

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Extends to July 29 the Public Comment Period for Projects Eligible to Receive Grants to Increase Fertilizer Production

WASHINGTON, July 19, 2023 – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business-Cooperative Service Administrator Dr. Karama Neal today announced that USDA is extending to July 29 the public comment period for projects eligible to receive grants to increase fertilizer production.

In June, USDA announced it is inviting stakeholders to comment on projects eligible to receive grants under the [Fertilizer Production Expansion Program](#) (FPEP). Through this program, USDA partners with American businesses to increase innovative domestic fertilizer production, creating jobs in rural communities and providing more options to U.S. farmers.

The Department will only consider projects that adhere to federal policies designed to protect the environment and historic properties.

USDA is seeking comments that assess how well each applicant plans to:

- Incorporate social, economic and environmental considerations into decision-making and planning processes.
- Protect cultural and historic properties, including those on Tribal lands, from potential impacts.

The comment period is one step in the Department's comprehensive review process to ensure projects adhere to these policies.

Comments must be submitted to FPEP@usda.gov by July 29. For more information, visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/fpep-environmental-review-comments>.

USDA expects to announce final project selections in the coming months.

FPEP is one of many ways the Biden-Harris Administration is promoting fair competition, innovation and resiliency across food and agriculture and combating the climate crisis by conserving and protecting our nation's lands, biodiversity and natural resources, including our soil, air and water. It is part of a broader effort to help producers boost production and address global food insecurity.

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