

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 should reference OMB No. 0581-0142 and California Olive Marketing Order No. 932, and be sent to Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525-S, Washington, DC 20090-6456; Fax: (202) 720-5698; or E-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address and will become a matter of public record.

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: January 31, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[AMS-00-02]

#### Guidelines for AMS Oversight of Commodity Research and Promotion Programs

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the comment period for notice seeking comments on the "Guidelines for AMS Oversight of Commodity Research and Promotion Programs" (Guidelines). The extension will provide interested persons with additional time in which to prepare and submit comments on the notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice to: Barbara C. Robinson, Deputy Associate Administrator, Room 3069 South Bldg., U.S. Department of Agriculture, AMS, OA, Washington, D.C. 20250; telephone (202) 720-4276; fax (202) 690-3967. Comments should be submitted in triplicate and will be made available for public inspection at the above address

during regular business hours.

Comments may also be submitted electronically to: public.comments@usda.gov. All comments should indicate the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. A copy of this notice may be found at: www.AMS.USDA.Gov/R&P/.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 17, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** Doc. 99-32730, a notice seeking comments on the Guidelines. Comments were to be received on or before March 17, 2000. The notice was authorized under the following Federal statutes: the Beef Promotion and Research [7 U.S.C. 2901-2911]; the Canola and Rapeseed Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 7441-7452]; the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 [7 U.S.C. 7411-7425]; the Cotton Research and Promotion Act [7 U.S.C. 2101-2118]; the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 [7 U.S.C. 4501-4513]; the Egg Research and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 2701-2718]; the Floral Research and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 4301-4319]; the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6401-6417]; the Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 6801-6814]; the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, as amended [7 U.S.C. 4601-4612]; the Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, as amended [7 U.S.C. 6201-6212]; the Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6101-6112]; the National Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 7461-7473]; the Pecan Promotion and Research Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6001-6013]; the Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 7481-7491]; the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 4801-4819]; the Potato Research and Promotion Act, as amended [7 U.S.C. 2611-2627]; the Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1994 [7 U.S.C. 7101-7111]; the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 6301-6311]; the Watermelon Research and Promotion Act, as amended [7 U.S.C. 4901-4916]; and the Wheat and Wheat Foods Research and Nutrition Education Act [7 U.S.C. 3401-3417].

There are currently 13 active programs under these statutes: beef, cotton, dairy, eggs, fluid milk, honey,

mushrooms, peanuts, popcorn, pork, potatoes, soybeans, and watermelons.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) developed the guidelines to facilitate uniform oversight of these and any future national research and promotion programs. The guidelines are part of the findings and recommendations of the Research and Promotion Task Force (task force) that was created by Secretary Glickman in November 1998. The task force held a public meeting in March 1999 and held several working meetings to review the oversight responsibilities of AMS and board operations.

In response to requests from several organizations for additional time to comment, we are extending the comment period until June 30, 2000. This action will allow interested groups, individuals, and other entities additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Alabama Electric Cooperative; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from Alabama Electric Cooperative for financing assistance to finance the construction of the a 496 megawatt combined cycle electric generation plant in Covington County, Alabama.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed plant will be constructed on a site adjacent to the existing Alabama Electric Cooperative's McWilliams Plant located near Gantt in Covington County, Alabama. It will be made up of two combustion turbines which have the potential to generate 166 megawatts each. The exhaust gas from each