

obtaining compliance reports from recipients under 24 CFR 1.6(b); being permitted access to sources of information by recipients pursuant to 24 CFR 1.6(c); conducting periodic compliance reviews pursuant to 24 CFR 1.7(a); and conducting investigations pursuant to 24 CFR 1.7(c).

**Authority:** Sec. 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: February 26, 1998.

**Eva M. Plaza,**

*Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4345-D-03]

### Redelegation of Authority; Waiver of Directives

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of redelegation of authority.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity redelegates to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO and to FHEO HUB Directors in the field the authority to waive directives and handbook provisions pertaining to fair housing and equal opportunity in Department programs.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 26, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dianne Taylor, Office of FHEO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 5100, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone numbers (202) 708-4252, ext. 140. (This is not a toll-free number.) This number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this redelegation is to provide the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO and FHEO HUB Directors in the field the authority to waive directives, including handbook provisions, pertaining to fair housing and equal opportunity in Department programs, in the geographic area for which the official is responsible. This redelegation does not supersede the Department's Statement of Policy published on April 22, 1991, at 56 FR 16337, entitled "Waiver of Regulations and Directive Issued by HUD."

Department directives mandated by statute, executive order, or regulation, and those related to civil rights compliance and enforcement are not within this redelegation. The Secretary is the ultimate repository of the authority both to issue and to waive the regulations of the Department. Typically the authority to issue regulations is delegated to an Assistant Secretary or official of equivalent rank. Under Section 7(q) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(q), the Secretary may not delegate the authority to waive a regulation below the Assistant Secretary rank. This prohibition even includes individuals who have been delegated authority concurrent with the Assistant Secretary. Under circumstances prescribed in the policy statement, the General Counsel must concur on proposed waivers of regulations subject to Section 7(q) of the HUD Act.

Under HUD's policy statement on waiver of regulations and directives, Directive means a Handbook (including a change or supplement), notice, interim notice, special directive, and any other issuance that the Department may classify as a directive. Handbook means a directive that communicates information of a permanent nature (including clarification of policies, instructions, guidance, procedures, forms, and reports) for HUD staff or program participants. Its permanent nature distinguishes a Handbook from other temporary HUD directives such as notices.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity redelegates as follows:

#### Section A. Authority Redelegated

The Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity retains and redelegates, to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO and to each FHEO HUB Director in the field, the authority to waive Department directives, including handbook provisions, concerning fair housing and equal opportunity in Department programs, for the geographic area for which the official is responsible. Each waiver granted shall be in writing, specify the grounds for the waiver, and shall be transmitted in writing to the Assistant Secretary for FHEO.

**Authority:** Sec. 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: February 26, 1998.

**Eva M. Plaza,**

*Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

**Applicant:** Christopher Niles Kernan, Fairchild Research Center, Miami, Florida PRT-839840.

The applicant requests authorization to remove and reduce to possession seeds and tissue samples of the endangered tiny polygala, *Polygala smallii*, from Federal properties in Miami for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Gregory T. Hagan, Tallahassee, Florida PRT-839491.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, translocate, and harass during surveys and installation of cavity restrictors) the red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in Georgia and Florida, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, Atlanta, Georgia PRT-697819.

The applicant requests renewal of existing authorization to take, or remove and reduce to possession, wildlife and plant species listed as threatened or endangered in 50 CFR Parts 17.11 and 17.12, from throughout these species' ranges in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Activities authorized under this permit are for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received by April 10, 1998.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are

available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

**Judy Jones,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-912-08-0777-52]

#### Notice of the Utah Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held April 3-4, 1998. On April 3, the RAC will discuss the recreational fee issue. Day-long presentations and panel discussions focusing on fee program history, current status, and future direction are planned. Meeting participants and presenters will include representatives from the BLM, other federal agencies, Northern Arizona University, state government, and interest groups. The meeting is being held at the Holiday Inn, 838 Westwood Blvd., Price, Utah. It will begin at 10:00 and conclude at 5:00 with a public comment period scheduled from 5:00-5:30.

On April 4, the Council will focus on the Off-Road-Vehicle travel plan for the San Rafael Swell. The RAC will participate in a field tour of the west side of the San Rafael Swell within the Sids Mountain area. They will be departing from the Holiday Inn at 7:00 a.m. and concluding the tour at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, meals, and overnight accommodations are the responsibility of the participating public.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anyone interested in attending the meeting or wishing to address the Council during the public comment period, should contact Sherry Foot at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111 or by calling (801) 539-4195 or (801) 539-4021.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

**G. William Lamb,**

*State Director.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-400]

### Certain Telephonic Digital Added Main Line Systems, Components Thereof, and Products Containing Same; Notice of Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation on The Basis of a Settlement Agreement

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge's (ALJ's) initial determination (ID) (Order No. 23) in the above-captioned investigation terminating the investigation on the basis of a settlement agreement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Jackson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3104. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on the matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This investigation was instituted on August 20, 1997, based on a complaint by Raychem Corp. of Menlo Park, California. 62 F.R. 44290. The respondents named in the investigation are ECI Telecom, Ltd, of Petah Tikva, Israel and ECI Telecom, Inc. of Altamonte Springs, Florida (collectively, ECI). Raychem's complaint alleged that ECI was importing and selling within the United States telephonic digital main line systems which infringed claims 1-7 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,459,729, claims 1, 3-11, and 14-16 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,459,730, and claims 1-5 and 7-11 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,473,613. The patents are held by Raychem.

On January 30, 1998, complainant and respondents to the investigation filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation as to all issues based upon a settlement agreement. The presiding

ALJ issued an ID granting the joint motion on February 10, 1998. He stated that termination based on settlement is generally in the public interest and found no indication that termination of this investigation would have an adverse impact on the public interest. No petitions for review were filed.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and Commission rule 210.42, 19 CFR 210.42.

Copies of the public version of the ALJ's ID, and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation, are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: March 5, 1998.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. 97-15]

#### Cecil E. Oakes, Jr., M.D.; Grant of Restricted Registration

On February 25, 1997, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause to Cecil E. Oakes, Jr., M.D., (Respondent) of Fort Benning, Georgia and Fairfield, California, notifying him of an opportunity to show cause as to why DEA should not deny his applications for registration as a practitioner under 21 U.S.C. 823(f), for reason that such registration would be inconsistent with the public interest.

By letter dated April 1, 1997, Respondent, proceeding pro se, filed a request for a hearing and following prehearing procedures, a hearing was held in San Francisco, California on August 20, 1997, before Administrative Law Judge Gail A. Randall. At the hearing, the Government called witnesses to testify and introduced documentary evidence. Respondent testified on his own behalf. After the hearing, both sides submitted proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and argument. On December 15, 1997, Judge Randall issued her Recommended Rulings, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision, recommending