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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Seek OMB Approval To Collect Information: Revision of a Form Pertaining to the Peer Review of ARS Research Projects

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service (ARS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The proposed revised form for the information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and OMB implementing regulations. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by July 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to: Michael S. Strauss, Peer Review Program Coordinator, Office of Scientific Quality Review, Agricultural Research Agency, USDA; 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland; 20705; Phone: 301-504-3283; Fax: 301-504-1251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael S. Strauss, 301-504-3283.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Scientific Quality Review will seek approval from OMB to revise one existing form so as to comply with new Transportation Security Administration information needs for travelers. All forms are transferred and received in an electronic storage format that does not include on-line access.

Abstract: The Office of Scientific Quality Review was established in September of 1999 as a result of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act 1998 ("The Act")(Pub. L. 105-185). The Act included mandates to perform scientific peer reviews of all research activities

conducted by the USDA. The Office manages the ARS peer review system by centrally planning peer panel reviews for ARS research projects on a five-year cycle.

Each set of reviews is assigned a chairperson to govern the review process. The majority of the peer reviewers are non-ARS scientists. Peer review panels are convened to provide in-depth discussion and review of the research project plans. Each panel reviewer receives information on between 1 and 20 ARS research projects.

On average, 220 research projects are reviewed annually by an estimated 100 reviewers; whereby approximately 200 are reviewed by panel and approximately 20 are reviewed through an ad hoc process. The organization and management of this peer review system, particularly panel reviews, is highly dependent on the use of forms.

The Office of Scientific Quality Review will seek OMB approval of the revised Panelist Information Form-USDA uses this form to gather up-to-date background information about the reviewer, as well as information necessary for the payment of the honorarium and, where necessary, for arranging travel. This form requires an original signature. Because of the sensitive nature of information on this form it is not copied or stored in an electronic file. The copy received is held only in a single locked file and destroyed when no longer needed, and in accordance with the relevant Records Retention Policies and under conditions mandated by the Privacy Act. The revised form re-orders information requested so as to make clearer the purpose for each and adds a request for the respondent to indicate their gender, as required by the Transportation Security Administration.

Estimate of Burden: The burden is the minimum required to achieve program objectives. The overall information collection frequency is the minimum consistent with program objectives. Revision of this form neither increases nor decreases the already-approved burden for this information collection.

The Panelist Information Form takes about 20 minutes to complete. It resembles a typical request for personal information; many reviewers provide the same data as grant reviewers in other peer review programs. It also includes information necessary for

arranging government-sponsored travel and for paying an honorarium, when needed.

Respondents and Estimated Number of Respondents: No change to the number of respondents is anticipated with this revision.

Frequency of Response: No change to the frequency of response is anticipated with this revision.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: No change to the estimated total annual burden is anticipated with this revision.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chap. 35.

Comments: The Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning revision of the form in the approved collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of ARS functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the estimated burden from proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 16, 2010.

Caird E. Rexroad, Jr.,

Associate Administrator for Operations and Management, Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Renewable Organics, LLC of Pinehurst, North Carolina, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/026,346, "Process for Removing and Recovering Phosphorus from Animal Waste," filed on February 5, 2008.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 4, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Renewable Organics, LLC of Pinehurst, North Carolina has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,
Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2010-0050]

Animal Traceability; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This is a notice to inform the public of three upcoming meetings in Kansas City, MO, Riverdale, MD, and Denver, CO, to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to offer their input on the new framework being developed for

animal disease traceability. Additional meetings are currently being planned and will be announced in a future notice. The meetings are being organized by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

DATES: The meetings will be held on May 11, May 13, and May 17, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting on May 11, 2010, will be held at the Holiday Inn Kansas City SE—Waterpark, 9103 East 39th Street, Kansas City, MO 64133. The public meeting on May 13, 2010, will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737. The public meeting on May 17, 2010, will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Denver International Airport, 15500 East 40th Avenue, Denver, CO 80239.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Neil Hammerschmidt, Program Manager, Animal Disease Traceability, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 46, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-5571.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is currently developing a new, flexible framework for animal disease traceability in the United States. In keeping with its commitment to partnering with States, Tribal Nations, and industry to address many of the details of the infrastructure of this program, including possible regulations, the USDA took the initial step of hosting a State/Tribal forum on animal disease traceability in Kansas City, MO, on March 18 and 19, 2010. Information on the proceedings of the State/Tribal forum is available to the public for review and comment at (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/forum/index.shtml>). We are now planning to host three public meetings to discuss animal disease traceability. The meetings have been set for Kansas City, MO, Riverdale, MD, and Denver, CO (see **ADDRESSES**).

Tentative topics to be discussed at the upcoming meetings include:

1. The framework for a proposed animal disease traceability rule.
2. Specific details that would help form the animal disease traceability rule.

Written statements on meeting topics, as well as on the proceedings of the March 2010 State/Tribal forum, may be filed with the USDA through May 31, 2010, via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at (<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2010-0050>) or by sending them to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to Docket No.

APHIS-2010-0050 when submitting your statements.

Travel directions to the USDA Center at Riverside are available on the Internet at (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/general_info/directions_riverdale.shtml). Picture identification is required to gain access to the building. Parking is available next to the building for a \$4 fee. The nearest Metro station is the College Park station on the Green Line, which is within walking distance.

For the Denver meeting, there will be a free hotel shuttle to and from Denver International Airport.

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of April 2010.

Gregory L. Parham

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection: U.S. Government Trade Event Information Request

AGENCY: International Trade Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 6, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Xiaobing Feng, (202) 482-6427, Xiaobing.Feng@trade.gov, fax: (202) 482-3508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Government (USG) Trade Event Information Request (Form ITA-4136P) is sent to any firm that requests senior-level USG witnessing of a