagland, Indiana, applied for designation to provide official services in the Northeast Indiana region. The Northeast Indiana region consists of the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana:

Bounded on the North by the northern Lagrange and Steuben County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Steuben, De Kalb, Allen, and Adams, County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Adams and Wells County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Wells County line; the southern Huntington and Wabash County lines; the western Wabash County line north to State Route 114; State Route 114 northwest to State Route 19;

State Route 19 north to Kosciusko County; the western and northern Kosciusko County lines; the western Noble and Lagrange County lines.

The following **grain** elevator, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, is part of this geographic area assignment: E. M. P. **Grain**, Payne, Paulding County, Ohio (located inside Lima **Grain Inspection** Service, Inc.'s, area).

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicant. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of this applicant. All comments must be submitted to the

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Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the Federal Register, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

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Neil E. Porter,  
Director, Compliance Division.  
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