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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 3, 2021.

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 are requested regarding: 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; 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 September 7, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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:* Rural Energy for America Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570–0067.

*Summary of Collection:* Rural Development is implementing a new consolidated guaranteed loan regulation, 7 CFR 5001, OneRD Guarantee Loan Program. This final rule created a new guaranteed loan program which combined four existing guaranteed loan programs under one regulatory platform. The four existing programs are: (1) The Community Facilities Program (0575–0137), (2) the Water and Waste Disposal Program (0572–0122), (3) the Business and Industry Program (0570–0014), and (4) the Rural Energy for America Program (formerly known as the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program—0570–0050) under Title IX, Section 9007 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill). The result of this new program removes the Guarantee Loan program from 7 CFR 4280 and thus requires a revision to the existing 7 CFR 4280 regulation.

The Rural Energy for America Program, which supersedes the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program under Title IX, Section 9006 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill) is designed to help agricultural producers and rural small business reduce energy cost and consumption, develop new income streams, and help meet the nation's critical energy needs by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants and/or loan guarantees for several types of projects as follows:

- Grants and grants and loan guarantees (combined funding) to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.
- Grants to eligible entities to provide energy audits and renewable energy development assistance to enable agricultural producers and rural small businesses to become more energy efficient and to use renewable energy technologies and resources. Entities eligible to receive grants under this program are State, tribal and local governments; land-grant colleges and

universities or other institutions of higher learning; rural electric cooperatives; public power entities; Resource Conservation and Development Councils and instrumentalities of local, state, and federal governments. These grant funds may be used to conduct and promote energy audits; provide recommendations and information on how to improve the energy efficiency of the operations of the agricultural producers and rural small businesses; and provide recommendations and information on how to use renewable energy technologies and resources in the operations. No more than five (5) percent of the grant can be used for administrative purposes. Agricultural producers and rural small businesses for which a grantee is conducting an energy audit must pay at least 25 percent of the cost of the energy audit.

*Need and Use of the Information:* For RES/EEI applications, this information will be used to determine applicant eligibility, to determine project eligibility and technical merit, and to ensure that grantees operate on a sound basis and use funds for authorized purposes. For EA/REDA applications, this information will be used to determine applicant and project eligibility and to ensure that funds are used for authorized purposes.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals; State, local government, or Tribal.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,434.

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

*Total Burden Hours:* 85,191.

**Levi S. Harrell,**

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#### Farm Service Agency

*Title:* Assignments of Payments and Joint Payment Authorizations; Request for Waiver.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0183.

*Summary of Collection:* The Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(g)) authorizes producers to assign, in writing, Farm Service Agency (FSA) conservation program payments. The statute requires that any such assignment be signed and witnessed. The Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, extends that authority to Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) programs, including rice, feed grains, cotton, and wheat. When the recipient of an FSA, NRCS, or CCC payment chooses to assign a payment to another party or have the payment made jointly with another party, the other party must be identified. All federal nontax payments must be made by EFT, unless a waiver applies which requires certain criteria to be granted. FSA will collect information using forms CCC-36, CCC

37, CCC-251, CCC-252 and FPAC-FM-12.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information collected on the forms will be used by FSA and NRCS employees in order to record the payment or contract being assigned, the amount of the assignment, the date of the assignment, and the name and address of the assignee and the assignor. This is to enable FSA employee to pay the proper party when payments become due. FSA will also use the information to issue program payments jointly at the request of the producer and also terminate joint payments at the request of both the producer and joint payee.

*Description of Respondent:* Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 700,491.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting; On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 116,687.

**Ruth Brown,**

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2020-0030]

#### State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Determination of Nonregulated Status for Blight-Tolerant Darling 58 American Chestnut (*Castanea Dentata*) Developed Using Genetic Engineering

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** We are announcing to the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) evaluating the impacts that may result from the approval of a petition for nonregulated status for blight-tolerant Darling 58 American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. The trees have been developed using genetic engineering to express an oxalate oxidase enzyme from wheat as a defense against the fungal pathogen *Cryphonectria parasitica*, making Darling 58 American chestnut tolerant to chestnut blight. Issues to be addressed in the EIS include the

potential environmental impacts to managed natural and non-agricultural lands, the physical environment, biological resources, human health, socioeconomics, federally listed threatened or endangered species, and cultural or historic resources. We are requesting public comments to further delineate the scope of the alternatives and environmental and interrelated economic issues and impacts to be considered in the EIS.

**DATES:** APHIS will consider all comments received on or before September 7, 2021.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Enter APHIS-2020-0030 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2020-0030, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

The petition and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 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:** Ms. Cindy Eck, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238; (301) 851-3892, email: [cynthia.a.eck@usda.gov](mailto:cynthia.a.eck@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

Under the authority of the plant pest provisions of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the regulations in 7 CFR part 340, "Movement of Organisms Modified or Produced Through Genetic Engineering," regulate, among other things, the importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment of organisms modified or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or pose a plausible plant pest risk.

The petition for nonregulated status described in this notice is being evaluated under the version of the regulations effective at the time that it was received. The Animal and Plant