

is estimated to average .4818 hours per response.

Respondents: Foreign investors, corporate employees, farm managers or attorneys.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,375.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,108 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(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 collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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 be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Patricia A. Blevins, Agricultural Foreign Investment Specialist, Regulatory Review and Foreign Investment Disclosure Branch, Operations Review and Analysis Staff, USDA, STOP 0540, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0540, (202) 720-0604.

All comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 8, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Revision to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide; Oregon and Washington State

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 343 of Subtitle E of the Federal Agriculture

Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIRA) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide public notice and comment under Section 553 of Title 5, United States Code, with regard to any future technical guides that are used to carry out Subtitles A, B, and C of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice of revisions to applicable conservation practices in Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) located in Oregon and Washington State.

The proposed revisions to conservation practices in Section IV of State Technical Guides are subject to these provisions, since one or more could be used as part of a conservation management system to comply with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation or Wetland Conservation requirements.

At this time, two versions of conservation practice standard 777 Residue Management, Direct Seed (Interim) are being added and/or revised to Section IV of the FOTG; one for Oregon and one for Washington (see below):

- Residue Management, Direct Seed (Interim) (Oregon)—NRCS Code Number 777
- Residue Management, Direct Seed (Interim) (Washington)—NRCS Code Number 777

You may request a hard copy of the practice standards and provide your comments to:

Oregon

Roy Carlson, State Resource Conservationist, 101 SW Main Street, Suite 1300, Portland, OR, 97204-3221, (503) 414-3277

Washington

Marty Seamons, Program Support Specialist, W. 316 Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, WA 99201-2348, (509) 323-2967

You may also obtain a copy of both Oregon and/or Washington's practice standard by accessing the NRCS Washington State Internet website. The internet address is: <http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/nrcs/>

Click on "Field Office Technical Guide" on the left side of the page, then click on "Section IV," then "Index of Draft Standards and Specifications for Review and Comment," and finally click on the blue star of the appropriate standard.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

Leonard Jordan,

State Conservationist.

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AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council.

ACTION: Notice of Special Public Outreach Hearing for the State of California and a Public Business Meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of a special public outreach meeting of the Council with representatives from the State of California to discuss Amtrak's California services and the California State Rail Program. The Council has invited to the Outreach Hearing, various state legislators, California Department of Transportation officials, various rail corridor officials, rail commuter officials, and Amtrak executives. They will discuss all aspects of current and future intercity railroad passenger service in the State of California.

DATES: The Special Public Outreach Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Business Meeting will be held on Friday, May 19, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Both the Hearing and Business Meeting are opened to the general public.

ADDRESSES: Both the Outreach Hearing and Business Meeting will take place in the Folsom Room at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061. You can also visit the ARC's website at www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov, for information regarding ARC's upcoming events, the agenda for meetings, the ARC's First Annual Report, information about the ARC Staff and the Council Members and much more.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions;