B. *New Business*

- Auditors' Report on FCA FY 2008/ 2007 Financial Statements
- Registration of Loan Originators Under the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008

C. *Reports*

- OE Quarterly Report

Closed Session *

- Update on OE Oversight Activities

Dated: January 5, 2009.

Roland E. Smith,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Management and Administrative Matters.

Individuals who plan to attend and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Mary Dove, Commission Secretary, at (202) 694–1040, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing date.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 9, 2009, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

* Session Closed—Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Robert Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

Darlene Harris,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice Regarding Revisions to the Laboratory Protocol To Measure the Quantity of Nicotine Contained in Smokeless Tobacco Products Manufactured, Imported, or Packaged in the United States

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice and Summary of Public Comments.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the uniform protocol for the analysis of nicotine, total moisture, and pH in smokeless tobacco products (''Protocol''). The Protocol, originally published in the **Federal Register** in 1999 (64 FR 14086) and revised in the **Federal Register** on March 14, 2008 (73 FR 13903), implements the requirement of the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act (CSTHEA) of 1986 (15 U.S.C. 4401 *et seq.,* Pub. L. 99–252) that each person manufacturing, packaging, or importing smokeless tobacco products shall annually provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) with a specification of the quantity of nicotine contained in each smokeless tobacco product. CDC re-published the notice in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 2008 (73 FR 35395) concerning the revision of the Protocol (1) To make a technical change to correct the date when the first report of information under the revised Protocol is due and (2) to solicit public comments concerning a change in the Protocol that increased the volume of water in the pH determination from 10 mL to 20 mL, and (3) to solicit public comments concerning the addition of the following commercial smokeless tobacco product categories: dry snuff portion packs, snus, snus portion packs, and pellet or compressed. This Notice also includes a summary of public comments and CDC's response to them.

The Protocol as published in the **Federal Register** on March 14, 2008 (73 FR 13903), remains in effect with the technical correction to the date as described in the **Federal Register** notice published on June 23, 2008 (73 FR 35395).

DATES: First report of information due June 30, 2009, with subsequent submissions due by March 31 of each year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Matthew McKenna, M.D., Director, Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Telephone:* (770) 488–5701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since the implementation of the Protocol in 1999, several smokeless tobacco product categories have entered the U.S. smokeless tobacco market including snus, low moisture snuff sold in portion pouches, and smokeless tobacco sold in a compressed, pellet form. Some of the new smokeless tobacco product categories differ physically from previous smokeless tobacco categories, prompting a revision to the Protocol to reflect the current state of the marketplace.

Through its review of the Protocol, CDC also determined that an increase in volume of deionized, distilled water would facilitate measurements of pH values. After evaluating information that was brought to the attention of CDC regarding low moisture smokeless tobacco products packaged in portion pouches, CDC conducted an independent comparison of pH measurements in a wide variety of low and high moisture smokeless tobacco products. The results of the comparison indicated an acceptable (less than 2%) level of change in pH values when measurements were taken with 20 mL deionized, distilled water compared to the volume of deionized, distilled water specified in the previous Protocol. Increasing the volume of water in the mixture ensured that the matrix was sufficiently fluid to facilitate ease of measure. Thus, it is anticipated that the change in the volume of liquid for pH determination will facilitate the ease of measure of smokeless tobacco pH for all currently marketed smokeless tobacco categories (i.e., plug, twist, moist snuff, dry snuff, snus, loose leaf, chew, moist snuff in portion pouches, smokeless tobacco compressed into a pellet, and dry snuff in portion pouches).

Summary of Public Comments and CDC's Response: On June 23, 2008, a notice (73 FR 35395) was published reflecting the above discussed revisions to the Protocol and to solicit public comment on these specific changes. Six comments were received by the CDC, a majority of which suggested alternative approaches. A summary of the