

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. Comments may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone (202) 690-4492, FAX: (202) 720-8435 or email [Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov).

*Title:* RUS Specification for Quality Control and Inspection of Timber Products.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0076.

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

*Abstract:* RUS Bulletin 1728H-702 and 7 CFR 1728.202 describe the responsibilities and procedures pertaining to the quality control by producers and pertaining to inspection of timber products produced in accordance with RUS specifications. In order to ensure the security of loan funds, adequate quality control of timber products is vital to loan security on electric power systems where hundreds of thousands of wood poles and cross-arms are used. Since RUS and its borrowers do not have the expertise or manpower to quickly determine imperfections in the wood products or their preservatives treatments, they must obtain service of an inspection agency to insure that the specifications for wood poles and cross-arms are being met. Copies of test reports on various preservatives must accompany each load of poles treated at the same time in a pressure cylinder (charge) as required by 7 CFR 1728.202(i). RUS feels the importance of safety concerns are enough to justify requiring test reports so that the purchaser, inspectors, and RUS will be able to spot check the general accuracy and reliability of the tests.

*Estimate of Burden:* This collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 800.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 20,333 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Rebecca Hunt, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205-3660, FAX: (202) 720-8435 or email: [Rebecca.hunt@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Rebecca.hunt@wdc.usda.gov).

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.

Dated: April 17, 2017.

**Christopher A. McLean,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meetings of the Connecticut Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that meetings of the Connecticut Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on: Tuesday, May 2, 2017, and Wednesday, May 10, 2017. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss and vote on an advisory memorandum to the Commission on solitary confinement and discuss future advice on the topic.

**ADDRESSES:** Public call-in information: Conference call-in number: 1-877-440-5787 and conference call 7771068.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivy L. Davis, at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov) or by phone at 202-376-7533.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call-in number: 1-877-440-5787 and conference call 7771068. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-

line connections to the toll-free conference call-in number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call-in number: 1-877-440-5787 and conference call 7771068.

Members of the public are invited to make statements during the open comment period of the meeting or submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376-7548, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376-7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <https://database.faca.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=239>; click the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone numbers, email or street address.

#### Agenda May 2, 2017

1. Open—Rollcall
2. Planning Meeting
  - Discussion of Statement of Concern
  - Vote on Statement of Concern
3. Open Comment
4. Adjourn

#### Agenda May 10, 2017

1. Open—Roll Call
2. Discussion of Advisory Memorandum
3. Vote on Memorandum
4. Open Comment
5. Adjournment

*Exceptional Circumstance:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstance of an administrative holdup on the notice.

Dated: April 19, 2017.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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