

mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by January 2, 2025 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.

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.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Delivery Portal (FDP) Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0401.

Summary of Collection: This is a revision of a currently approved information collection that was formerly titled “The Integrity Profile (TIP) Data Collection.” Under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program regulations at 7 CFR 246.12(j)(5), WIC State agencies administering the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) are required by 7 CFR 246.12(j)(5) to submit to FNS an annual summary of the results of their vendor monitoring efforts in order to provide Congress, senior FNS officials, as well as the public, assurance that every reasonable effort is being made to ensure integrity in the WIC Program. The number of WIC State agencies in fiscal year 2023 is 89. This includes 50 geographic State agencies, 33 State agencies operated by Indian Tribal Organizations, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands. All WIC State agencies use the web-based system called Food Delivery Portal (FDP).

FDP is a robust data collection system which aligns with current security protocols and compliance guidance, supports data storage and web components, ensures cost effectiveness, allows for data-driven decision-making, has enhanced FNS reporting

capabilities, reduces grantee burden through automated calculations and consolidated reporting, and adds data validation features to reduce reporting errors.

Need and Use of the Information: This is a mandatory collection, and the respondents are WIC State agencies. FNS uses the data for Federal oversight of the WIC Program and to ensure compliance with WIC Program regulations. Specifically, FNS uses the data in FDP to ensure that WIC State agencies are providing appropriate vendor training, consistently monitoring vendors for compliance with Program rules, conducting the required ratio of compliance investigations, and are applying the correct sanctions for any patterns of violations identified. FNS works with State agencies to address any discrepancies or anomalies in the data. Final WIC State agency data is aggregated by FNS at the national level, to generate nationwide reports and trend analysis. Additionally, FNS uses this data to provide information on WIC State agency vendor management and vendor compliance to stakeholders, including Congress, USDA’s Office of the Inspector General (OIG), outside auditors, researchers, and the public.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 356.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,576.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Tribal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Tribal Relations, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of public, hybrid meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Office of Tribal Relations is announcing a meeting of the Tribal Advisory Committee. The Committee is authorized under the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (the 2018 Farm Bill) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and guidance to USDA

on matters related to Tribal and Indian affairs.

DATES: In person meetings with virtual webinar and call-in options will take place at the Palm’s Casino Resort on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, from 1 p.m. to approximately 5 p.m. Pacific standard time (PST) in Room Madison C/D and Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. in the Kaos room. This venue is located at 4321 W Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89103. Meeting room updates will be posted on <https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/advisory-committee>.

ADDRESSES:

Webinar Participation Information: Registration to attend this meeting, including to provide oral public comments, is available at https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_3wk0eEvGSduYZUL767g0hg.

Public Comments: The public may file written comments to the Tribal Advisory Committee by Thursday, December 5, 2024, via email at Tribal.Relations@usda.gov. Additional comments will be included in the public record.

Members of the public are invited to join the Tribal Advisory Committee meeting to listen to deliberations each day and will be invited to give oral comments to the Committee from 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. PST on Tuesday, December 10th. Members of the public who request to give oral comments to the Committee must arrive by 1:00 p.m. and will be given no more than five (5) minutes to provide their comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General information about the Committee can be found at <https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/advisory-committee>. Josiah Griffin, Designated Federal Officer, by phone at 202–205–2249 or via email at Josiah.Griffin@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be the fourth convening of the Tribal Advisory Committee. An agenda and more information for this meeting will be available at <https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/advisory-committee>.

The Secretary established the Committee pursuant to section 12303 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 6921(b)). The Committee is managed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C.

10. Under the law, the Secretary of Agriculture appointed three members, and the Chair and Ranking Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committees on Indian Affairs and Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry appointed the remaining eight members. In addition to providing recommendations to the Secretary, the Tribal Advisory Committee is required to submit report(s) to the three Congressional Committees listed above.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: All written public comments will be compiled into a binder and will be made available for review at the meeting. Duplicate comments from multiple individuals will appear as one comment, with a notation that multiple copies of the comment were received. Please visit <https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/advisory-committee> to learn more about the agenda for or reports resulting from this meeting.

Be advised that anyone calling into the Zoom teleconference system or participating in-person that is interested in providing public comment will be asked to provide their name, title, and Tribal or organizational affiliations. Callers may expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the USDA will not refund any incurred charges.

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable,

individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the many communities, identities, races, ethnicities, backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and beliefs of the American people, including underserved communities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: November 22, 2024.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RUS-24-AGENCY-0035]

Notice of Adoption of Department of Energy Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, Rural Housing Service and Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Development, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Rural Development (RD), a mission area within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces its adoption of seven Categorical Exclusions (CEs) from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to use in RD programs and funding opportunities. This notice describes the categories of proposed actions for which RD intends to use the DOE CEs and describes the consultation between the agencies.

DATES: This action is effective upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

RD's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans. This mission is met by providing loans, grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance through a multitude of programs aimed at creating and

improving infrastructure, businesses, and housing throughout rural America. RD is divided into three agencies, the Rural Utilities Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Rural Housing Service, each with unique programs that play an important role in helping RD reach its goals.

RD's programs must comply with NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, which requires Federal agencies to consider the environmental effects of their proposed actions in their decision-making processes and inform and engage the public in those processes. Congress enacted NEPA to establish a national policy for the environment, provide for the establishment of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), and for other purposes as detailed on [NEPA.gov](https://www.nepa.gov) ([ceq.doe.gov](https://www.ceq.doe.gov)). CEQ issued regulations implementing NEPA, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 (CEQ regulations).

To comply with NEPA, agencies determine the appropriate level of review of any major Federal action—an environmental impact statement (EIS), environmental assessment (EA), or CE. It is the agency's responsibility, in accordance with NEPA and the CEQ regulations, to prepare documentation that supports their level of review.

Section 109 of NEPA, enacted as part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, allows a Federal agency to adopt and use another agency's CEs for a category of proposed agency actions (42 U.S.C. 4336c). To use another agency's CEs under section 109, the adopting agency must identify the relevant CEs listed in another agency's ("establishing agency") NEPA procedures that cover the adopting agency's category of proposed actions or related actions; consult with the establishing agency to ensure that the proposed adoption of the CE to a category of actions is appropriate; identify to the public the CE that the adopting agency plans to use for its proposed actions; and document adoption of the CE (40 CFR 1501.4(e)(2024)). This notice documents RD's adoption of seven DOE CEs under Section 109 of NEPA for future use in RD programs and funding opportunities.

II. Identification of the Categorical Exclusions and Additional Conditions for Application

RD provides loans, grants and technical assistance to build critical infrastructure like electric, broadband, water systems, and hospitals. The programs expand access to electric, telecommunications, and transportation infrastructure, and support business growth, healthcare, education, housing, and other community essentials.