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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department of Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250–7602.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–6204 or (202) 720–6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Farm Service Agency
Title: Potato Diversion Program—7 CFR part 80.
OMB Control Number: 0560–0145.
Summary of Collection: Producers must fill out an application to participate in the potato diversion program.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to implement provisions of the potato diversion program.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other-for-profit.
Number of Respondents: 2,000.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 11,000.

Foreign Agricultural Service
Title: Regulations covering CCC’s Facility Guarantee Program.
OMB Control Number: 0551–0032.
Summary of Collection: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) requires that application be submitted to participate in the Facility Guarantee Program (FGP). A request to become an eligible participant in the FGP is included in the application. This information ensures CCC that all participants have a business office in the United States. The information contained within the application is used to determine a sale eligibility for FGP coverage.

Need and Use of the Information: The collection of this information is necessary in order to determine eligibility for participation in the Facility Guarantee Program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other-for-profit.
Number of Respondents: 25.
Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion; Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 5,160.

Animal and Plant Inspection Service
Title: Marine Mammals.
OMB Control Number: 0579–0115.
Summary of Collection: Records must be kept on the treatment of marine mammals.

Need and Use of the Information: Information is used to ensure exhibitors, research facilities, carriers, etc. are in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and regulations and standards promulgated under the authority of the Act.

Description of Respondents: Business or other-for-profit; Not-for-profit; institutions.
Number of Respondents: 135.
Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Report: On occasion;
Food and Consumer Service

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

Summary of Collection: The Food Stamp Act of 1997 requires each State agency administering the Food Stamp Program to submit a plan of operation specifying the manner in which the program is conducted. Each State agency is required to provide a systematic means of determining a State agency's payment error rate, enhanced administrative funding, or claim for payment error.

Need and Use of the Information: Data is used to help assure that Quality Control data is reliable.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping: Reporting; Annually. Total Burden Hours: 266.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service


OMB Control Number: 0579–0093.

Summary of Collection: Regulated facilities are provided an opportunity to request a variance from the perimeter fence requirements.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to evaluate the respondent's proposed plan to provide for the security and safety of the regulated animals.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 8,200.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping: Reporting; On occasion; Weekly; Semi-annually; Annually. Total Burden Hours: 44,303.

Donald Hulcher,
Divisional Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB–97–08]

Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name: Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee
Date: June 27, 1997.
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Tobacco Division, Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation Building, Room 223, 1306 Annapolis Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27608.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, establish submarketing areas, discuss selling schedules and recommend opening dates. The Committee will also update the 1997 policies and procedures and review other related matters for the 1997 flue-cured tobacco marketing season.

The meeting is open to the public. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee at the meeting should contact John P. Duncan III, Director, Tobacco Division, AMS, USDA, Room 502 Annex Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090–6456, (202) 205–0657, prior to the meeting. Written statements may be submitted to the Committee before, at, or after the meeting.

John P. Duncan III,
Director, Tobacco Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, intends to grant to AgriTech Electronics, L.C., of Chanute, Kansas, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent 5,408,956, issued April 25, 1995, "Method and Apparatus for Controlling Animals with Electronic Fencing." Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register on September 24, 1993.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Janet I. Stockhausen, USDA, Forest Service, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53705–2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet I. Stockhausen of the USDA Forest Service at the Madison address given above; telephone: 608–231–9502.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as AgriTech Electronics, L.C., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective license may be granted unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, the Forest Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,
Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Willamette Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Willamette PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, June 19; and on Friday, June 27, 1997. The meetings will be held at the Salem BLM Office, 1717 Fabry Rd SE; Salem, Oregon 97306; phone (503) 375–5642. The meeting on Thursday, June 19 is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m. The tentative agenda includes: (1) Report from the Little Sandy Watershed Subcommittee, (2) Public Forum, (3) Advisory Committee discussion on Little Sandy, and (4) Status of Province implementation monitoring for 1997. The public forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3–4 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the Public Forum. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the June 19th meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester at the address given below.

The meeting on Friday, June 27, will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 12:00 Noon. The tentative agenda includes: (1) Advisory Committee recommendations on Little