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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Comment Request and Notice of Public Meeting for Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Malaria Vector Control Interventions

AGENCY: Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Comment request and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 22 CFR part 216, USAID is conducting a "Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Malaria Vector Control Interventions." This Assessment is intended to serve as a general evaluation of human health and environmental issues related to the use of certain mosquito control methods that contribute to malaria prevention and control. USAID provides financial and technical support for the use of such methods as part of national malaria control programs in USAID-assisted countries and, therefore, must conduct this Program Environmental Assessment to evaluate the potential health and environmental consequences of these agency actions. The Program Environmental Assessment will also provide guidance to USAID Missions on preparing country- and activity-specific Supplemental Environmental Assessments, which will be conducted on major individual actions that may have significant environmental impacts where such impacts have not been adequately evaluated in the Program Environmental Assessment. The PEA is intended to facilitate USAID's use of these interventions while meeting safety and efficacy guidelines.

The Program Environmental Assessment will address Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS), Environmental Management and Larviciding. The content of the Assessment will include the following: Background on Malaria and Malaria Vector Control; Proposed

Actions and Alternatives; Affected Environment; Human Health and Environmental Consequences; Mitigation, Monitoring and Evaluation; Regulatory, Legal and Institutional Settings; Training and Institutional Capacity Building; and Cross-Cutting Issues.

USAID requests that members of the public review the Assessment and provide comments via the electronic format described below. USAID will also hold a public meeting to receive comments on the content of the Assessment.

DATES: The Assessment will be available for public review on or about March 22, 2006. USAID will consider all comments received on or before April 14, 2006. A public meeting on the document will be held on March 29, 2006 at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Assessment may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.fightingmalaria.gov>. All comments must be submitted either via e-mail (IVMPEA@usaid.gov) or in person at the public meeting. The public meeting location is the USAID Public Information Center, Suite M1, Mezzanine Level, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington DC. **Note:** Photo identification is required for entry into the Ronald Reagan Building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Lynch, Malaria Advisor, USAID Washington RRB 3.07-024 3700; telephone number: 202-712-6044; e-mail address: mlynch@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although USAID supports the use of Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs) for malaria control, the Assessment does not address distribution of ITNs. This intervention is considered in a separate, previously completed assessment, entitled "Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Insecticide-Treated Materials in USAID Activities in Sub-Saharan Africa", available at <http://www.encapafrica.org/docs/pest-pesticide%20mgmt/ITM%20PEA.DOC>.

Dated: March 14, 2006.

Irene Koek,

Infectious Diseases Division Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 14, 2006.

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 regarding (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 assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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Rural Development

Title: Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0027.

Summary of Collection: The Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 extends the duration for all

Empowerment Zone through December 2009. The Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities program (EZ/EC) provides economically depressed rural areas and communities with opportunities for growth and revitalization. USDA has designated 80 Champion communities from the EZ/EC applicant communities that have agreed to implement their strategic plans in accordance with the principles of the program and report regularly on their progress.

Need and Use of the Information: Periodic reviews provide the basis for USDA to continue or revoke a designation during the life of the Federal program. These reports provide progress on each project that the designee has specified in their implementation plans. A warning letter maybe sent to recipients who have been regarded as noncompliance or have made insufficient progress in implementing the strategic plan.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 110.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,402.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *Pamela_Beverly_OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Title: Reporting Requirements for State Plans of Work for Agricultural Research and Extension Formula Funds.

OMB Control Number: 0524-0036.

Summary of Collection: Section 202 and 225 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) requires that a plan of work must be submitted by each institution and approved by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) before formula funds may be provided to the 1862 and 1890 land-grant institutions. The plan of work must address critical agricultural issues in the State and describe the programs and project targeted to address these issues using the CSREES formula funds. The plan of work also must describe the institution's multistate activities as well as their integrated research and extension activities.

Need and Use of the Information: Institutions are required to annually report to CSREES the following: (1) The actions taken to seek stakeholder input to encourage their participation; (2) a brief statement of the process used by the recipient institution to identify individuals or groups who are stakeholders and to collect input from them; and (3) a statement of how collected input was considered. CSREES uses the information to provide feedback to the institutions on their Plans of Work and Annual Reports of Accomplishments and Results in order for institutions to improve the conduct and the delivery of their programs. Failure to comply with the requirements may result in the withholding of a

recipient institution's formula funds and redistribution of its share of formula funds to other eligible institutions.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 135,600.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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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 regarding (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 assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB),

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