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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, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to EnviroLogix Incorporated of Portland, Maine, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/544,748 filed October 18, 1995, entitled, "Monoclonal Antibodies to Potato, Tomato, and Eggplant Glycoalkaloids and Assays for the Same." Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on July 18, 1996.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, PWA, WRRRC, 800 Buchanan Street, Room 2010, Albany, California 94710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha Steinbock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Albany address given above; telephone: 510-559-5641.

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 EnviroLogix Incorporated has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research 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.

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Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Collect Information

AGENCY: Economic Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Economic Research Service's (ERS) intention to request approval for a new information collection on supplemental food security questions for the August 1998 Current Population Survey. These data will be used to develop a scale of household level food security in the United States, to assess changes in food security for population subgroups, to assess performance of domestic food assistance programs, and to provide information to aid in public policy decision making.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 8, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact David M. Smallwood, Deputy Director for Food Assistance Research, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street NW Room 2145, Washington, D.C. 20036-5831, 202-694-5466.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for August Food Security Supplement to the Current Population Survey, 1998.

Type of Request: Approval to collect information on household food insecurity.

Abstract: The U.S. Bureau of the Census will supplement the August

1998 Current Population Survey (CPS) with questions regarding household food shopping, food sufficiency, coping mechanisms and food scarcity, and concern about food sufficiency. A similar supplement was also appended to the CPS in April 1995, September 1996, and April 1997.

ERS is responsible for conducting studies and evaluations of the Nation's food assistance programs that are administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Department spends about \$37 billion each year to ensure access to more nutritious, healthful diets for all Americans. The Food and Nutrition Service administers the 15 food assistance programs of the USDA including the Food Stamp and Child Nutrition Programs, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). These programs, which serve 1 in 6 Americans, represent our nation's commitment to the principle that no one in our country should fear hunger or experience want. They provide a safety net to people in need. The programs' goals are to provide needy persons with access to a more nutritious diet, to improve the eating habits of the nation's children, and to help America's farmers by providing an outlet for the distribution of food purchased under farmer assistance authorities.

These data will be used to develop a scale of food security reflecting a range from food secure households through households experiencing severe food insecurity. Ultimately, this scale will be used to identify the prevalence of poverty-linked food insecurity and hunger experienced in the United States. The purpose of this project is to provide a consistent measure of the extent and severity of food insecurity that will aid in policy decision making. The supplemental survey instrument has been used in the prior collections. This supplemental information will be collected by both personal visit and telephone interviews in conjunction with the regular monthly CPS interviewing. All interviews, whether by personal visit or by telephone, are conducted using computers.

Estimates of Burden: Public reporting burden for this data collection is estimated to average 8 minutes.

Respondents: Individuals or households.