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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 26, 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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control 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

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Forest Service

Title: Qualified Products List for Water Enhancers.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0182.

Summary of Collection: The Forest Service (FS) objective is, "To have available and utilize adequate types and quantities of qualified fire chemical products to accomplish fire management activities safely, efficiently, and effectively." To accomplish their objective, FS evaluates chemical products that may be used in direct wildland fire suppression operations prior to their use on lands managed by the FS. Safe products do not include ingredients that create an enhanced risk, in typical use, to either the firefighters involved or the public in general.

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect the listing of individual ingredients and quantity of these ingredients in the formulation of a product being submitted for evaluation in order to test the products. The entity submitting the information provides the FS with the specific ingredients used in its product and identifies the specific source of supply for each ingredient. For Water Enhancer products the FS requires that a Technical Data Form be completed, the information collected here is specific mixing requirements and hydration requirements for water enhancer products. The information provided will allow the FS to search the List of Known and Suspected Carcinogens, as well as the Environment Protection Agency's List of Highly Hazardous Materials, to determine if any of the ingredients appear on any of these lists. Without the information FS would not be able to assess the safety of the wildland fire chemicals utilized on FS managed land, since the specific ingredients and the quantity of each ingredient used in a formulation would not be known.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 26.

Forest Service

Title: Qualified Products List for Foam Fire Suppressants.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0183.

Summary of Collection: The Forest Service (FS) objective is, "To have available and utilize adequate types and quantities of qualified fire chemical products to accomplish fire management activities safely, efficiently, and effectively." To accomplish their objective, FS evaluates chemical products that may be used in direct wildland fire suppression operations prior to their use on lands managed by the FS. Safe products do not include ingredients that create an enhanced risk, in typical use, to either the firefighters involved or the public in general.

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect the listing of individual ingredients and quantity of these ingredients in the formulation of a product being submitted for evaluation in order to test the products. The entity submitting the information provides the FS with the specific ingredients used in its product and identifies the specific source of supply for each ingredient. For Class A foam products the FS requires that a Technical Data Form be completed, the information collected here is specific mixing requirements. The information provided will allow the FS to search the List of Known and Suspected Carcinogens, as well as the Environment Protection Agency's List of Highly Hazardous Materials, to determine if any of the ingredients appear on any of these lists. Without the information FS would not be able to assess the safety of the wildland fire chemicals utilized on FS managed land, since the specific ingredients and the quantity of each ingredients used in a formulation would not be known.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 19.

Forest Service

Title: Qualified Products List for Long-Term Retardant Fire Suppressants.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0184.

Summary of Collection: The Forest Service (FS) objective is, "To have available and utilize adequate types and quantities of qualified fire chemical products to accomplish fire management activities safely, efficiently, and effectively." To accomplish their objective, FS evaluates

chemical products that may be used in direct wildland fire suppression operations prior to their use on lands managed by the FS. Safe products do not include ingredients that create an enhanced risk, in typical use, to either the firefighters involved or the public in general.

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect the listing of individual ingredients and quantity of these ingredients in the formulation of a product being submitted for evaluation in order to test the products. The entity submitting the information provides the FS with the specific ingredients used in its product and identifies the specific source of supply for each ingredient. For Long-term retardant products the FS requires that a Technical Data Form be completed, the information collected here is specific mixing requirements and hydration requirements of gum-thickened retardants. The information provided will allow the FS to search the List of Known and Suspected Carcinogens, as well as the Environment Protection Agency's List of Highly Hazardous Materials, to determine if any of the ingredients appear on any of these lists. Without the information FS would not be able to assess the safety of the wildland fire chemicals utilized on FS managed land, since the specific ingredients and the quantity of each ingredient used in a formulation would not be known.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 56.

Ruth Brown,

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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, the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory

Board. This meeting is open to the general public.

DATES: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will meet October 18–20, 2005.

The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Best Western Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024–4299. You may submit comments by any of the following methods: Mail/Hand-delivery: National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 344–A, Jamie L. Whitten Building; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2255; Fax: (202) 720–6199; E-mail: dhanfman@csrees.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, October 18, 2005, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., an Orientation Session for new National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board (the Board) members will be held. The full Board meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. with introductory remarks provided by the Chair of the Board and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials. There will be introductions of Board members followed by a general Board business session, and election of Executive Committee officers. The Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area will respond on behalf of the Secretary to several Board recommendations made to USDA and REE over the past year, followed by Board questions and discussion. At 4 p.m., a professional staff member from the Agriculture Committee or Appropriations Subcommittee of U.S. Congress will be invited to provide perspectives on key food, fiber, and agricultural-related issues in Congress and share ideas on the Board's future role. This will be followed with comments on the 2007 Farm Bill as it relates to REE issues. A period will be open for public comments, and the meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. An evening meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on "Critical Crossroads in Agriculture: Implications & Expectations for Research, Education, Extension & Economics." Focus leaders will stimulate discussion on three specific mini-sessions within this

theme: (1) Mitigating the Risk of Emerging Diseases Transmissible to Humans; (2) Changes in Rural America and Links to Research, Education, and Economics; and (3) Strengthening Partnerships. USDA's National Agricultural Library (NAL) will feature its role in serving REE, USDA, Land-Grant partners, and the Nation's citizenry on critical food, fiber, natural resources, and forestry issues.

On Wednesday, October 19, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the three mini-sessions will be held to obtain expert input by stakeholders on the respective focus areas, with emphasis on the role that USDA's research, education, and economics can plan in addressing the issues. The floor will be open for public comments from 5:35 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. followed by adjournment.

On Thursday, October 20, 2005, there will be an important wrap-up of initial findings from the three mini focus sessions held the prior day, followed by public comments and adjournment of the Board meeting at 9 a.m. The Board's Specialty Crop Committee will hold an information gathering Listening Session following the Board Meeting. The Listening Session will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and on Friday, October 20, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the same hotel location in Washington, DC (see 70 FR 54350 September 14, 2005). Expert panelists will provide input on specific topics related to specialty crops and will suggest ways that research, extension, and economics can best support the needs of the specialty crop industry. The Listening Session will provide the Specialty Crop Committee with input to respond to its charge by Congress. Board members and interested individuals are encouraged to attend both public meetings.

Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (by close of business Thursday, November 3, 2005). All statements will become a part of the official record of the Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Board's office. For a copy of the draft agenda, please get in touch with the contact person cited above.

Done at Washington, DC this 28th day of September, 2005.

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