

Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 720-9734.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate, 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 9743, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-9743. 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.

Dated: February 5, 1997.

Jan E. Shadburn,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business—Cooperative Service.

Dated: February 18, 1997.

Wally B. Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

Dated: February 20, 1997.

Grant Buntrock,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Collection of Information for the Quality Control Sampling Plans Required by Part 275 of the Food Stamp Program's Regulations on Quality Control

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed information collection for the

Quality Control Sampling Plans required by Part 275 of the Food Stamp Program's regulations on Quality Control.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: John Knaus, Chief, Quality Control Branch, Program Accountability Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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 has 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.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Knaus, (703) 305-2474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food Stamp Program Regulations, Part 275—Quality Control.
OMB Number: 0584-0303.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Expiration Date: 07/31/97.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: As part of the Performance Reporting System, each State agency is required to provide a systematic means of determining the accuracy of household eligibility and measuring the extent to which households receive the food stamp allotment to which they are entitled. The quality control system is designed to provide a basis for determining each State agency's error rates. Quality control data serves as an objective measure of program operations at the State level and is essential to the determination of a State agency's entitlement to an increased Federal share of its administrative costs or liability for sanctions.

To help ensure that quality control data is reliable and unbiased, Section 275.11(a) requires each State agency to

submit a quality control sampling plan to the Food and Consumer Service for approval. The sampling plan is a part of the inclusive State Plan of Operation.

Affected Public: State or local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 266.

Dated: February 26, 1997.

William E. Ludwig

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on March 20, 1997, at the Red Lion Inn in Kelso, Washington, near Interstate 5 at Exit No. 39. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee meeting is to utilize the Province Health Matrix and Watershed Analyses to advise on proposed timber sales for the Cowlitz, Lewis, Wind River, and White Salmon Basins. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) 1997-1998 Timber Sale Program, with in-depth presentations on the Cowlitz Basin, (2) Updates from Subcommittees on the Social and Economic Indicators of Basin Health, Field Trips and Committee Work Priorities, and (3) Public Open Forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled as part of agenda item (4) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Sue Lampe, Public Affairs, at (360) 750-5091, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 6926 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., PO Box 8944, Vancouver, WA 98668-8944.