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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 20, 2013.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by December 26, 2013. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Housing Service

Title: Direct Single Family Housing Loan and Grant Program, 7 CFR 3550, HB-1-3550, HB-2-3550.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0172.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is a credit agency for rural housing and community development within the Rural Development mission area of the Department of Agriculture. Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to administer such programs and to prescribe regulations to ensure that these loans and grants provided with Federal Funds are made to eligible applicants for authorized purposes, and that subsequent servicing and benefits provided to borrowers are consistent with the authorizing statute. RHS offers a supervised credit program to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace or rehabilitate dwellings, which will provide modest, decent, safe, and sanitary housing to eligible individuals living in rural areas. To assist individuals in obtaining affordable housing, a borrower's house payment may be subsidized to an interest rate as low as 1%. The information requested by RHS is vital to be able to process applications for RHS assistance and make prudent credit and program decisions. RHS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: RHS will collect information to verify program eligibility requirements; continued eligibility requirements for borrower assistance; servicing of loans; eligibility for special servicing assistance such as: Payment subsidies, moratorium (stop) on payments, delinquency workout agreements; liquidation of loans; and, debt settlement. The information is used to ensure that the direct Single Family Housing Programs are administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements. Without the information RHS would be unable to determine if a borrower would qualify for services or if assistance has been

granted to which the customer would not be eligible under current regulations and statutes.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 289,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 366,931.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by December 26, 2013 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office,

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Federal Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program (formerly Official Control Program).

OMB Control Number: 0579–0365.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701–7772), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program has established the following procedures for State (through the National Plant Board (NPB)) to petition the Agency to recognize State-level plant pest regulations and associated action taken as meeting the international criteria for official control and accepted measures to protect an area that would be economically or environmentally endangered by the introduction of a pest. The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) defines “official control” as the active enforcement of mandatory phytosanitary regulations and the application of mandatory phytosanitary procedures with the objective of eradication or containment of quarantine pests or for the management of regulated non-quarantine pests.

Need and Use of the Information: To obtain a program’s designation as a Federally Recognized State managed Phytosanitary Program, States (through the NPB) must petition APHIS–PPQ to recognize their established or proposed programs to exclude, eradicate or contain a regulated plant pest. The State should provide the following supporting information and documentation: (1) Evidence the pest does not exist in the State; (2) Evidence that the pest could become established or widespread in the State; (3) Evidence that the pest could cause economic and/or

environmental harm in the State; (4) A description of the State actions used to maintain and monitor for pest freedom; and (5) A copy of the State or local quarantine regulations that provide enforcement of the appropriate programs. The State should provide the following supporting information and documentation for Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests: (1) Evidence that a particular pest could cause significant harm to plant for planting if the pest was not managed through a certification program; (2) Evidence the State has regulatory authority and a program established to manage the levels of the pest in plants for planting that are the hosts for the pest; and (3) A description of State actions to manage the level and or producers’ management of pests in the plants for planting where the pest is maintained below a level that can affect production, health, or marketability of plants for planting. Without the information, APHIS would be less effective in establishing procedures that are used to contain regulated plant pests within the United States.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,399.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Industry Response to Noncompliance Records.

OMB Control Number: 0583–0146.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 et. seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, et. seq.), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat and, poultry products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. If FSIS in-plant personnel discover noncompliance with regulatory requirements they issue Noncompliance Records (NRs). The Noncompliance Record, FSIS Form 5400–4, serves as FSIS’ official record of noncompliance with one or more regulatory requirements.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will use the form 5400–4 to document their findings and provided written notification of the establishment’s failure to comply with regulatory requirement(s). The establishment management receives a copy of the form and has the opportunity to respond in writing using the Noncompliance Record form.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 6,800.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.