**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Information Collection; Qualified Products List for Water Enhancers (Gels) for Wildland Firefighting**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with no revision of a currently approved information collection, Qualified Products List for Water Enhancers (Gels) for Wildland Firefighting.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before November 21, 2011 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Victoria Henderson, Branch Director, Equipment and Chemicals, U.S. Forest Service, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 S. Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 5.6 hours.

**Comment Is Invited**

**Comment is invited on:** (1) Whether this collection of information is appropriate for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

**Dated:** September 14, 2011.

Robin L. Thompson,
Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cecilia Johnson, Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC), 406–329–4819, Shirley Zylstra (MTDC), 406–329–4859, or Tony Henderson, NIFC, 208–387–5348. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Qualified Products List for Water Enhancers (Gels) for Wildland Firefighting.

**OMB Number:** 0596–0182.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** February 29, 2012.

**Type of Request:** Extension with no revision

1. **Abstract:** The Forest Service and cooperating wildland firefighting agencies need adequate types and quantities of qualified fire chemical products available to accomplish fire management activities as safely and effectively as possible. To accomplish this objective, the Agency evaluates and pre-approves commercial wildland firefighting chemicals. The Agency may be required to submit the formulations to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries during the evaluation process. All products must meet the requirements of specifications identified and maintained by the Wildland Fire Chemical Systems (WFCS) staff at the Forest Service Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC). After a product evaluation has been completed successfully, the product is added to the Qualified Products List (QPL) for the appropriate product type. All Forest Service procurements of wildland fire chemicals are made from these lists.

To initiate an evaluation, product manufacturers (or authorized suppliers) enter into an agreement with the Forest Service and pay all costs associated with the submission and evaluation of the product.

Once the agreement is in place and funds are deposited to cover the associated costs, the manufacturer submits the following information to WFCS:

1. List of the specific ingredients and quantity used to prepare the product.
2. Identification of the source of supply for each ingredient.
3. Copies of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the product and for each ingredient used to prepare the product, and
4. Specific mixing requirements and performance information.

Review of the submitted information assures that the product does not contain ingredients meeting the criteria for Chemicals of Concern, for example by appearing on one or more of the following lists:

- Agency list of unacceptable ingredients.
- National Toxicology Program (NTP) “Annual Report on Carcinogens.”
- International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs for Potential Carcinogens.
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) “List of Extremely Hazardous Substances and Their Threshold Planning Quantities”.

A risk assessment, performed at manufacturer expense, may be required. When a risk assessment is necessary, a third party selected by the Agency assesses the products and levels of ingredients found in typical applications relative to human and environmental impact.

Each product submitted is tested to determine the mammalian and aquatic toxicity of the product and must meet specific levels of performance to minimize potential risk during firefighting operations. Additional tests are performed to determine the effectiveness of the product to reduce spread rate and intensity of the fire by application directly on or near the fire.

A number of product characteristics are measured over the operational performance range of the product to ensure that the product meets the needs of the firefighters in the field.

The collection of this information for each product submission is necessary due to the length of time needed to test the product (18 to 24 months) and need to ensure that products are safe and effective prior to purchase and use.

This information collection and the product evaluation must be conducted on an on-going basis to ensure the Agency can solicit and award contracts in a timely manner to provide firefighters with safe and effective wildland fire chemical products.

**Estimate of Annual Burden:** 4.5 hours.

**Type of Respondents:** Businesses (manufacturers and suppliers) of water
enhancers (gels) for wildland firefighting.

**Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:** 3.

**Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:** 3.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 40.5 hours.

**Comment Is Invited**

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: September 14, 2011.

Robin L. Thompson,
Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 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 will be submitted to OMB for approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this 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 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 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 Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA-Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–1522. Fax: (202) 720–3485.


**OMB Control Number:** 0572–0118.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a previously approved collection.

**Abstract:** The Agency requires borrower to use standard contract forms under certain circumstances. The use of standard forms helps assure the Agency that:

- Appropriate standards and specifications are maintained;
- The Agency loan security is not adversely affected; and
- Loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purpose.

Standardization of forms by the Agency results in substantial savings to:

- Borrowers—If standard forms were not used, borrowers would need to prepare their own documents at significant expense; and
- Government—If standard forms were not used, each document submitted by a borrower would require extensive and costly review by both the Agency and the Office of General Counsel.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.05 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Businesses, not-for-profit institutions and others.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 99.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 104 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Joyce McNeil, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720–0812. Fax: (202) 720–3485.

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.

Jonathan Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Bureau of Industry and Security**

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**National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee Request for Public Comments on the Potential Market Impact of Proposed Stockpile for Fiscal Year 2013**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee (MIC), co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State, is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of the proposed disposal levels of materials for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Annual Materials Plan. The role of the MIC is to advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile. Public comments are an important element of the Committee’s market impact review process.