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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Food Stamp Program—Quality Control

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection. This notice is an extension of the currently approved information collection burden for the Quality Control (QC) system which includes the sampling plan and the arbitration and good cause processes. This part of the QC system burden has been approved through June 30, 2001.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 11, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Retha Oliver, Chief, Quality Control Branch, Program Accountability Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. You may FAX comments to us at (703) 305-0928 or e-mail at [Retha.Oliver@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Retha.Oliver@fns.usda.gov). You may also download an electronic version of this notice at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/> and comment via the Internet at the same address. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your message, contact us directly at (703) 305-2474.

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.

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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Retha Oliver, (703) 305-2474 or e-mail at [Retha.Oliver@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Retha.Oliver@fns.usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Food Stamp Program Regulations, Part 275—Quality Control.  
*OMB Number:* 0584-0303.

*Expiration Date:* June 30, 2001.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

*Abstract:* These burdens are required by Part 275 of the Food Stamp Program regulations on QC. The reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with the Food Stamp Program QC System is approved through June 30, 2001, under OMB No. 0584-0303. The approved burden for the QC system includes the burden for the QC sampling plan and the arbitration and good cause processes. The annual reporting burden associated with the QC sampling plan is 265 hours per year. The annual reporting burdens associated with arbitration and good cause processes are estimated to total 1643 and 1917 respectively. The annual recordkeeping burden associated with the QC sampling plan is 1.25 hours per year. The annual recordkeeping burdens associated with arbitration and good cause processes are estimated to total 3.89 and .28 respectively. The total annual burden for the QC system, as proposed by this notice, is 3830 hours.

The QC system contains procedures for resolving differences in review findings between State agencies and FNS. This is referred to as the arbitration process. The QC system also

contains procedures which provide relief for State agencies from all or a part of a QC liability when a State agency can demonstrate that a part or all of an excessive error rate was due to an unusual event which had an uncontrollable impact on the State agency's payment error rate.

#### Quality Control System Reporting Burden Associated With the Sampling Plan, Arbitration, and Good Cause

##### 1. Sampling Plan

*Affected Public:* State agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 265.

##### 2. Arbitration Process

*Affected Public:* State agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent:* 3.1.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 10 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1643.

##### 3. Good Cause Process

*Affected Public:* State agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 0.226.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 160 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1917.

#### Quality Control System Recordkeeping Burden Associated With the Sampling Plan, Arbitration, and Good Cause

##### 1. Sampling Plan

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 53.

*Estimated Number of Records Per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Staff Hours Per Recordkeeping:* .0236.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1.25.

##### 2. Arbitration Process

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 53.

*Estimated Number of Records Per Respondent:* 3.1.

*Estimated Staff Hours Per Recordkeeping:* .0236.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3.89.

### 3. Good Cause Process

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 53.

*Estimated Number of Records:* .226.

*Estimated Staff Hours Per Recordkeeping:* .0236.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* .28.

*The Combined Quality Control System Burden (includes the burdens associated with the Sampling Plan, Arbitration and Good Cause):* 3830 hours.

Dated: April 5, 2001.

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*Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Availability of Appealable Decisions

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice—Availability of appealable decisions; legal notice for availability for comment of decisions that may be appealable under 36 CFR part 215.

**SUMMARY:** Responsible Officials in the Southwestern Region will publish notices of availability for comment and notices of decisions that may be subject to administrative appeal under 36 CFR part 215. These notices will be published in the legal notice section of the newspapers listed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. As provided in 36 CFR 215.5 and 215.9, such notice shall constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice for comment and notice of decisions that may be subject to administrative appeal. Newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in addition to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested in or affected by a specific decision.

**DATES:** Use of these newspapers for the purpose of publishing legal notices for comment and decisions that may be subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215 shall begin April 11, 2001 and continue until further notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Southwestern Region, ATTN: Regional Appeals Coordinator,

333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102-3498.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christina Gonzalez, 505-842-3219.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Responsible Officials in the Southwestern Region will give legal notice of decisions that may be subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215 in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service administrative unit. Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the primary newspaper which shall be used to constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive notice for comment and for decisions that may be subject to administrative appeal. As provided in 36 CFR 215.5, the time frame for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of a notice for decision in the primary newspaper.

Notice by Regional Forester of Availability for Comment and Decisions affecting New Mexico Forests: "Albuquerque Journal", published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, for comment and decisions affecting National Forest System Lands in the State of New Mexico and for any decisions of Region-wide impact.

Notice by Regional Forester of Availability for Comment and Decisions affecting Arizona Forests: "The Arizona Republic" published daily in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, for comment and decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of Arizona and for any decisions of Region-wide impact.

Notice by Regional Forester of Availability for Comments and Decisions affecting National Grasslands in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas: Kiowa National Grassland in Colfax, Harding, Mora and Union Counties, New Mexico: "Union County Leader", published weekly on Wednesday in Clayton, Union County, New Mexico. Rita Blanca National Grassland in Cimarron County, Oklahoma: "Boise City News", published weekly on Wednesday in Boise City, Cimarron County, Oklahoma. Rita Blanca National Grassland in Dallam County, Texas: "The Dalhart Texan", published on Tuesday and Saturday in Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas. Black Kettle National Grassland in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma: "Cheyenne Star", published weekly on Thursday in Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. Black Kettle National Grassland in Hemphill County, Texas: "The Canadian Record", published weekly on Thursday in Canadian, Hemphill County, Texas. McClellan

Creek National Grassland in Gray County, Texas: "The Pampa News", published on Friday and Sunday in Pampa, Gray County, Texas.

#### Arizona National Forests

##### *Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests*

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions: "The White Mountain Independent", published Tuesday and Friday in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions: Alpine District: "The White Mountain Independent", published Tuesday and Friday in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona. Chevelon District: "The White Mountain Independent", published Tuesday and Friday in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona. Clifton District: "Copper Era", published weekly on Wednesday in Clifton, Greenlee County, Arizona. Heber District: "The White Mountain Independent", published Tuesday and Friday in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona. Lakeside District: "The White Mountain Independent", published Tuesday and Friday in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona. Springerville District: "The White Mountain Independent", published Tuesday and Friday in Show Low and Navajo County, Arizona.

##### *Coconino National Forest*

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and Decisions: "Arizona Daily Sun", published daily, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona.

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions: Beaver Creek District: "Arizona Daily Sun", published daily, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona. Blue Ridge District: "Arizona Daily Sun", published daily, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona. Peaks District: "Arizona Daily Sun", published daily, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona. Long Valley District: "Arizona Daily Sun", published daily, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona. Mormon Lake District: "Arizona Daily Sun", published daily, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona. Sedona District: "Arizona Daily Sun", published daily, in Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona. Sedona District: "Red Rock News", published Wednesday and Friday in Sedona, Coconino County, Arizona.

##### *Coronado National Forest*

Notice by Forest Supervisor of Availability for Comment and