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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 25, 2009.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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 to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: National School Lunch Program.
OMB Control Number: 0584-0006.

Summary of Collection: Section 111 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-265; June 30, 2004) amended section 9(h) of the Richard B. Russell School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)) by increasing the number of mandatory food safety inspections for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program from one to two per year and by requiring schools to post the most recent inspection report in a visible location and to release a copy of the report to the public upon request.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be collected to ensure that State agencies annually monitor the number of food safety inspections obtained by schools and to submit the results to the Food and Nutrition Service for each fiscal year 2009 through 2012.

Description of Respondents: State, local, or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 122,662.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 9,558,282.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 220, School Breakfast Program.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0012.

Summary of Collection: Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act (CNA) of 1966, as amended, authorizes the School Breakfast Program (SBP). It provides for the appropriation of "such sums as are necessary to enable the Secretary to carry out a program to assist the States and the Department of Defense through grants-in-aid and other means to initiate, maintain, or expand nonprofit breakfast programs in all schools which make application for assistance and agree to carry out a nonprofit breakfast program in accordance with the Act." The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers the School Breakfast Program on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture so that needy children may receive their breakfasts free or at a reduced price.

Need and Use of the Information: School food authorities provide information to State agencies. The State agencies report to FNS. FNS use the information submitted to determine the amount of funds to be reimbursed, evaluate and adjust program operations, and to develop projections for future program operations.

Description of Respondents: State, local, or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 100,339.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly; Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,713,749.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS); Interstate Movement and Import Restrictions on Certain Live Fish.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0340.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is charged with disease prevention. APHIS regulations in 9 CFR, part 93 govern the importation of certain species of fish to prevent the introduction or spread of specific pests and diseases of aquaculture facilities within the United States. APHIS is establishing regulations to prevent the introduction of VHS into U.S. aquaculture facilities by controlling the movement of certain live fish species at risk of harboring VHS. VHS is listed as a notifiable disease by the World Organization for Animal Health. APHIS will use several forms to collect necessary information.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect the necessary information using the Interstate Certificate of Inspection (ICI); Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals VS Form 1-27; Cleaning and Disinfection Certificate; Application for Import or In-Transit Permit VS Form 17-129; Health Certificate and a 72-hour advance notification by the importer notifying the APHIS port veterinarian. If the information was collected less frequently or not collected at all, it would significantly cripple APHIS' ability to prevent the introduction of VHS into U.S. aquaculture facilities by controlling the movement of live fish at risk of harboring VHS virus.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Responses:
Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 1

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Solicitation of Nominations, Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App., the Agricultural Research Service is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21). The charge for the AC21 is two-fold: To examine the long-term impacts of biotechnology on the U.S. food and agriculture system and USDA; and to provide guidance to USDA on pressing individual issues, identified by the Office of the Secretary, related to the application of biotechnology in agriculture.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by fax or postmarked on or before April 29, 2009.

ADDRESSES: All nomination materials should be sent to Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, 202B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Schechtman, Telephone (202) 720-3817.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Nominations are being sought for open Committee seats to supplement a pool of nominations received on or before December 22, 2008. AC21 members serve terms of up to 2 years, with terms for around half of the Committee members generally expiring in most years. The committee's Charter allows for a committee of 20 to 25 members and there are currently a minimum of 12 slots on the Committee that need to be filled, including that of the Chair. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee. To ensure that

recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Nominees of the AC21 should have recognized expertise in one or more of the following areas: Recombinant-DNA (rDNA) research and applications using plants; rDNA research and applications using animals; rDNA research and applications using microbes; food science; silviculture and related forest science; fisheries science; ecology; veterinary medicine; the broad range of farming or agricultural practices; weed science; plant pathology; biodiversity; applicable laws and regulations relevant to agricultural biotechnology policy; risk assessment; consumer advocacy and public attitudes; public health/epidemiology; ethics, including bioethics; human medicine; biotechnology industry activities and structure; intellectual property rights systems; and international trade. Members will be selected by the Secretary of Agriculture in order to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints to address effectively USDA biotechnology policy issues under consideration. Background information regarding the work of the AC21, including reports already developed by the Committee, is available on the USDA Web site at http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?navid=BIOTECH&parentnav=AGRICULTURE&navtype=RT.

Nominations for AC21 membership must be in writing and provide the appropriate background documents required by USDA policy, including background disclosure form AD-755. All nomination materials should be sent to Michael Schechtman at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Forms may also be submitted by fax to (202) 690-4265. To obtain form AD-755 only, please contact Dianne Fowler, Office of Pest Management Policy, telephone (202) 720-4074, fax (202) 720-3191; e-mail Dianne.fowler@ars.usda.gov.

The AC21 meets in Washington, DC, up to four (4) times per year. The function of the AC21 is solely advisory. Members of the AC21 and its subcommittees serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses and per diem for attendance at AC21 and subcommittee functions for those AC21 members who require assistance in order to attend the meetings. While away from home or their regular place of business, those members will be