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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 10, 2007.

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

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Telecommunications System Construction Policies and Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0059.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act), 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, was amended in 2002 by Title IV, Rural Broadband Access, by Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, which authorizes Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to provide loans and loan guarantees to fund the cost of construction, improvement, or acquisition for facilities and equipment for the provision of broadband service in eligible rural communities in the States and territories of the United States. Title VI of the RE Act requires that loans are granted only to borrowers who demonstrated that they will be able to repay in full within the time agreed. RUS has established certain standards and specifications for materials, equipment and construction to assure that standards are maintained, loans are not adversely affected, and loans are used for intended purposes.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS has developed specific forms for borrowers to use when entering into contracts for goods or services. The information collected is used to implement certain provisions of loan documents about the borrower's purchase of materials and equipment and the construction of its broadband system and is provided on an as needed basis or when the individual borrower undertakes certain projects. The standardization of the forms has resulted in substantial savings to borrowers by reducing preparation of the documentation and the costly review by the government.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 513.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 10,724.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number: AMS-ST-07-0149; ST08-01]

Request for an Extension and Revision to a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection for Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators of Federally Restricted Use Pesticides (7 CFR part 110).

DATES: Comments received by February 12, 2008 will be considered.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Bonnie Poli, Pesticide Records Branch, Science and Technology, Agricultural Marketing Service, Suite 203, 8609 Sudley Road, Manassas, Virginia 20110-4582, Telephone (703) 330-7826, Fax (703) 330-6110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators of Federally Restricted Use Pesticides (7 CFR part 110)

OMB Number: 0581-0164.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 30, 2008.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 1491 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, (Pub. L. 101-624; 7 U.S.C. 136i-1) (Act), directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to require that certified pesticide applicators maintain records of applications of federally restricted use pesticides for a period of two years.

The Act also (1) requires that the pesticide records be made available to Federal or State officials, and to licensed health care professionals who need the records in order to treat an

individual who may have been exposed to restricted use pesticides; (2) requires that the Secretary of Agriculture enforce the recordkeeping and access requirements of the Act and promulgate regulations to administer the Act; and (3) establishes civil penalties for violations of the Act. A certified applicator is an individual who is certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or a State under cooperative agreement with EPA to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides.

The Secretary of Agriculture delegated his responsibilities under the Act to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), which promulgated regulations to administer the Act at 7 CFR part 110 (regulations). In order to enforce these regulations, AMS must collect information through personal inspections of the application records of certified applicators of restricted use pesticides.

The information collected by AMS is used only by authorized representatives of AMS (AMS' Science and Technology national staff, other designated Federal employees and designated State supervisors and their staffs) who are delegated authority to access the records pursuant to subsection (b) of the Act. The collected information is used to administer the Federal Pesticide Recordkeeping program. AMS is the primary user of this information. The secondary user of the information is each designated State agency which has a cooperative agreement with AMS.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated as follows:

(a) Approximately 307,151 certified private applicators (recordkeepers) apply restricted use pesticides. It is estimated that certified private applicators average 1.31 hours per recordkeeper for a total of 402,368 annual burden hours. This is a 247,708 increase in burden hours from the previous collection request due to an increase in the number of restricted use pesticide applications being made by certified private applicators. The new data indicates that certified private applicators make an average of 16 restricted use pesticide applications per year. Of the 307,151 certified private applicators, approximately 3,600 are selected annually for recordkeeping inspections. It is estimated that a private applicator that is subject to a pesticide record inspection has an annual burden of .330 hours, which contributes to a total annual burden of 1,195 hours.

(b) There are approximately 281,428 certified commercial applicators nationally who are required to provide

copies of restricted use pesticide application records to their clients. It is estimated that certified commercial applicators have a total annual burden of 1,386,877 hours.

(c) It is estimated that State agency personnel who work through cooperative agreements with AMS to inspect certified private applicator's records have a total annual burden of 7,274 hours. This is a decrease of 1,702 burden hours from the previous collection request due to fewer states participating in cooperative agreements with AMS.

Respondents: Certified private and commercial applicators, State governments or employees, and Federal agencies or employees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 592,233—The total number of respondents includes certified commercial applicators, certified private applicators (recordkeepers) and designated State agency personnel utilized to inspect certified private applicator's records.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: The estimated number of responses per respondent is as follows:

(a) It is estimated that certified private applicators (recordkeepers), record on an average 16 restricted use pesticide application records annually.

(b) It is estimated that certified commercial applicators provide 616 copies of restricted use pesticide records to their clients annually.

(c) State agency personnel, who work under cooperative agreements with AMS to conduct restricted use pesticide records inspections, have approximately 3,591 responses annually.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,797,714. This revision in the Total Annual Burden on Respondents increases the current burden by 116,917 hours due to the increase in the number of restricted use pesticides applications that the private applicators are making annually. Although there are fewer states participating in the cooperative program, the total annual burden did increase.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to Bonnie Poli, Pesticide Records Branch, Science and Technology, Agricultural Marketing Service, Suite 203, 8609 Sudley Road, Manassas, Virginia 20110-4582. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 10, 2007.

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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period—Proposed Directives for Forest Service Outfitting and Guiding Special Use Permits and Insurance Requirements for Forest Service Special Use Permits

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is extending the public comment period for the proposed directive regarding Forest Service Outfitting and Guiding Special Use Permits and Insurance Requirements for Forest Service Special Use Permits for an additional 30 days. The original notice called for comments to be submitted by January 17, 2008 (72 FR 59246, October 19, 2007).

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by February 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments electronically by following the instructions at the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulation.gov>. Comments may also be submitted by mail to U.S. Forest Service, Attn: Carolyn Holbrook, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff (2720), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mailstop 1125, Washington, DC 20250-1125. If comments are sent electronically, the public is requested not to send duplicate comments by mail. Please confine comments to issues pertinent to the proposed directives, explain the