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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 392

[Docket No. FSIS-2009-0029]

Petitions for Rulemaking; Approval of Information Collection

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; information collection approval.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection associated with its final rule "Petitions for Rulemaking," published April 9, 2009.

DATES: On July 16, 2009, the Office of Management and Budget approved the information collection requirements for the rule published April 9, 2009, at 74 FR 16104 and effective June 8, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Edelstein, Director, Policy Issuances Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720–5627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*). FSIS protects the public by verifying that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and correctly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is notifying the public that OMB has approved the information collection associated with the final rule "Petitions for Rulemaking," which published on April 9, 2009 (74 FR 16104). The final rule amended the FSIS administrative regulations by adding a new part 392 that established regulations governing the submission of petitions for rulemaking to FSIS.

OMB had not approved the information collection requirements associated with the Petitions for Rulemaking final rule when the final rule published. Therefore, in the preamble to the rule, FSIS explained that it would collect no information associated with rule until the information collection request received OMB approval (74 FR 16104, 16106– 16107). OMB approved the information collection on July 16, 2009; the OMB number is 0583–0136.

Therefore, FSIS will now begin to collect information associated with the final rule. In addition, now that FSIS is authorized to collect such information, effective January 25, 2010 the Agency will begin to post all petitions for rulemaking that it receives, along with any supporting documentation, on the FSIS Web site at *http:// www.fsis.usda.gov/ regulations_&_policies/Petitions/ index.asp* (*see* 9 CFR 392.6(a)).

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Done at Washington, DC, on January 19, 2010.

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Administrator. [FR Doc. 2010–1263 Filed 1–22–10; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 440

[Docket No. EEWAP0515]

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Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is amending the eligibility provisions applicable to multi-unit buildings under the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons. As a result of today's final rule, if a multi-unit building is under an assisted or public housing program and is identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and included on a list published by DOE, that building will meet certain income eligibility requirements, and will also satisfy one or both of the procedural requirements to protect against rent increases and undue or excessive enhancement of the weatherized building, as indicated by the list, under the Weatherization Assistance Program without the need for further evaluation or verification. The preamble of today's final rule also provides guidance to States with respect to addressing the requirement that the benefits of weatherization assistance in connection with such rental units,