

Agricultural Research Service**Notice of Request for Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired**

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's intent to request reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection, the Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals, for which approval has expired.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received 65 days after date of publication to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Alanna J. Moshfegh, Research Leader, Food Surveys Research Group, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4700 River Road, Unit 83, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-8457.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals.

OMB Number: 0518-0020.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 1997.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection, the Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals, for which approval has expired.

Abstract: USDA has been conducting nationwide food surveys since the 1930's as one means of fulfilling its responsibility to ensure the health and well-being of Americans through improved nutrition. USDA food consumption surveys measure the levels and shifts in the food and nutrient content and the nutritional adequacy of U.S. diets over time, and provide other information pertinent to understanding diets and their determinants.

The Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals (CSFII) is a major component of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program (NNMRRP), established by the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (P. L. 101-445). The CSFII addresses the requirement of the 1990 Act for continuous monitoring of the dietary and nutritional status of the U.S. population and trends with respect to

such status by obtaining information on food intakes by individuals. For the CSFII, one national sample of persons from all income- and low-income (130 percent of Federal Poverty guidelines or less) households is drawn from the 50 States and Washington, D.C. Another component of the NNMRRP, the Diet and Health Knowledge Survey (DHKS), is included in the CSFII. The DHKS is the first national survey designed so that data on individuals' attitudes and knowledge about nutrition and health can be linked directly to data on their food and nutrient intakes.

The primary public policy applications of USDA's food consumption survey data include evaluating the adequacy of American diets in relationship to scientific and Federal dietary recommendations and goals. Other applications include monitoring the dietary status of at-risk population subgroups including children, the elderly, low-income, etc.; assessing the nutritional impact of Federal food assistance programs; estimating exposure to pesticide residues, food additives, and contaminants; monitoring and evaluating food use across the population specifically as it relates to food safety issues; developing food fortification, enrichment, and labeling policies and assessing the nutritional impact of those policies; and assessing demand for agricultural products.

Timely food consumption data in an electronic, user-friendly format is a goal essential for meeting the information needs of these applications. The first two years of the next CSFII are anticipated to be the research, development, and testing of a new method to meet this goal, followed by a year of data collection at the national level using the new method.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 90 minutes per response.

Respondents: Non-institutionalized individuals of all ages residing in private households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000 over 3 years.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,000 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Katherine E. Sykes, Food Surveys Research Group, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4700 River Road, Unit 83, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-8457.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Katherine E. Sykes, Food Surveys Research Group, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4700 River Road, Unit 83, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-8457.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Beltsville, MD, October 29, 1996.
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Forest Service**Easton Ridge Timber Sale, Wenatchee National Forest, Kittitas County, WA**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On May 2, 1991, a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Easton Ridge Timber Sale on the Cle Elum Ranger District of the Wenatchee National Forest was published in the Federal Register (56 FR 20184). On June 5, 1991, a revision to the Notice of Intent was printed in the Federal Register (56 FR 25653), in which the comment period concerning the scope of analysis was extended. A Notice of Availability for the draft EIS was published in the Federal Register on June 5, 1992 (57 FR 24038). Forest Service has decided to cancel the EIS process for this proposed action. The Notice of Intent is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this cancellation to Floyd Rogalski, Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 West Second, Cle