

**ACTION:** Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Plowed Terrace Demonstration Project, Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

This is a demonstration project and will evaluate potential impacts attributed to plowed terraces and vegetative plantings to be installed in shallow open water areas. The project area includes approximately 3,250 acres of open water and fragmented marsh. Project features include the construction of approximately 54,000 linear feet of earthen terraces followed by the planting of vegetation on the side slopes of the terraces.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

**Donald W. Gohmert,**

State Conservationist.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 1944, subpart L, "Tenant Grievance and Appeals Procedure."

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 20, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ernest W. Harris, Senior Loan Specialist, USDA, Rural Housing Service, STOP 0782, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0782, Telephone: (202) 720-1613.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 7 CFR 1944, Subpart L, "Tenant Grievance and Appeals Procedure."

*OMB Number:* 0575-0046.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 1998.

*Type of Request:* Extension of the currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The regulation promulgates the procedure by which tenants, cooperative members, and applicants for occupancy may appeal adverse actions by owner/managers of multi-family housing projects financed by RHS. Such adverse actions include cases whereby which tenants, cooperative members, or applicants have received written notice that assistance provided by RHS is being denied, substantially reduced or terminated.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average .41 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, state or local governments, small businesses or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 83 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 720-9734.

## Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Housing Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Rural Housing Service'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 Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0743, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250. 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: November 6, 1997.

**Jan E. Shadburn,**

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This collection has been submitted under the emergency Paperwork Reduction Act procedures.

*Agency:* Minority Business Development Agency.

*Title:* Competitive Application Packages for Funding to Operate Technical Assistance Projects (SF-424 and the Evaluation Criteria).

*Agency Form Number:* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0640-0006.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired—Emergency Review.

*Burden:* 12,000 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 180.