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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2011–0102]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period for our proposal to modify a system of records titled the Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act, USDA/APHIS–8. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: The comment period for the notice published on October 24, 2019 (84 FR 56999) is reopened. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 26, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0102>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2011–0102, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0102> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to

help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions, please contact Mr. Tola Liv, Information Systems Security Manager, Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–3741. For Privacy Act questions concerning this system of records notice, please contact Ms. Tonya Woods, Director, Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act, 4700 River Road, Unit 50, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851–4076. For USDA Privacy Act questions, please contact the USDA Chief Privacy Officer, Information Security Center, Office of Chief Information Officer, USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250; email: USDAPrivacy@ocio.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 24, 2019, we published in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 56999–57004, Docket No. APHIS–2011–0102) a notice of a modified system of records titled Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act, USDA/APHIS–8. In addition to revising the name of the system, we proposed to further modify the system by updating the system location, manager, and system safeguards; expanding the categories of individuals and records included in the system; revising the record source categories; updating policies and practices for storage, retrievability, and retention and disposal of records; updating the notification, record access, and contesting record procedures; and revising, deleting, redesignating, and establishing routine uses.

Comments on the notice were required to be received on or before November 25, 2019. We are reopening the comment period on Docket No. APHIS–2011–0102 for an additional 30 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

We will also consider all comments received between November 26, 2019 (the day after the close of the original comment period) and the date of this notice.

Done in Washington, DC, this 19th day of December 2019.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders on the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program—FRTEP

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Request for written stakeholder input.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is requesting written stakeholder input on the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP).

The purpose of this Notice is to assist NIFA in developing the FY 2021 Request for Applications for the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program. NIFA plans to consider all stakeholder input received in response to this Notice.

DATES: Written comments on this Notice must be received by February 15, 2020, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by NIFA–2020–0001, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Include NIFA–2020–0001 in the subject line of the message.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Title, “Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program” and NIFA–2020–0001. All comments received will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Riley 816–926–2131 (phone), erin.riles@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The program is authorized under Section 3(d) of the Act of May 8, 1914, Smith-Lever Act, ch. 79, 38, Stat. 372, 7 U.S.C. 341 *et seq.* Section 7609 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–334) amended section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act to allow 1994 Land-grant Institutions eligibility to receive FRTEP grant funds.

Background and Summary: Section 7609 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 added 1994 Land-grant Institutions as eligible to receive Smith-

Lever 3(d) funding, including grants under the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP).

Previously, only 1862 and 1890 Land-grant Institutions were eligible to receive FRTEP grants. The grant competition for FRTEP is run every four years, and a new competition is scheduled for fiscal year (FY) 2021. NIFA is using this opportunity to gather stakeholder feedback for the next open competition in FY 2021.

The purpose of this program is to establish an Extension presence and support Extension outreach on Federally Recognized Indian Reservations and Tribal jurisdictions of Federally Recognized Tribes. FRTEP seeks to continue the Land Grant mission of inclusion by providing education and research-based knowledge to those who might not otherwise receive it.

Program Priorities Have Included:

- a. Tribal Youth and 4-H
- b. Indian Farmer and Rancher Productivity and Management
- c. Indian Community Development:
 - Economic and Workforce Development
 - Food Systems, Farm and Community Markets
 - Natural Resource Conservation and Adaptation to Environmental Changes
 - Human Nutrition and Reduction of Childhood and Adolescent Obesity
 - Indian Cultural and Language Preservation

Effective Extension involves identifying and attracting funds and resources to support an ever-changing and growing portfolio of activities in response to identified community needs. As a result, it is understood that applicants will work towards a comprehensive Extension plan and engage in both direct and indirect activities in support of their proposed programs. Examples of funded direct program activities include, but are not limited to, needs assessments, educational workshops, site visits, producer demonstration projects and cultural-learning events. Funded indirect activities have included, but are not limited to: Extending partnerships, expanding communication networks, and acquiring additional resources in support of the overall goals and objectives of the proposed project.

Done at Washington, DC, this 18th day of November 2019.

Stephen Censky,

Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket ID: NRCS-2019-0021]

The Secretary of Agriculture's Determination of the Primary Purpose of the Nevada Petroleum Claims Fund for the Cleanup of Petroleum Discharge From Storage

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of Determination.

SUMMARY: NRCS is providing public notice that the Secretary of Agriculture has determined that cost share payments made by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) are primarily for the purpose of conserving soil and water resources or protecting and restoring the environment. NRCS was assigned technical and administrative responsibility for reviewing NDEP's Petroleum Claims Fund program and for making appropriate recommendations for the Secretary's determination of primary purpose. The Secretary made the determination for the State of Nevada's Petroleum Claims Fund program administered by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Lovato, Division Administrator, Nevada Petroleum Claims Fund, 901 S Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 or Maggie Rhodes, Director, Financial Assistance Programs Division, Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 5237 South Building, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 126(a) (8) of the Internal Revenue Code, gross income does not include the "excludable portion" of payments received under any program of a State, or a political subdivision of a State, under which payments are made to individuals primarily for the purpose of protecting or restoring the environment. In general, a cost share payment for selected conservation practices is exempt from Federal taxation if it meets three tests: (1) It was for a capital expense, (2) it does not substantially increase the operator's annual income from the property for which it is made, and (3) the Secretary of Agriculture certified that the payment was made primarily for conserving soil and water resources, protecting or restoring the environment, improving forests, or providing habitat for wildlife.

The Secretary of Agriculture evaluates a conservation program on the basis of criteria set forth in 7 CFR part 14 and makes a "primary purpose" determination for the payments made under the program. The objective of the determination made under part 14 is to provide maximum conservation, environmental, forestry improvement, and wildlife benefits to the general public from the operation of applicable programs. Final determinations are made based on program, category of practices, or individual practices.

Following a primary purpose determination by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Treasury determines if the payments made under the conservation program substantially increases the annual income derived from the property benefited by the payments.

From this Federal action, approving tax deferral will not result in impacts to the environment, therefore, no further National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation will be prepared.

Determination: As provided for by Section 126 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Secretary examined the authorizing legislation, regulations, and operating procedures regarding the NDEP's Nevada Petroleum Claims Fund program. In accordance with the criteria set out in 7 CFR part 14, the Secretary has determined the primary purpose of cost share payments made under Nevada Petroleum Claims Fund program is conserving soil and water resources or protecting and restoring the environment.

The State of Nevada Petroleum Fund was initially implemented in 1989 by State legislation to assist owners and operators of regulated underground storage tanks in meeting the Federal requirements for financial responsibility, pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 40 CFR 280.90 through 280.99. The Fund also allows voluntary enrollment of eligible non-regulated petroleum storage tanks and covers the cost of cleanup associated with releases from residential heating oil tanks.

A primary objective when the Nevada legislature authorized the Fund is the protection of the State's environment, specifically the supplies of water. The Nevada legislature made these findings part of the statutory authorization in NRS 445C.290 and charged the Nevada Board to Review Claims (Board) with assisting in the prompt cleanup of any discharge of petroleum from a storage tank located in Nevada.

A "Record of Decision" for the Nevada Petroleum Fund Board to