

committees or boards. Other questions would focus on developing an understanding of what motivates participation by committee or board members in providing oversight of marketing order and agreement committees and boards. The interviews would be conducted by a contractor and are estimated to take approximately one hour.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect qualitative information to develop a baseline for understanding how to work with all industry representatives more effectively, how to assist existing members in clarifying perceived barriers to more effective oversight by industry members, and how to help AMS support leadership growth. Ultimately, AMS hopes to use the information gathered to lay the groundwork for a Leadership Development Program that would increase participation by all groups in committee and board activities.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 50.

Agency has requested emergency approval by August 18, 2000.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Assessment of Computer Matching in the Food Stamp Program.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is responsible for the development and implementation of national Food Stamp Program policy. State agencies are responsible for administration of the Food Stamp Program with FNS monitoring State operations and evaluating performance. One method used by States to verify the eligibility of new food stamp applicants and the continuing eligibility of current recipients is computer matching. A variety of databases are available for this use. FNS plans to conduct a census of the State agencies to gather current information on (1) How States use external databases that have been available to them for several years; and (2) newer matching strategies that have been suggested as relevant to the Food Stamp program or mandated by legislation. The study will be conducted with the support of a contractor who will use telephone interviews as a means of gaining answers to a set of predetermined questions.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected in this study will provide FNS with a comprehensive overview of how States are currently using computer

matching strategies for error reduction in the Food Stamp Program. The results of the study will provide FNS with valuable information that can inform decision making; assist in policy development; and influence program design decisions. The primary users of the information will be FNS headquarters, FNS regional offices, State Food Stamp agencies, Congress and other Federal agencies concerned with program integrity issues. If this information is not collected, then FNS' ability to improve the integrity of the Food Stamp Program with respect to computer matching will be impaired.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 16.

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

Total Burden Hours: 212.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-031N]

National Conference on Animal Production Food Safety

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is cosponsoring, with the USDA's Agriculture Research Service, the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, the Agriculture Marketing Service and the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine and Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, a National Conference on Animal Production Food Safety. The meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on September 6-7, 2000. The purpose of the conference will be to review the status of food safety at the food animal production level, to provide an update on industry quality assurance activities, and to review ongoing research in support of animal production food safety practices.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 6-7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis, One St. Louis Union Station, St. Louis, MO,

(314) 231-1234 or (800) 233-1234. On September 6, the meeting time will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On September 7, the meeting time will be 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Submit one original and two copies of written comments to: FSIS Docket Room, Docket #00-031N, Room 102 Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting, contact Debi Seymour, Federation of Animal Science Societies, (217) 356-3182 in Savoy, IL. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations, please notify Ms. Seymour 7 days before the meeting. For technical information contact Mr. Dan Vitiello, Animal Production Food Safety Staff, FSIS, by Telephone (202) 690-2676, FAX (202) 720-8213, or e-mail dan.vitiello@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Administration's Draft Preliminary Food Safety Strategic Plan (available on www.foodsafety.gov), states that the foundation of any food safety system includes the articulation and implementation of a unified research agenda to provide the scientific knowledge needed for prevention, monitoring, surveillance, inspection, regulation, and education programs. It also suggests that there are a number of challenges to improving the scientific basis of the food safety system. For example, it states that gaps exist in our knowledge of microbial pathogens and in our ability to measure their impact on human health. It also notes that the limited knowledge about microbial contamination hampers efforts to develop on-farm preventative controls and systems of testing.

The National Conference will review the current status of food safety at the food animal production level, provide an update on industry quality assurance activities, and review ongoing research in support of animal production food safety practices. The National Conference will provide an opportunity for discussion of (1) gaps in research to address food safety at the animal production level and (2) what additional educational efforts are needed to improve food safety at the animal production level.

Participation in the conference will be limited to available seating

(approximately 250 people). The target audience for the conference includes representatives from food safety regulatory agencies, producers, animal producer organizations, veterinarians, animal scientists, agricultural educators, extension agents, researchers, consumers, and others with interest in food safety.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on-line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC on: August 14, 2000.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information

collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 16, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4036 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202)720-9550. FAX: (202)720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for reinstatement.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

Title: Section 306C WWD Loans and Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0109.

Type of Request: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: Section 306C of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926c) authorizes the Rural Utilities Service to make loans and grants to low-income rural communities whose residents face significant health risks. These communities do not have access to, or are not served by, adequate affordable

water supply systems or waste disposal facilities. The loans and grants will be available to provide water and waste disposal facilities and services to these communities, as determined by the Secretary. The Section 306C WWD Loans and Grants program is administered through 7 CFR Part 1777.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 17.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Not for profits; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,050 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Michele Brooks, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202)690-1078. FAX: (202)720-4120.

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: August 11, 2000.

Christopher A. McLean,
Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1114]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 174, Tucson, Arizona

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the City of Tucson, Arizona, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 174, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 174 (Site 2) within the Century Park Research Center in Tucson, Arizona, within the Tucson Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 56-99; filed 11/8/99);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 63785, 11/22/99) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and