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#### Rural Utilities Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1783, Grant Program to Establish a Revolving Fund Program (RFP) to Finance Water and Wastewater Project.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0138.

*Summary of Collection:* On May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) was signed into law as Public Law 107-171. Section 6002 of the Farm Bill amended the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONTACT), by adding a grant program to establish a revolving loan fund. The Secretary of Agriculture may make grants to qualified, private, non-profit entities. The grant recipients will use the grant funds to establish a revolving loan fund. The loans will be made to eligible entities to finance redevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will collect the following information from recipients: An application, narrative proposal, various other forms, certifications, and supplemental information. The Rural Development State Offices and the RUS National Office staff will use the information collected to determine applicant eligibility, project feasibility, and the applicant's ability to meet the grant and regulatory requirements. Failure to collect the proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility and improper use of funds.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 5.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 313.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 24, 2005.

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), *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 within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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#### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

*Title:* CWD in Cervids; Payment of Indemnity.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0189.

*Summary of Collection:* Federal regulations contained in 9 CFR Subchapter B govern cooperative programs to control and eradicate communicable diseases of livestock from the United States. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) ability to complete in exporting animals and animal products. Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) of elk and deer typified by chronic weight loss leading to death. The presence of CWD disease in cervids causes significant economic and market losses to U.S. producers. APHIS will collect information using VS Form 1-23, Appraisal & Indemnity Claim form.

*Need and Use of the Information:* APHIS will collect the owner's name and address, the number of animals for which the owner is seeking payment, and the appraised value of each animal. The owner must also certify as to whether the animals are subject to a mortgage. If there is a mortgage the form must be signed by the owner and each person holding a mortgage. Failure to collect this information would make it impossible for APHIS to effectively sustain their program to accelerate the eradication of CWD from the United States.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 20.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Office of the Secretary

##### Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

**AGENCY:** Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5