

U.S.C. 7401) to exempt any person that produces and markets solely 100 percent organic products, and that does not produce any conventional or non-organic products, from paying assessments under a commodity promotion law with respect to any agricultural commodity that is produced on a certified organic farm as defined in section 2103 of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990.

Section 10004 of the 2014 Farm Bill expanded the organic assessment exemption originally established by the FAIR Act. The 2014 Farm Bill allows all organic handlers to apply for an exemption from assessments on products certified as "organic" or "100 percent organic," regardless of whether the handler also markets conventional or non-organic products. At the same time, the 2014 Farm bill reduced the per response time to complete the form from 30 minutes to 15 minutes.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Handlers submit the completed SC-649 form to the appropriate committee, board or council once a year to apply for an assessment exemption to a certain percentage. The information gathered on this form is necessary to assist the committees, boards and councils to determine an applicant's eligibility assessment exemption and to verify compliance.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 190.

*Frequency of Responses:* Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 48.

**Charlene Parker,**

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of a revision to a currently approved information

collection for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 26, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Lisa Noty, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 511 W. 7th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022, email: [lisa.noty@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:lisa.noty@wdc.usda.gov), phone (712) 243-2107 x116, fax (855)-251-2238.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Advanced Biofuel Payment Program.

*OMB Number:* OMB No. 0570-0063.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 2017.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Advanced Biofuel Payment Program was authorized under section 9005 of Title IX of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill). It authorizes the Agency to enter into contracts to make payments to eligible entities to support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels. Entities eligible to receive payments under the Program are producers of advanced biofuels that meet all of the requirements of the Program.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.89 hours per response.

*Respondents:* The respondents are the advanced biofuel producers and Agency staff who process applications and quarterly payment requests.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 275 advanced biofuel producers.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 7.2.

*Estimate Number of Responses:* 1,986.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,761 hours.

*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 may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs,

Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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: April 18, 2017.

**Chad Parker,**

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 199, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 26, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492, FAX: (202) 720-8435 or email [Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for reinstatement.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) 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; (b) 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; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone (202) 690-4492, FAX: (202) 720-8435 or email [Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov).

*Title:* RUS Specification for Quality Control and Inspection of Timber Products.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0076.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* RUS Bulletin 1728H-702 and 7 CFR 1728.202 describe the responsibilities and procedures pertaining to the quality control by producers and pertaining to inspection of timber products produced in accordance with RUS specifications. In order to ensure the security of loan funds, adequate quality control of timber products is vital to loan security on electric power systems where hundreds of thousands of wood poles and cross-arms are used. Since RUS and its borrowers do not have the expertise or manpower to quickly determine imperfections in the wood products or their preservatives treatments, they must obtain service of an inspection agency to insure that the specifications for wood poles and cross-arms are being met. Copies of test reports on various preservatives must accompany each load of poles treated at the same time in a pressure cylinder (charge) as required by 7 CFR 1728.202(i). RUS feels the importance of safety concerns are enough to justify requiring test reports so that the purchaser, inspectors, and RUS will be able to spot check the general accuracy and reliability of the tests.

*Estimate of Burden:* This collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 800.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 20,333 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Rebecca Hunt, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205-3660, FAX: (202) 720-8435 or email: [Rebecca.hunt@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Rebecca.hunt@wdc.usda.gov).

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.

Dated: April 17, 2017.

**Christopher A. McLean,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meetings of the Connecticut Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that meetings of the Connecticut Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on: Tuesday, May 2, 2017, and Wednesday, May 10, 2017. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss and vote on an advisory memorandum to the Commission on solitary confinement and discuss future advice on the topic.

**ADDRESSES:** Public call-in information: Conference call-in number: 1-877-440-5787 and conference call 7771068.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivy L. Davis, at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov) or by phone at 202-376-7533.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call-in number: 1-877-440-5787 and conference call 7771068. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-

line connections to the toll-free conference call-in number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call-in number: 1-877-440-5787 and conference call 7771068.

Members of the public are invited to make statements during the open comment period of the meeting or submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376-7548, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376-7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <https://database.faca.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=239>; click the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone numbers, email or street address.

#### Agenda May 2, 2017

1. Open—Rollcall
2. Planning Meeting
  - Discussion of Statement of Concern
  - Vote on Statement of Concern
3. Open Comment
4. Adjourn

#### Agenda May 10, 2017

1. Open—Roll Call
2. Discussion of Advisory Memorandum
3. Vote on Memorandum
4. Open Comment
5. Adjournment

*Exceptional Circumstance:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstance of an administrative holdup on the notice.

Dated: April 19, 2017.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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