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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 23, 2014.

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), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: 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 by July 28, 2014. 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 Business—Cooperative Service

TITLE: Bio-refinery Assistance Program for Guaranteed Loans.

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0570-0065.

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: As authorized under the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) the Bio-refinery Assistance Program will promote the development and construction of commercial-scale bio-refineries and the retrofitting of existing facilities using eligible technology. Consistent with Congressional intent, the program will promote the development of the first commercial scale bio-refineries that do not rely on corn kernel starch as the feedstock or standard biodiesel technology for the development of advanced biofuels, giving preference to projects where first-of-a-kind technology will be deployed at viable commercial-scale bio-refineries.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The Agency will use various forms and written evidence to collect needed information to determine lender and borrower eligibility for loan guarantees, and to ensure the lender protects the government's financial interests. Lenders provide the Agency with quarterly construction progress reports demonstrating that engineering and financial criteria used in the review and approval of the application continue to be met during the construction phase of the project. Post-construction information will be collected demonstrating that the bio-refineries are operating and meeting all financial criteria projected during the application phase. If the information were not collected, the Agency would not be able to make prudent credit decisions nor monitor the lenders servicing activities.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit.

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 83.

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Monthly; Semi-annually; Annually.

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 6,349.

TITLE: Repowering Assistance Program, 7 CFR 4288-A.

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0570-0066.

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Repowering Assistance Program is authorized under section 9004 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). The objective of this program is to provide financial incentives to bio-refineries in existence on the date of the enactment of the 2008 Farm Bill; to replace the use of fossil fuels used to produce heat or power at their facilities by installing new systems that use renewable biomass, or to produce new energy from renewable biomass.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: Information gathered under this collection will be used to determine the eligibility of bio-refineries to participate in the program. The Agency will determine the amount of payments to be made to a bio-refinery under this program with consideration given to: (1) The quantity of fossil fuel a renewable biomass system is replacing; (2) the percentage reduction in fossil fuel used by the bio-refinery that will result from the installation of the renewable biomass system; and (3) the cost-effectiveness of the renewable biomass system.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit.

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 7.

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Monthly; Semi-annually; Annually.

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 602.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2014-0047]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Self-Certification Medical Statement

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request extension of approval of an information collection for self-certification medical statements.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 25, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/>#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0047.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2014-0047, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/>#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0047 or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on self-certification medical statements, contact Ms. Carmen Queen-Hines, Branch Chief, Human Resources Division, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 21, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 851-2918. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Self-Certification Medical Statement.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0196.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP) agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture facilitate the domestic and international marketing of U.S. agricultural products and protect the health of domestic animal and plant resources. The MRP agencies are the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration. Resource management and administrative services, including human resource management, for the three MRP agencies are provided by the MRP Business

Services unit of APHIS, which is the lead agency in providing administrative support for MRP.

In accordance with 5 CFR part 339, Federal agencies are authorized to obtain medical information from applicants for positions that have approved medical standards. Medical standards may be established for positions for which the duties are arduous or hazardous or require a certain level of health status or fitness. Certain positions in MRP agencies have medical standards. MRP hires individuals each year who work under dusty conditions, around moving machinery and slippery surfaces, and in areas with high noise levels. The MRP agencies require a self-certification medical statement (MRP Form 5-R) from applicants for these positions regarding their fitness for the positions. The MRP agencies need this information to determine whether the applicants can perform the duties of the positions. Inability to collect this information would adversely affect the MRP agencies' ability to make employment decisions and determinations regarding an applicant's physical fitness to safely and efficiently perform assigned duties.

Since the last approval of this collection activity, the number of applicants for certain positions that require medical standards has decreased; therefore, the number of respondents using the self-certification medical statement has decreased. As a result, the estimated annual number of respondents has decreased from 524 to 322, and the estimated total annual burden has decreased from 88 hours to 54 hours.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate,

of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.167 hours per response.

Respondents: Applicants for MRP positions with approved medical standards.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 322.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 322.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 54 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 20th day of June 2014.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Meetings

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forest Resource Coordinating Committee (Committee) will meet via teleconference. The Committee is established consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. II), and the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the Act) (Pub. L. 110-246). Additional information concerning the Committee can be found by visiting the Committee's Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/frcc/>.

DATES: The teleconferences will be held on the following dates:

- July 16, 2014.
- September 17, 2014.
- October 15, 2014.
- November 19, 2014.
- December 17, 2014.

The time of the meetings will be from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST). Each meeting is subject to cancellation. For status of the