

**AGENCY:** USDA Rural Development (RD)

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA)

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that RD, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an EA in connection with possible impacts related to the project proposed Del Rio Dairy, of Friona, Texas. The proposal is for construction of an anaerobic digestion facility in Parmer County.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To obtain copies of the EA, or for further information, contact: Terry Czerwien, State Environmental Coordinator, 101 South Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501, at 254-742-9789 or [terry.czerwien@tx.usda.gov](mailto:terry.czerwien@tx.usda.gov). The EA is also available for public review at Amarillo Area Office, 6565 Amarillo Boulevard West, Suite C, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Del Rio Dairy proposes to construct an anaerobic digestion renewable energy facility to convert cow manure to biogas, on approximately 22 acres of land south of Friona.

Analytical Environmental Services, an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RBS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects.

RD has conducted an independent evaluation of the EA and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RD at the address provided. RD will accept questions and comments on the EA for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RD related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

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