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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 17, 2008.

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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) 720-8958.

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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Agricultural Research Service

Title: USDA Biological Shipment Record—Beneficial Organisms.

OMB Control Number: 0518-0013.

Summary of Collection: The Biological Control Documentation Program records the importation and release of foreign biological control agents. Provision of the data is entirely voluntary and is used to populate the USDA "Release of Beneficial Organisms in the United States and Territories" (ROBO) database.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Research Service will collect information using forms AD-941, 942 and 943, on the biological/control and taxonomic research program by recording the introduction and release of non-indigenous biological control organisms in the pollinators in the United States. If information were not collected there would be no systematic method for the collection of such information.

Description of Respondents: Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 10.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: User Fee Regulation, 7 CFR 354 and 9 CFR 130.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0094.

Summary of Collection: The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to prescribe and collect fees to cover the cost of providing certain Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection (AQI) services. The Act gives the Secretary the authority to charge for the inspection of international passengers, commercial vessels, trucks, aircraft, and railroad cars, and to recover the costs of providing the inspection of plants and plant products offered for export. The Secretary is authorized to use the revenue to provide reimbursements to any appropriation accounts that incur costs associated with the AQI services provided. APHIS will collect information using several APHIS forms.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS collects information, which includes the taxpayer identification number, name, and address and telephone number to collect fees. The procedures and the information requested for the passengers and aircraft are used to ensure that the correct users fees are collected and remitted in full in a timely manner. Without the information, APHIS would not be able to ensure substantial compliance with the statute. Noncompliance with the statute could result in misappropriation of public funds and lost revenue to the Federal Government.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 245,122.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 11,876.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0129]

Public Meetings; National Tuberculosis Program Listening Sessions

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will host a series of public meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to offer comments regarding current challenges and new approaches for future tuberculosis control methods and eradication in view of budgetary constraints.

DATES: The public meetings will be held in Michigan on December 8, 2008; in Minnesota on December 10, 2008; in Texas on December 11, 2008; in California on December 12, 2008; and in Washington, DC, on December 16, 2008. The public meetings will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., local time. Meeting registration will be from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. prior to each public meeting.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Michigan: Holiday Inn South Convention Center, 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48911;

- Minnesota: Hilton Minneapolis, 1001 Marquette Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55403;

- Texas: Hilton Garden Inn Austin Downtown, 500 North IH 35, Austin, TX 78701;

- California: Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, 1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; and

- Washington, DC: Washington Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Alecia L. Naugle, Program Manager, National Tuberculosis Program, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD, 20737; (301) 734-6954.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing a series of meetings to discuss its National Tuberculosis (TB) Program. The meetings are designed to assemble a wide range of producers and other stakeholders to discuss current challenges and potential new approaches for TB control and eradication in view of budgetary constraints. The meetings will be held in various geographical locations to facilitate attendance. Participants will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer written and oral comments. Tentative topics and questions for discussion at the upcoming meetings include:

1. *Regulatory Framework.* What is the role of State statutes in the National TB Program of the future? Are there other approaches to establishing movement restrictions and testing requirements that more effectively reduce the risk(s) of disease transmission from affected herds?

2. *Wildlife Issues.* How should the risk of TB associated with disease transmission in wildlife be mitigated?

3. *Biosecurity Issues.* How could producers be encouraged to adopt management and biosecurity practices that reduce the risk of transmission of TB and how could the National TB Program facilitate producers' adoption of these practices?

4. *Budget Concerns.* What alternatives exist for funding National TB Program activities?

5. *Future of Indemnities.* How should limited indemnity funds be used to reduce the risk of continued disease transmission in affected herds?

6. *Import Issues.* How should the risk of transmission of bovine tuberculosis associated with the importation of live cattle into the United States be mitigated?

7. *Eradication vs. Control.* Is eradication of TB in domestic livestock

feasible or is control a more appropriate program objective given the availability of program funding?

A list of discussion topics, questions, and meeting details is also available via the APHIS Web site at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/hot_issues/bovine_tuberculosis/bovine_tb.shtml.

If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please see the contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of November 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Evaluating Community Knowledge, Beliefs, Attitudes, and Preferences Concerning Fire and Fuels Management in Southwestern Forest, Woodland and Grassland Ecosystems

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension with revision of a currently approved information collection, Evaluating Community Knowledge, Beliefs, Attitudes and Preferences Concerning Fire and Fuels Management in Southwestern Forest, Woodland and Grassland Ecosystems.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 20, 2009 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Dr. Carol Raish, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, 333 Broadway, SE., Suite 115, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102-3497.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 505-724-3688 or by e-mail to: craish@fs.fed.us. The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, 333 Broadway, SE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102-3497, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 505-