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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension and a revision to an approved information collection in support of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The collection requirements have been revised to amend the total burden hours to reflect CRP activity from 1999 through 2002, including enrolling new acreage in the program and releasing acreage before contract expiration as authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 27, 1999 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments may be sent to Cheryl Zavodny, Chief, Conservation Programs Branch, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, USDA, FSA, CEPD, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0513, telephone (202)720-7333; facsimile (202)720-4619; or e-mail Cheryl_Zavodny@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.; or facsimile (202) 720-4619.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Conservation Reserve Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0125.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 29, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension and Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0560-0125, as identified above allows FSA to effectively administer the regulations under the CRP. The CRP regulations at 7 CFR Part 1410 and formerly at 7 CFR Part 704 set forth basic policies, program provisions, and eligibility requirements for owners and operators to enter into and carry out long-term CRP contracts with financial and technical assistance and for making cost-share and annual rental payments under the program. All information collection under 7 CFR Part 704 has ceased. This regulation was removed by the final CRP rule published February 19, 1997, which revised 7 CFR Part 1410. CRP information collection requirements will continue under 7 CFR Part 1410. Total public burden hours are based on the following assumptions:

1. Average size for contracts is 70.0 acres for general and 8.0 acres for continuous signup contracts.

2. Approximately 3.442 million acres are scheduled to expire under CRP on September 30, 1999. The Secretary has the authority to maintain 36.4 million acres in the program through 2002. The remaining enrollment authority through 2002 is 7,181,000 acres.

3. Twenty-five percent of the producers requesting early release will not release the entire contract.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .067691 hours per response.

Respondents: Owners, operators, and other producers on eligible cropland.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 575,140.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 38,932.

Comments are sought on these requirements including: (a) whether the continued 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 including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhancing the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimizing the burden of the collection of information

on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Cheryl Zavodny, Chief, Conservation Programs Branch, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, USDA, FSA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0513, Washington DC 20250-0513.

Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Cheryl Zavodny at the above address.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection(s) of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 18, 1999.

Keith Kelly,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-044C]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Correction

This notice revises the information provided in the **Federal Register** notice (64 FR 55226), published on October 12, 1999 (FR Doc. 99-26559). The location of the meeting was listed incorrectly in the **Federal Register**. The **Federal Register** stated that the full Committee meeting will take place at the United States Department of Agriculture, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC in the Jefferson Room. The full Committee meeting will now

take place at the Quality Hotel and Suites, Jefferson Room, Courthouse Plaza, 1200 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22201; telephone (703) 524-4000.

Additionally, the meeting agenda has changed. There will be only four issues discussed. The fifth issue will not be discussed, E. coli 0157 Action Plan.

Also, the actual date the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection is March 22, 1999, not February 12, 1997, as published in the **Federal Register**.

Done at Washington, DC on: October 21, 1999.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0736. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Review Rating Summary.
OMB Control Number: 0572-0025.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection with change.

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) manages loan programs in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended. An important part of safeguarding loan security is to see that RUS financed facilities are being responsibly used, adequately operated and adequately maintained. Future needs have to be anticipated to ensure

that facilities will continue to produce revenue and that loans will be repaid as required by the RUS mortgage. A periodic operations and maintenance (O&M) review, using the RUS Form 300, in accordance with RUS Bulletin 161-5, is an effective means for RUS to determine whether the borrowers' systems are being properly operated and maintained, thereby protecting the loan collateral. An O&M review is also used to rate facilities and can be used for appraisals of collateral as prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivables.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 233.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 932 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0812.

Comments are invited on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 on other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 21, 1999.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Information Systems; Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will meet on November 9 and 10, 1999, 9 a.m., in room 3884 of the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to information systems equipment and technology.

November 9

Public Session

1. Comments or presentations by the public.
2. Electronic submission of support documents.
3. ISTAC proposal on graphics processors: present technology and recommendation.
4. A new look at computer architecture.
5. Discussion on revisions to high-performance computer security safeguard plan.

November 9 and 10

Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. and Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on September 10, 1999, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or