

notification to the affected individual of the action taken on the administrative disqualification hearing or court decision.

Despite the decrease in FSP participation, IPV activity has not experienced a similar decline. While no discernible trend exists in recent year disqualification data, available data from FY 2000 shows a small decrease in IPV activity when compared to the data used to establish the existing burden. Therefore, we are decreasing the State agency and household annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the activities related to IPV disqualifications from 36,628 hours to 34,254 hours.

In addition, one of the factors used by a State agency to determine the appropriate disqualification penalty to assign to an individual is whether or not the individual was found to have committed any prior IPV's. The way that State agencies make this determination is by accessing and checking the Disqualified Recipient Subsystem (DRS). DRS is an automated system developed by the Food and Nutrition Service that contains records of disqualifications in every State. State agencies are responsible for updating the system and checking it to determine the appropriate length of each disqualification. The burden associated with State use of DRS for IPV's was not included in this original OMB-approved burden. We now intend to incorporate this activity under this OMB burden number. The additional annual burden associated with the DRS process is estimated at 14,340 hours per year.

Summary of Estimated Burden

The net aggregate change from the existing to the proposed annual burden for this entire Proposed Collection is a decrease of 20,480 hours. For initiating collection action on an overissuance, we are reducing the estimated annual burden for State agencies and households from 148,846 hours to 116,400 hours to reflect the lower number of claims established in FY 2000. The IPV-related State agency and household annual burden, is being reduced from 36,628 hours to 34,254 hours to reflect the lower number of disqualifications. The additional annual burden associated with the DRS process is estimated at 14,340 hours per year.

Affected Public: State and local government, and food stamp households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 676,053.

Number of Responses per Respondent: From 1 to 5.

Total Number of Annual Responses: 1,536,129.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.1074 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 164,994 hours.

Dated: May 25, 2001.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; FNS-46, Issuance Reconciliation Report

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection contained in Form FNS-46, Issuance Reconciliation Report.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Jeffrey N. Cohen, Branch Chief, Electronic Benefit Transfer Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed 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 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.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey N. Cohen, (703) 305-2523.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Issuance Reconciliation Report.

OMB Number: 0584-0080.

Form Number: FNS-46.

Expiration Date: 07/31/2001.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 7(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, requires the Secretary to require State agencies to report on their issuance operations not less than monthly. (7 U.S.C. 2016(d)) Section 11(a) of the Act requires State agencies to assume responsibility for the issuance, control and accountability of benefits. (7 U.S.C. 2020(a)) Regulations at 7 CFR 274.4(a) and 274.4(b)(2) require State agencies to account for all issuance through the reconciliation process and submit a report on such issuance using Form FNS-46, Issuance Reconciliation Report. These reports must be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Service monthly and must reach FNS no later than 90 days following the end of each report month. The FNS-46 report reflects the total issuance, returns, and unauthorized issuance amounts resulting in the net Federal obligation.

Affected Public: State and local government employees or contractors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 238.

Estimated Number of Responses per respondent: 12.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 22,848 hours annually.

Dated: May 31, 2001.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to issue a series of new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices.

These standards include Access Road, Diversion, Drainage Water Management, Fishpond Management, Irrigation Land Leveling, Herbaceous Wind Barriers, Pond Sealing or Lining—Bentonite Sealant, Pond Sealing or Lining—Soil dispersant, Roof Runoff Structure, and Surface Roughening. The standards are used to convey national guidance when developing the Field Office Technical Guide policies. NRCS State Conservationists and Directors for the Pacific Basin and Caribbean areas who choose to adopt these practices for use within their States/areas will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide. These practices may be used in resource management systems that treat highly erodible land or on land determined to be wetland.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Comments will be received until on or before August 6, 2001. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 60-day period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Single copies of these standards are available from NRCS—CED in Washington, DC. Submit individual inquiries and return any comments in writing to William Hughey, National Agricultural Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6139—S, Washington, DC 20013—2890; telephone: (202) 720—5023. The standards are also available from, and can be downloaded via the Internet at: http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/practice_stdts.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 60 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding the disposition of those comments, and a final determination of change will be made.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 20, 2001.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Census Bureau.

Title: 2001 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 3 Topical Modules.

Form Number(s): SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument, SIPP—21305(L) Director's Letter, SIPP—21003 Reminder Card.

Agency Approval Number: 0607—0875.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 121,478 hours.

Number of Respondents: 78,750.

Avg Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the Wave 3 Topical Module interview for the 2001 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). We also request approval for a few replacement questions in the reinterview instrument. The core SIPP instrument, and reinterview instrument were cleared previously. The reinterview instrument will be used for quality control purposes. We are also seeking continued clearance for the SIPP Methods Panel instrument field testing to be conducted in October and November 2001. The test targets SIPP Wave 1 items and sections that require thorough and rigorous testing in order to improve the quality of core data. The experiment is conducted under the direction of the Methods Panel Team, which is committed to delivering an improved and less burdensome instrument for use in the 2004 SIPP Panel.

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every few years, with each panel having durations of 3 to 4 years. The 2001 SIPP Panel is scheduled for three years and will include nine waves beginning February 1, 2001.

The survey is molded around a central “core” of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as “topical modules.” The topical modules

for the 2001 Panel Wave 3 are Medical Expenses and Utilization of Health Care (Adults and Children), Work Related Expenses and Child Support Paid, and Assets, Liabilities, and Eligibility. Wave 3 interviews will be conducted from October 2001 through January 2002.

Data provided by the SIPP are being used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare or transfer payment programs, such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture. The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single and unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983, permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Every 4 months.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395—5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202)482—3129, Department of Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 1, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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