

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice (97-150)]

**NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Space Science Advisory Committee (SScAC), Solar System Exploration Subcommittee; Meeting****AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Space Science Advisory Committee, Solar System Exploration Subcommittee.

**DATES:** Wednesday, November 19, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Thursday, November 20, 1997, 8:30-5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Program Review Center, Room 9H44, 300 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 205446.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carl Pilcher, Code S, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-2470.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Revisit issues from April
- OSS update
- Breckenridge review and strategic plans status
- Process for outer planet mission sequence decisions
- Launch year sensitivities
- Mars program issues

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: October 7, 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. 97-087-1]

**Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection****AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request approval for additional hours associated with a currently approved information collection in support of the National Animal Health Monitoring System's Beef '97 and Equine '98 national studies.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by December 15, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 97-087-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 97-087-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For information regarding the National Animal Health Monitoring System, contact Ms. Marj Swanson, Program Specialist, Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health, VS, APHIS, 555 S. Howes, Suite 100, Fort Collins, CO 80521; (970) 490-7978. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* National Animal Health Monitoring System (Beef 1997 and Equine 1998).

*OMB Number:* 0579-0079.*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 1999.

*Type of Request:* Addendum to increase hours of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is to deliver statistically-valid and scientifically-sound animal health information to consumers, animal health officials, private practitioners, animal industry groups, policy makers, public health officials, media, educational institutions, and others.

Information for the NAHMS Equine '98 study will be derived from data voluntarily collected on a national basis from people involved in the equine (horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules) industry. The information collected will be used to estimate risk factors for regional and national prevalence of specific pathogens; support the industry goal of providing optimal health care for equids by determining current practices in health management; provide baseline estimates of equine health conditions; provide information on mortality and morbidity as it relates to body system categories such as respiratory disease, colic, and lameness; and determine the cost of the disease.

Information for the NAHMS Beef '97 study will be derived from data voluntarily collected on a national basis from producers in the beef cow/calf industry. The information collected is used to identify baseline trends in health management practices and disease, determine risks for new and emerging animal health issues, and assess the economic importance of beef cow/calf health and disease.

After pretesting the Beef '97 forms, it was determined that the actual amount of time needed to complete one of the forms was greater than expected and that five new forms were needed to collect additional data on breeding, herd management, and biosecurity practices. Eleven new forms were identified through the needs assessment phase for Equine '98. These forms will be used to collect biological samples and data on management practices, biosecurity, general health, and cost of disease. The figures below represent the recalculated burden.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the use of this information collection activity.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our