

Sale of Products"; FmHA 441-18, "Consent to Payment of Proceeds from Sale of Farm Products"; FmHA 441-25, "Assignment of Proceeds from the Sale of Dairy Products and Release of Security Interest". The FSA loan approval official must determine that adequate security and repayment ability exists before a loan is granted and that funds are used only for those purposes authorized by law.

Description of Respondents: Farm; individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 52,210.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 11,012.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Agreement For The Use of Proceeds/Release of Chattel Security.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0171.

Summary of Collection: The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) requires release of normal income security to pay essential household and farm operating expenses of the borrower, until the Farm Service Agency (FSA) accelerates the loans. The FSA agreed in the consent decree to approve a borrower's planned use of proceeds from the disposition of their chattel security, record any changes to planned use, and record the actual disposition of chattel security for the year of operation. FSA will collect information on the actual and planned disposition of chattel security through the use of form FmHA 1962-I.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collected will be from FSA borrowers who may be individual farmers or farming partnerships or corporations. The collection is on an individual-case basis by FSA staff directly from the borrower.

Description of Respondents: Farms; business or other for-profit; individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 56,075.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 18,505.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Extension of the Period for Providing Comments Concerning the Proposed Revision of the NRCS Policy for Nutrient Management Technical and Program Assistance Activities

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Extension of the period for providing comments concerning the proposed revision of the NRCS policy for nutrient management technical and program assistance activities.

SUMMARY: NRCS advertised a notice of intention to adopt a revised policy for nutrient management related technical and program assistance activities in the **Federal Register** on April 22, 1998 (63FR19889). This notice is located on pages 19889-19892 (Vol 63, Number 77). Published with the notice was draft 10a of the proposed policy. Because of the significant public interest in this proposed policy revision, NRCS has extended the comment period for an additional thirty (30) days.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Comments must be received by July 22, 1998. This revised policy will be adopted after the close of the comment period. It will be issued as either part 503 of the NRCS National Agronomy Manual or in the NRCS General Manual.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or comments about this policy should be directed to the Ecological Sciences Division, NRCS, Washington, DC. Submit questions or comments in writing to Charles H. Lander, Nutrient Management Specialist, NRCS, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6155-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes through July 22, 1998. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments, and a final determination of change will be made.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 10, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of intent to hold scoping meeting and prepare an environmental assessment and/or environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794) proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its Federal action related to a proposal by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., to construct a 100 megawatt simple cycle electric generating plant in Southeast Missouri.

Meeting Information

RUS will conduct a scoping meeting in an open house forum on Thursday, July 23, 1998, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the commission courtroom at the Stoddard County Courthouse in Bloomfield Missouri. The courthouse is located at 305 East Court Street.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utility Service, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468. Bob's E-mail address is bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., proposes to construct the plant at one of two potential sites. These sites are in the Missouri counties of Butler and Stoddard. The site in Butler County is located on State Highway 51, 1.7 miles north and 1.0 mile east of Fagus and the site in Stoddard County is located 1.2 miles east of Idalia on County Road E.

The proposed project is a nominal 100 megawatt simple cycle combustion turbine. It will be a single fuel gas-fired combustion turbine that will be