the Secretary on Federal and State meat and poultry programs pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act. The FSIS Administrator is the Committee Chair. Committee membership is drawn from representatives of consumer groups, producers, processors, and marketers from the meat and poultry industry and State government officials.

The current members of the Committee are:

Dr. Deloran M. Allen, Excel Corporation
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Terry Burkhardt, Wisconsin Bureau of Meat Safety and Inspection
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The Committee has three standing subcommittees to deliberate on specific issues and make recommendations to the whole Committee and the Secretary of Agriculture. The Committee encourages interested persons to attend and submit comments. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Done in Washington, DC, on: March 26, 1998.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.
Title: MAF and TIGER Update Activities.
Form Number(s): Will vary by activity.
Agency Approval Number: 0607-0809.
Type of Request: Revision of an existing collection.
Burden: 146,662 hours.
Number of Respondents: 5,357,993.
Avg Hours Per Response: About 1.64 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of the generic clearance for a number of activities it plans to conduct to create and update its Master Address File (MAF) and maintain the linkage between the MAF and the Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) data base of address ranges and associated geographic information. The Census Bureau plans to use the MAF for mailing and delivering questionnaires to households for Census 2000 and as a sampling frame for the American Community Survey and our other demographic current surveys. In the past, the Census Bureau has built a new address list for each decennial census. The MAF we are building during Census 2000 is meant to be kept current thereafter, eliminating the need to build a completely new address list for future censuses and surveys. The TIGER is a geographic system that maps the entire country in Census Blocks with applicable address range or living quarter location information. Linking MAF and TIGER allows us to assign each address to the appropriate Census Block, produce maps as needed and publish results at the appropriate level of geographic detail.

The generic clearance for the past three years has proved to be very beneficial to the Census Bureau. The generic clearance has allowed us to focus our limited resources on actual operational planning and development of procedures. This extension will be especially beneficial over the upcoming three years by allowing us to focus on the huge amount of other work involved in making Census 2000 happen.

The activities to be conducted are:
Address Listing, Block Canvassing, Field Verification For Local Update of Census Addresses, Update/Leave, Urban Update/Leave, List/Enumerate, Master Address File Quality Improvement Program, and Master Address File Update for Otero County, New Mexico.

Under the terms of this extension to the generic clearance, we will not submit a separate clearance package for each updating activity. We will send a letter to OMB at least five days before the planned start of each activity that gives more exact details, examples of forms, and final estimates of respondent burden. We will also file a year-end summary with OMB after the close of each fiscal year giving results of each activity conducted.

The total respondent burden associated with this clearance is increasing considerably. This increase is an expected result of the normal decennial census cycle. The current clearance covered only some small test activities plus some early Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal activities. This request will cover the bulk of the Dress Rehearsal activities plus all of the Census 2000 MAF and TIGER update activities. Our intention when the generic clearance was established was to maintain it throughout the decennial and beyond to support the stated objective of “update[ing] the MAF and TIGER data base on a regular basis so they will be available for use in conducting the 2000 decennial census* * *”