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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 April 7, 2023 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. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Research Service

Title: Evaluation of User Satisfaction with NAL Internet Sites.

OMB Control Number: 0518–0040.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Library (NAL) measures user satisfaction with internet sites in order for NAL to comply with Executive Order 12862, which directs federal agencies that provide significant services directly to the public to survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. NAL internet sites are a vast collection of web pages created and maintained by component organizations of NAL.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of the research is to ensure that intended audiences find the information provided on the internet sites easy to access, clear, informative, and useful. The research will provide a means by which to classify visitors to the NAL internet sites, to better understand how to serve them. The information generated from this research will enable NAL to evaluate the success of its web presence in support of its mission to facilitate the creation of agricultural knowledge through the acquisition, curation, and dissemination of the information needed to solve agricultural challenges today and in the future. If the information is not collected, NAL will be limited in its ability to provide accurate, timely information to its user community.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; State, local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 2,460.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: annually.

Total Burden Hours: 328.

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National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Title: Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).

OMB Control Number: 0524–0044.

Summary of Collection: The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) is a Federal Extension (community outreach)

program that currently operates through 1862 and 1890 Land-Grant Universities in every state, the District of Columbia, and the six U.S. territories. The program uses education to support participants' efforts towards self-sufficiency, nutritional health, and well-being. EFNEP combines hands-on learning, applied science, and program data to ensure program effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability. The evaluation processes of EFNEP remain consistent with the requirements of Congressional legislation and OMB and supports the reporting requirements requested in the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) (Pub. L. 103–62), the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (FAIR Act) (Pub. L. 105–270), and the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) (Pub. L. 105–185).

Need and Use of the Information: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will collect information using Web-Based Nutrition Education Evaluation and Reporting System (WebNEERS), which is an integrated database system that stores information on: (1) programmatic results: (A) adult program participants, their family structure and dietary practices; (B) youth group participants; and (C) staff; and (2) programmatic plans (D) annual budget; and (E) annual program plans. NIFA would be unable to compare, assess, and analyze the effectiveness and the impact of EFNEP without the annual collection of data.

Description of Respondents: State, local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 76.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 14,744.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket ID NRCS–2023–0004]

Request for Public Input About Implementation of the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative and the National Water Quality Initiative

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) requests public input for NRCS to use in refining the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed Initiative (MRBI) and the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) to better protect and improve water quality. NRCS also requests comments on how we can streamline and improve MRBI and NWQI to increase efficiencies and expand access for underserved communities and producers. Finally, NRCS requests comments on how we can engage with partners to provide technical assistance for MRBI and NWQI implementation. This effort will help NRCS identify and prioritize improvements to MRBI and NWQI starting in fiscal year (FY) 2024.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by April 7, 2023. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent possible.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to send comments in response to this notice. You may send comments through the method below:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRCS–2023–0004. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change and will be publicly available on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

MRBI and NWQI are targeted efforts to address water quality resource concerns. In 2009, USDA announced MRBI as a multiyear partnership effort with the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force (HTF), a Federal and state partnership established to address excess nutrients in the Mississippi River and the associated dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico. NWQI was initiated in 2012 as a partnership effort between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and NRCS to work with states to address nutrient, sediment, and pathogen water quality issues that lead to the impairment of water quality in agricultural watersheds. MRBI is delivered in the 12 member states of HTF, and NWQI is available in all U.S. states and territories.

Both initiatives operate by increasing the effectiveness of Farm Bill assistance within prioritized small watersheds. Delivery of assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and, in MRBI, the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is guided by watershed plans that

identify critical treatment needs. Both initiatives are conducted under authorities that permit NRCS to identify and target opportunities to address priority resource concerns.

MRBI initially focused on a broad range of issues in the Mississippi River basin, including water quantity and wildlife habitat. The 2008 HTF action plan prioritized developing nutrient loss reduction strategies by states no later than 2013. Nutrient loss reduction strategies identify locally appropriate ways for states to reduce nutrient contributions to the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. MRBI is now focused on delivering assistance that aligns with the various state nutrient reduction strategies. In addition, NRCS has made MRBI more effective over time by incorporating watershed assessments and other improvements.

NWQI was designed to support watershed plans that address the water quality concerns being targeted. Starting in 2017, NRCS improved the effectiveness of associated plans by adopting a watershed assessment framework to ensure that all prioritized watersheds followed a pathway to success. In 2019, NRCS worked with EPA to expand the scope of the initiative to include source water protection as a purpose for prioritizing watersheds.

Request for Input

Maximizing the Value of Public Feedback

Responses to the list of questions in this notice will assist NRCS in the delivery of MRBI and NWQI. NRCS encourages public comment on these questions and requests any other information that commenters believe is relevant to this notice. The feedback that is most useful to NRCS identifies specific policies or processes and includes actionable information, data, or viable alternatives that meet statutory goals and requirements. Feedback that only provides a commenter's suggestion for a change but does not contain specific information on what change should be considered, how a proposed change will meet statutory goals and requirements, or how the change would improve existing processes is less useful to NRCS.

To provide comments that will be most useful to NRCS, commenters should respond, in as much detail as possible, to the questions in this notice by:

- Identifying the NRCS regulation or policy at issue, providing the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) and NRCS Manual citation where available or