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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 8, 1999.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OClO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: SMI Implementation Study Year 2 Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0485.

Summary of Collection: The framework for implementation of the School Meals initiative for Healthy Children was initially proposed under the Healthy Meals Americans Act of 1994 (PL 103-448), enacted on November 2, 1994. The legislation was later amended under the Healthy Meals for Children Act of 1996 (PL 104-149), signed May 29, 1996. In 1993, the U.S. Department of Agriculture launched the most far-reaching reform of the school lunch program since it was established over a half century ago. The central purpose of the reform is to upgrade the nutritional content of school meals. The several activities that are now underway as part of this reform are collectively termed the "School Meals Initiative (SMI)." This second year study will collect and analyze information relating to implementation of the SMI and data gathered in a base year survey as well as to other issues pertaining to administration of the school-based child nutrition programs administered by the USDA. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information using a mail and telephone survey to evaluate the implementation of the USDA's School Meals Initiative.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information on how the regulation is being implemented at the SFA and State level so that program improvement can be made. FNS will examine how food service operations and activities are affected by the implementation of SMI and will examine the role the State Agency has played in assisting public SFAs in the selection and implementation of new menu planning systems. FNS will use the information in administering implementation of the School Meals Initiative and in performing its continuing oversight responsibilities. It will also be used by Child Nutrition Programs in the states.

Description of Respondents: Not for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,039.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Other (One-time).

Total Burden Hours: 2,014.

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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 EnerGenetics International, Inc., of Nauvoo, Illinois, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,432,265 issued on July 11, 1995, entitled "Process for the Continuous Removal of Products for High Pressure Systems." Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 1993, for U.S. Patent No. 5,432,265.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

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 EnerGenetics International, Inc., 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