

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by November 12, 2019 will be considered. Written comments 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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV) or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. 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 the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Rural Housing Service

*Title:* Form RD 410-8, Application Reference Letter (A Request for Credit Reference).

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0091.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Housing Service (RHS), under Section 502 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, provides financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace, or rehabilitate dwellings, which will provide modest, decent, safe, and sanitary housing to eligible individuals in rural areas. Form RD 410-8, Applicant Reference Letter, provides credit information and is used by RHS to obtain information about an applicant's credit history that might not appear on a credit report.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Using form RD-410-8, RHS will collect information to supplement or verify

other debts when a credit report is limited and unavailable to determine the applicant's eligibility and creditworthiness for RHS loans and grants. It can be used to document an ability to handle credit effectively for applicants who have not used sources of credit that appear on a credit report. The form provides RHS with relevant information about the applicant's creditworthiness and is used to make better creditworthiness decisions.

For the form to retain the OMB number, this collection is for approval of the form itself. The burden for this form will be accounted for within the individual RD program collection packages using the form.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1.

**Kimble Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2018-0061]

#### Changes to the National Poultry Improvement Plan Program Standards

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** We are updating the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Program Standards. In a previous notice, we made available to the public for review and comment proposed changes to the NPIP Program Standards. These changes will be added to the NPIP Program Standards.

**DATES:** Applicable December 10, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Elena Behnke, DVM, Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, USDA, 1506 Klondike Road, Suite 101, Conyers, GA 30094-5104; (770) 922-3496; email: [elena.behnke@usda.gov](mailto:elena.behnke@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), also referred to below as "the Plan," is a cooperative Federal-State-Industry mechanism for controlling certain poultry diseases. The Plan consists of a variety of programs intended to prevent and control poultry

diseases. Participation in all Plan programs is voluntary, but breeding flocks, hatcheries, and dealers must first qualify as "U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean" as a condition for participating in the other Plan programs.

The regulations in 9 CFR parts 56, 145, 146, and 147 (referred to below as the regulations) contain the provisions of the Plan. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) amends these provisions from time to time to incorporate new scientific information and technologies within the Plan.

Because changes in diagnostic science, testing technology, and best practices for maintaining sanitation are continual, and the rulemaking process can be lengthy, certain provisions of the Plan are contained in an NPIP Program Standards document<sup>1</sup> rather than in the regulations. The NPIP Program Standards may be updated or revised via a notice-based process rather than by rulemaking.

On April 11, 2019, we published a notice<sup>2</sup> in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 14642-14643, Docket No. APHIS-2018-0061) advising the public that we had prepared updates to the NPIP Program Standards. We proposed updating the standards by:

- Adding and amending definitions of H5/H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) (exposed) and H5/H7 LPAI (infected);
- Clarifying and amending the testing protocol for *Mycoplasma* by allowing use of molecular-based examination procedures;
- Removing specific agar gel immunodiffusion Avian Influenza testing procedures with directions to use the current National Veterinary Services Laboratories protocol;
- Amending and clarifying salmonella isolation procedures;
- Updating and clarifying bacteriological examination procedures for cull chicks and pullets for salmonella;
- Adding a new salmonella diagnostic test kit;
- Removing outdated testing procedures for the sanitation monitored program;
- Updating and clarifying hatching egg and hatchery sanitation

<sup>1</sup> This document may be viewed on the NPIP website at <http://www.poultryimprovement.org/documents/ProgramStandardsAugust2014.pdf>, or by writing to the Service at National Poultry Improvement Plan, APHIS, USDA, 1506 Klondike Road, Suite 101, Conyers, GA 30094.

<sup>2</sup> To view the notice and comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0061>.

requirements, flock sanitation procedures, and cleaning and disinfection procedures;

- Adding new dealer sanitation requirements;
- Updating and clarifying compartmentalization language as well as amending and clarifying audit guidelines and checklists; and
- Adding Newcastle disease virus compartmentalization physical requirements for an egg depot receiving/shipping dock.

We solicited comments for 30 days ending on May 13, 2019. We received three comments by that date. One commenter, who submitted two of the comments, expressed her dissatisfaction with the practices of the poultry industry and USDA's oversight, but did not offer any comments on the proposed updates to the standards. The other commenter suggested that the NPIP would be more successful if each State had to meet the same requirements. The commenter further indicated that the program needed better funding, which would reduce costs for participants and would increase participation.

The NPIP program is a voluntary program, and the regulations governing the program are voted on by the members that participate in the program. All States must meet the provisions in the regulations, however, States have the ability to implement regulations that may go above and beyond provisions. Currently, 100 percent of the primary breeding industry participates in the NPIP as does 95 percent of the commercial poultry industry, so we do not believe that differences in State requirements or the current funding of the program presents a hindrance to participation in the Plan.

Therefore, we are updating the NPIP Program Standards as described in our previous notice and in this document.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the information collection activities included in this notice will be approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0579-0007.

#### E-Government Act Compliance

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is committed to compliance with the E-Government Act to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies, to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes. For information pertinent to

E-Government Act compliance related to this notice, please contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483.

#### Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this action as not a major rule, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 8301-8317; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of October 2019.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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### CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

#### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commission public business meeting.

**DATES:** Friday, October 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** Meeting to take place by telephone.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Walch: (202) 376-8371; TTY: (202) 376-8116; [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This business meeting is open to the public by telephone only. Dial-in: 800-635-7637, Conference ID 610-6266. Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or at [access@usccr.gov](mailto:access@usccr.gov) at least seven business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

#### Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Business Meeting
  - A. Presentation by Maine Advisory Committee member on the Committee's recent report, *The Criminalization of People with Mental Illnesses in Maine*
  - B. Presentation by Georgia Advisory Committee member on the Committee's recent report, *Disability Rights and Civil Rights in Georgia*
  - C. Presentation by Nevada Advisory Committee member on the Committee's recent report, *Mental Health Implications for Policing*

*Practices and the Administration of Justice in Nevada*

- D. Discussion and vote on Commission Advisory Committee appointments
  - Maryland
  - West Virginia
- E. Discussion and Vote on Commission's report, *Sexual Harassment and Free Speech on Campus*
- F. Management and Operations
  - Staff Director's Report

#### III. Adjourn Meeting

Dated: October 9, 2019.

**Brian Walch,**

*Director, Communications and Public Engagement.*

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### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

#### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Delaware Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**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 a planning meeting of the Delaware Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call, on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. (EDT). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote to submit the Committee's civil rights project report on implicit bias and policing in communities of color in Delaware to the Staff Director for publication on the agency's website.

**DATES:** Monday, October 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. (EDT).

*Public Call-In Information:*

Conference call number: 1-866-556-2429 and conference call ID: 4512490.

**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 number: 1-866-556-2429 and conference call ID: 4512490. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator may 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