

which include requirements for animal identification, interstate movement, fencing, recordkeeping, herd inspections and inventories, animal mortality testing, and response to any findings of CWD-exposed, -suspect, or -positive herds. APHIS monitors the approved State HCPs to ensure consistency with Federal standards by means of annual State reporting and onsite and/or virtual program reviews as needed. With each year of successful surveillance, participating herds will advance in status. After 5 years of compliance with the program requirements with no evidence of CWD, APHIS will certify the herd as being low risk for CWD. Only captive cervids (deer, elk, and moose) from enrolled herds certified as low risk for CWD may move interstate. APHIS has issued a CWD Program Standards document<sup>1</sup> to provide detailed guidance on how to meet the requirements of the regulations referred to above.

Section 603 of the Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill enacted the Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act (H.R. 5608, the CWD Research and Management Act). Under the terms of the CWD Research and Management Act, APHIS must “solicit public feedback on potential updates and improvements” to the Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program Standards.

Pursuant to the CWD Research and Management Act, APHIS is publishing this notice soliciting public feedback on potential updates and improvements to the CWD Program Standards. Specifically, we are scheduling a series of virtual listening sessions to gather information that will help us in evaluating and potentially amending the program standards consistent with the CWD Research and Management Act. The listening sessions will be conducted virtually, by webinar.

**Registration:** The listening sessions will be held on July 27, 2023, at 12 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); August 10, 2023, at 3 p.m. EDT; August 17, 2023, at 2 p.m. EDT; August 24, 2023, at 1 p.m. EDT; and September 14, 2023, at 3 p.m. EDT.

Topics for discussion on July 27th, at 12 p.m. EDT will be:

- The overall direction of the program.
- Increasing herd certification program participation.
- Biosecurity.
- Prevention of contact between farmed and wild cervids.

- Prevention of CWD not including genetics.

Topics for discussion on August 10th, at 3 p.m. EDT will be:

- Inspection and inventory, including:
  - animal identification (ID);
  - electronic ID; and
  - annual and physical inspections.

Topics for discussion on August 17th, at 2 p.m. EDT will be:

- Surveillance.
- Use of ante-mortem tests.
- Postmortem sampling.
- Penalties for HCP non-compliance.

Topic for discussion on August 24th, at 1 p.m. EDT will be:

- Disease response, including use of predictive genetics to manage CWD positive, suspect and exposed herds.

Topics for discussion on September 14th, at 3 p.m. EDT will be:

- Indemnity approach, including role of indemnity in predictive genetics herd management; and
- Use of predictive genetics to prevent CWD within the HCP.

Topics needing additional discussion may be added to a listening session and will be announced at least 2 weeks prior to the session on the Cervid Health Program website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/cervid/cervids-cwd/cervids-voluntary-hcp>.

Participants will need to register in advance to participate in the listening sessions. The deadline to register to speak at the first listening session is July 20, 2023. The deadline to register for the remaining sessions will be one week prior to each session. Comments will be limited to a maximum of 3 to 5 minutes depending on the number of requests to speak. Registration instructions and updated session information can be accessed on the Cervid Health Program website.

**Public comment:** You may provide written comments at the meetings by using the meeting chat function or file written comments before, during, or after the meetings by emailing or mailing to the Agency contact listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record up to close of business Monday, November 13, 2023. Please refer to Docket No. APHIS–2023–0042 when submitting your comments. We also encourage interested persons to subscribe to APHIS’ Stakeholder Registry<sup>2</sup> to receive updated

information by email about the upcoming listening sessions.

**Accessibility:** If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please contact [CWD@usda.gov](mailto:CWD@usda.gov).

Done in Washington, DC, this 5th day of July 2023.

**Michael Watson,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Reasons for Under-Redemption of the WIC Cash-Value Benefit

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This collection is a NEW information collection. This study informs the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) about the reasons behind under-redemption of the cash-value benefit (CVB) issued to participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before September 11, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to Summer Weber, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Summer Weber at 815–319–5697 or via email at [summer.weber@usda.gov](mailto:summer.weber@usda.gov). Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Summer Weber at

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/cwd/downloads/cwd-program-standards.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/cwd/downloads/cwd-program-standards.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> To subscribe to the APHIS Stakeholder Registry, go to <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/subscriber/new>.

815-319-5697 or *Summer.Weber@usda.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), which was signed into law in March 2021, included provisions allowing the USDA to temporarily increase the Cash Value Voucher/Benefit (CVV/B) for certain food packages through September 30, 2021. This CVB increase was further extended by Congress and is in place for fiscal year (FY) 2023. This increased CVB amount may reduce barriers to full utilization of the benefit. FNS is particularly interested in how State agency policies and practices as well as the temporary benefit increase affects CVB redemption rates.

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 shall 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 that were 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Reasons for Under-Redemption of the WIC Cash-Value Benefit.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*OMB Number:* Not yet assigned.

*Expiration Date:* Not yet determined.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides nutritious supplemental foods, healthcare referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk. A final rule, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions in the WIC Food Packages, was published in the **Federal Register** on March 4, 2014 (79 FR 12274) that revised the WIC food packages to add a monthly cash-value benefit (CVB) for the purchase of fruits and vegetables. This rule also detailed specific provisions for the value of the CVB, the types of fruits and vegetables authorized, and other State options for providing this benefit. Recent studies have estimated that redemption rates for

CVBs range from 73 percent to 77 percent;<sup>1</sup> however, the reasons for under-redemption of this benefit have not been fully explored. FNS has funded this study to determine the barriers to CVB redemption and the effects of State agency policies, practices, and other factors on CVB redemption rates.

There are a variety of WIC State agency policies and practices that may contribute to CVB under-redemption, including but not limited to: vendor authorization and selection policies, the forms of fruits and vegetables allowed, vendor minimum stocking requirements, and participant tools and training available. Other State and household factors may also affect redemption rates, such as geographic access to WIC vendors or household preferences for certain types of fruits and vegetables. In addition, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), which was signed into law on March 11, 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2), included provisions allowing the USDA to temporarily increase the CVV/B for certain food packages through September 30, 2021. This provision increased the current monthly amounts from \$9 for children and \$11 for women to up to \$35 monthly.<sup>3</sup> On September 30, 2021, Congress passed Public Law 117-43 (Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act) to extend the CVB increase until December 31, 2021. This extension aligned WIC benefit levels with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) recommendations of \$24/month for children, \$43/month for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$47/month for breastfeeding participants. Congress subsequently passed Public Law 117-70 and Public Law 117-103 which further extended the CVB benefit at the NASEM-recommended amounts through September 30, 2022.<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> For FY 2023, the

<sup>1</sup> Phillips, D., Bell, L., Morgan, R., & Pooler, J. (2014). *Transition to EBT in WIC: Review of impact and examination of participant redemption patterns: Final report*. Retrieved from [https://altarum.org/sites/default/files/uploaded-publication-files/Altarum\\_Transition%20to%20WIC%20EBT\\_Final%20Report\\_071614.pdf](https://altarum.org/sites/default/files/uploaded-publication-files/Altarum_Transition%20to%20WIC%20EBT_Final%20Report_071614.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. (2017). *Review of WIC food packages: Improving balance and choice: Final report*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17226/23655>.

<sup>3</sup> USDA FNS (2021). WIC Policy Memorandum #2021-3: State Agency Option to Temporarily Increase the Cash-Value Voucher/Benefit for Fruit and Vegetable Purchases. Retrieved from: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/policy-memorandum-2021-3>.

<sup>4</sup> USDA FNS (2021). WIC Policy Memorandum #2022-2: Extending the Temporary Increase in the

CVB was increased to \$25 for child participants, \$44 for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$49 for fully and partially breastfeeding participants. These increased CVB amounts may reduce barriers to full utilization of the benefit. The temporary CVB increase offers a unique opportunity to test whether CVB redemption rates changed after implementation and whether certain State policy and participant-level factors impacted these rate changes.

In order to identify the factors associated with CVB redemption and examine the effects of State agency policies and practices on CVB redemption rates, FNS is conducting a study in 12 States, with more in-depth data collection occurring in 8 of these States. The study will gather data from WIC State agency staff, administrative records, and WIC participants. Administrative record collection will include electronic benefit transfer (EBT) data previously collected from 12 State agencies for the WIC Food Cost Containment Practices study (OMB Number 0584-0627 WIC Food Package Costs and Cost Containment Study, Discontinued 09/30/2020) as well as EBT and certification data from 8 States for a 12-month period during which States implemented the CVB increase in 2021-2022. EBT data will be used to calculate rates in the study State agencies and, in conjunction with the policy data, will be used to assess the ways in which redemption rates vary with differences in policies and practices. Participant and State agency staff interviews in 8 of the 12 States will be used to understand the factors that are most salient to participants in making decisions about purchasing fruits and vegetables with their CVB and barriers to redemption.

*Affected Public:* (1) State, local, and tribal governments; (2) nonprofits; and (3) individuals/households. Identified respondent groups include the following:

1. State, local, and tribal governments: State agency staff and database administrators in eight States, local agency staff at twelve local agencies, and clinic staff at twelve clinics
2. Nonprofits: staff at four local agencies and four WIC clinics<sup>6</sup>

Cash-Value Voucher/Benefit. Retrieved from: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/policy-memo-2022-2-extending-temporary-increase-cash-value-voucher-benefit>.

<sup>5</sup> USDA FNS (2022). WIC Policy Memorandum #2022-8: Monthly Cash-Value Voucher/Benefit for FY 2023 Fruit and Vegetable Purchases. Retrieved from: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/monthly-cash-value-voucherbenefit-2023-fruit-vegetable>.

<sup>6</sup> Local agencies and clinics may be either government or nonprofit organizations. It is

3. Individuals: WIC participants in eight study States

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* The total estimated number of respondents is 625 (40 State and local government staff, 8 nonprofit staff, and 577 individuals). Of the 625 respondents to be contacted, 505 are expected to be responsive, and 120 are expected to be nonresponsive. The breakout follows:

1. 40 State and local government staff: Of 16 State agency staff to be contacted across 8 States, 16 are expected to be responsive; of 12 local agency staff contacted across 12 local agencies, 12 are expected to be responsive; of 12 clinic staff contacted across 12 clinics, 12 are expected to be responsive.

2. 8 nonprofit staff: Of 4 local agency staff contacted across 4 local agencies, 4 are expected to be responsive; of 4 clinic staff to be contacted across 4 clinics, 4 are expected to be responsive.

3. 577 individuals: 9 individuals are expected to participate in a pretest. Of 577 individuals to be contacted for the main study, 457 are expected to be responsive, with 120 non-responsive.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 4.01 across the entire collection. This is based on the estimated 2,505 total annual responses (2,225 responsive and 280 nonresponsive) to be made by the 625 respondents. See table 1 for the estimated number of responses per respondent for each type of respondent. The breakout follows:

assumed that no contacted local agencies or clinics will refuse to participate.

1. WIC State agency staff: Eight WIC State agency staff will be asked to complete one semi-structured telephone interview each. Prior to interviews, State agency staff will receive advance communications about the study (a letter and frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet); the same State agency staff will receive a recruitment email and take part in a recruitment call.

2. Database administrator: Database administrators from each of the eight State agencies will be asked to respond to the EBT and certification data requests.

3. WIC local agency staff (including State, local, and tribal governments and non-profits): 16 WIC local agency staff (12 from State, local, or tribal government and 4 from non-profits) will be asked to assist with coordination of WIC participant recruitment for the study. These 16 WIC local agency staff will receive advance communications about the study (a letter and FAQ sheet); the same WIC local agency staff will receive a recruitment email and take part in a recruitment call.

4. WIC clinic staff (including state, local, and tribal governments and non-profits): 16 WIC clinic staff (12 from State, local, or tribal government and 4 from non-profits) will be asked to assist with coordination of WIC participant recruitment for the study. These 16 WIC clinic staff will receive advance communications about the study (a letter and FAQ sheet); the same WIC clinic staff will receive a recruitment email and take part in a recruitment call.

5. Individuals (WIC participants): The estimated total number of responses per

all of the individuals (WIC participants) in the study is 4.0. In total, nine individuals will participate in a pretest. 568 individuals will receive a study brochure; of these, 448 are expected to participate in an eligibility screener for a telephone interview. Of the 328 who are eligible to participate, 288 are expected to participate in a telephone interview and complete the consent form. Forty individuals are expected to decline participation and not complete the consent form. All 288 individuals who complete consent forms are expected to participate in the interviews and the demographic survey. A total of 104 individuals are expected to receive reminder calls about participating in a telephone interview. FNS estimates that 120 of the WIC participants will be non-responsive.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 2,505 (2,225 annual responses for responsive participants and 280 annual responses for nonresponsive participants).

*Estimated Time per Response:* The estimated average response time is 0.13 hours for all respondents (0.14 hours for responsive participants and 0.05 hours for nonresponsive participants). The estimated time of response varies from 30 seconds (0.0083 hours) to 2.5 hours depending on respondent group and activity, as shown in table 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 327.83 hours (313.80 hours for responsive participants, and 14.03 hours for nonresponsive participants). See table 1 for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

TABLE 1—TOTAL PUBLIC BURDEN HOURS AND RESPONDENT COSTS

Respondent category	Type of respondent	Instruments and activities	Sample size	Responsive				Nonresponsive				Grand total annual burden estimate (Hours)		
				Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Annual burden (hours)	Number of non-respondents	Frequency of response	Total annual responses		Hours per response	Annual burden (hours)
<b>State, Local, and Tribal Government</b>														
State, Local, and Tribal Government.	WIC State agency staff.	Advance communications (letter).	8	8	1	8	0.10	0.80	0	0	0	0.00	0.80	
	WIC State agency staff.	Advance communications (FAQ sheet).	8	8	1	8	0.10	0.80	0	0	0	0.00	0.80	
	WIC State agency staff.	Recruitment call .....	8	8	1	8	0.75	6.00	0	0	0	0.00	6.00	
	WIC State agency staff.	Reminder email .....	8	8	1	8	0.05	0.40	0	0	0	0.00	0.40	
	WIC State agency staff.	Telephone interviews with up to two staff per State.	8	8	1	8	1.00	8.00	0	0	0	0.00	8.00	
	Database administrator.	EBT data .....	8	8	1	8	1.50	12.00	0	0	0	0.00	12.00	
	Database administrator.	Certification data .....	8	8	1	8	2.50	20.00	0	0	0	0.00	20.00	
		WIC State agency staff subtotal		16	4	56	0.86	48.00	0	0	0	0.00	48.00	
		WIC local agency staff.	Advance communications (letter).	12	12	1	12	0.10	1.20	0	0	0	0.00	1.20
		WIC local agency staff.	Advance communications (FAQ sheet).	12	12	1	12	0.10	1.20	0	0	0	0.00	1.20
		WIC local agency staff.	Recruitment call .....	12	12	1	12	0.75	9.00	0	0	0	0.00	9.00
		WIC local agency staff.	Reminder email .....	12	12	1	12	0.05	0.60	0	0	0	0.00	0.60
		WIC local agency staff subtotal		12	4	48	0.25	12.01	0	0	0	0.00	12.01	
		Clinic staff .....	Advance communications (letter).	12	12	1	12	0.10	1.20	0	0	0	0.00	1.20
	Clinic staff .....	Advance communications (FAQ sheet).	12	12	1	12	0.10	1.20	0	0	0	0.00	1.20	
	Clinic staff .....	Recruitment call .....	12	12	1	12	0.75	9.00	0	0	0	0.00	9.00	
	Clinic staff .....	Reminder email .....	12	12	1	12	0.05	0.60	0	0	0	0.00	0.60	
	Clinic staff subtotal		12	4	48	0.25	12.01	0	0	0	0.00	12		
	State and local government subtotal		40	4	152	0.47	72.02	0	0	0	0.00	72		
<b>Nonprofit</b>														
Nonprofit .....	WIC local agency staff.	Advance communications (letter).	4	4	1	4	0.10	0.40	0	0	0	0.00	0.40	
	WIC local agency staff.	Advance communications (FAQ sheet).	4	4	1	4	0.10	0.40	0	0	0	0.00	0.40	
	WIC local agency staff.	Recruitment call .....	4	4	1	4	0.75	3.00	0	0	0	0.00	3.00	
	WIC local agency staff.	Reminder email .....	4	4	1	4	0.05	0.20	0	0	0	0.00	0.20	

WIC local agency staff subtotal		4	4	4	4	16	0.25	4.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4.00
Clinic staff	Advance communications (letter).	4	4	1	4	4	0.10	0.40	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.40
Clinic staff	Advance communications (FAQ sheet).	4	4	1	4	4	0.10	0.40	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.40
Clinic staff	Recruitment call	4	4	1	4	4	0.75	3.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3.00
Clinic staff	Reminder email	4	4	1	4	4	0.05	0.20	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.20
Clinic staff subtotal		4	4	4	4	16	0.25	4.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4.00
Nonprofit subtotal		8	8	4	4	32	0.25	8.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	8.00
<b>Individuals</b>													
WIC participants	Pretest	9	9	1	9	448	0.75	6.75	0	0	0.00	0.00	6.75
WIC participants	Study brochure	568	448	1	448	328	0.05	22.44	120	1	0.05	6.01	28.46
WIC participants	Eligibility screener form.	448	328	1	328	104	0.05	16.43	120	1	0.05	6.01	22.44
WIC participants	Reminder call	104	104	1	104	288	0.0083	0.86	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.86
WIC participants	Consent form	328	288	1	288	288	0.03	9.62	40	1	0.05	2.00	11.62
WIC participants	Interview protocol	288	288	1	288	288	0.50	144.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	144.00
WIC participants	Demographic survey	288	288	1	288	288	0.07	19.24	0	0	0.00	0.00	19.24
WIC participants	Thank-you note	288	288	1	288	288	0.05	14.43	0	0	0.00	0.00	14.43
Individual subtotal		577	457	4.47	2,041	2,225	0.11	233.78	120	2.33	0.05	14.03	247.81
<b>Total</b>		625	505	4.41	2,225	2,225	0.14	313.80	120	2.33	0.05	14.03	327.83

Tameka Owens,
Assistant Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Business-Cooperative Service
[Docket No. RBS-23-BUSINESS-0017]

Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service, agencies of the Rural Development mission area within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), hereinafter collectively referred to as the Agency to request approval for a new information collection in support of compliance with applicable acts for planning and performing construction and other development work.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 11, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by the following method:
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Gilbert, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-2682. Email lynn.gilbert@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 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 Rural Development is submitting to OMB for a new collection.

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 by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to https://www.regulations.gov and, in the lower "Search Regulations and Federal Actions" box, select "RBS" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select RBS-23-BUSINESS-0017 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link.

Title: 7 CFR 1951—Servicing and Collection Common Forms.

OMB Number: 0570-New.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: The information collection under OMB Number 0570-New will enable the Agencies to effectively provide servicing to a recipient's post disbursement loan and/or debt collection efforts to support Agencies and parties involved.

The Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business and Cooperative Service (RBCS) and Rural Utilities service (RUS) agencies within the Rural Development mission area, hereinafter referred to as Agency, is the credit Agency for agriculture and rural development for the United States Department of Agriculture. The Agency offers loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing; health care; first responder services and equipment; and water, electric and communications infrastructure.

Rural Development has determined that the financial reporting requirements

are necessary to provide the Agency with current information in order to monitor the program, to make various reporting requirements to Congress, and for program innovation and expansion under the Government's Performance Review.

Estimate of Burden: RD is requesting approval for one respondent and a one-hour place holder in order for OMB to issue a control number for these forms. The burden for each of the forms will be accounted for within the individual Rural Development program collection packages using the form(s).

Respondents: Recipients of Rural Development Federal financial assistance, loan, and loan guarantee programs.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT PER FORM IN PACKAGE

Table with 2 columns: Form No., Responses per respondent. Row 1: 1951-4, 10, 15, 33, 65 ..... 1

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.

Karama Neal, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket #: RUS-23-WATER-0009]

Notice of Funding Opportunity for Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program for Fiscal Year 2023; Water and Environmental Programs; Correction

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice, correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or Agency), a Rural Development (RD) mission area of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in the Federal Register on June 22, 2023, to announce the acceptance of applications under the Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The NOFO also announced the availability of at least \$247,250,000 in grant funding through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations