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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 7, 2016.

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 (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 November 14, 2016 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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 Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Industry Response to Noncompliance Records.

OMB Control Number: 0583–0146.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat and, poultry products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. If FSIS in-plant personnel discover noncompliance with regulatory requirements they issue Noncompliance Records (NRs). The Noncompliance Record, FSIS Form 5400–4 and FSIS 5400–4 FISH, serves as FSIS' official record of noncompliance with one or more regulatory requirements.

Need and use of the Information: FSIS will use the form 5400–4 and 5400–4 FISH to document their findings and provided written notification of the establishment's failure to comply with regulatory requirement(s). The establishment management receives a copy of the form and has the opportunity to respond in writing using the Noncompliance Record form.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 7,057.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 119,969.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission business meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a Business Meeting of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will be convened at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 21, 2016.

DATES: Friday, October 21, 2016, at 10 a.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., 11th Floor, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425 (Entrance on F Street NW.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Walch, Director, Communications and Public Engagement. Telephone: (202) 376–8371; TTY: (202) 376–8116; Email: publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This business meeting is open to the public.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the briefing and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376–8105 or signlanguage@usccr.gov at least seven business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda.
- II. Business Meeting
 - A. Program Planning.
 - Discussion of Concept Papers
 - Update on Status of 2017 Statutory Enforcement Report
 - B. State Advisory Committees.
 - State Advisory Committee Appointments
 - Pennsylvania
 - District of Columbia
 - Arkansas
 - Colorado
 - C. Management and Operations
 - Staff Director's Report
- III. Break until 11 a.m. for Presentation by Sylvia Mendez about her experiences as the Plaintiff in Mendez v. Westminster School District
 - Presentation by Sylvia Mendez
- IV. Adjourn

Dated: October 11, 2016.

Brian Walch,

Director, Communications and Public Engagement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Notice of NIST's Mouse Cell Line Authentication Consortium

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of research consortium.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), an agency of the United States Department of Commerce, is establishing the Mouse Cell Line Authentication Consortium and invites organizations to participate in this Consortium. The Consortium will collaborate to obtain concordant short tandem repeat (STR) profiles for mouse cell lines, draft consensus standards for mouse cell line authentication, and create a public database of STR profiles for mouse cell lines. The Consortium has been developed in collaboration with American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). Participation in this Consortium is open to all eligible organizations, as described below.

DATES: NIST will accept responses for participation in this Consortium on an ongoing basis. The Consortium's activities will commence on or about December 15, 2016 ("Commencement Date"). Acceptance of participants into the Consortium after the Commencement Date will depend on eligibility and the availability of testing reagents and other resources.

ADDRESSES: Information in response to this Notice and requests for additional information about the Consortium can be directed via mail to the Consortium Manager, Jamie Almeida, Biosystems and Biomaterials Division of NIST's Material Measurement Laboratory, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8312, or via electronic mail to jamie.almeida@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about participation opportunities or about the terms and conditions of NIST's Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), please contact Honeyeh Zube, CRADA and License Officer, National Institute of Standards and Technology's Technology Partnerships Office, by mail

to 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 2200, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, by electronic mail to honeyeh.zube@nist.gov, or by telephone at (301) 975-2209.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The estimated cost due to the use of misidentified and contaminated cell lines used in research exceeds millions of dollars. The authentication of cell lines is recommended by many journals and research funding entities prior to publication and funding, respectively. On June 9, 2015, the National Institute of Health issued a notice titled, "Enhancing Reproducibility through Rigor and Transparency" (NOT-OD-15-103) to address the revision of grant application instructions and grant review criteria to highlight the need to authenticate key biological materials, including cell lines. The NIH notice is available here: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-103.html>. Currently, there is a consensus standard in place for human cell line authentication using short tandem repeat (STR) profiling which describes in detail the specific procedures to obtain reliable genotyping results. Databases of human STR profiles and commercial kits for human STR genotyping are also available. For non-human cell line authentication, however, there are no standards, STR genotyping kits, or databases available to researchers.

NIST researchers have developed a panel of STR markers specific to the mouse genus that can be used to discriminate among mouse cell lines. These STR markers are used in a multiplex polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay and the PCR products are separated based on size using capillary electrophoresis (CE). This technology is the subject of a pending patent application owned by the United States Department of Commerce (US Patent Application Number 13/935,285).

The purpose of this Consortium is to draft guidance documents or consensus documentary standards that will delineate the definitive methods for mouse cell line authentication based on the data collected in a concordance study conducted as a part of the Consortium. These efforts will enable quality services to be provided for mouse cell line authentication. The Consortium is managed by NIST in collaboration with ATCC. NIST and ATCC will provide protocol test reagent kit and DNA samples from mouse cell lines to the Consortium members under specific terms and conditions. NIST will provide the Consortium members with a standard operating procedure (SOP) and

genotyping kit which each Consortium member will be required to use to generate data for the mouse cell line DNA samples. The Consortium members will determine the parameters for data analysis and define the rules for interpretation of identity guided by the data collected. NIST will collect concordant STR profile data for each mouse cell line which will be used to build a public database for mouse cell lines. NIST will anonymize the data from individual labs. NIST will share summaries of the data for all the mouse cell lines tested. NIST intends to publish the results of the research in the form of reports and publications in scientific journals with the members of the Consortium as co-authors, as appropriate.

Participation Process: Researchers at university core labs, at companies offering cell line authentication methods, at cell line repositories, and at other organizations that would benefit from mouse cell line authentication services, are invited to respond to this Notice to participate in this Consortium. Eligibility will be determined solely by NIST based on the information provided by interested organizations in response to this Notice on a first-come, first-serve basis to the extent that interested organizations are eligible and that testing reagents and other resources are available to accommodate additional participants. In order to be eligible to participate, the Consortium member will be required to have expert experience in STR genotyping, human cell line authentication, and CE operation. Additionally, the Consortium member will need to demonstrate that it has access to a thermal cycler and CE instrumentation, as required to complete the tasks in the SOP. Consortium members will be responsible for their own consumables for PCR and CE fragment analysis, except for the mouse STR kit and mouse cell line DNA, which will be provided by NIST and ATCC. NIST will evaluate the written responses to this Notice to determine eligibility to participate in this Consortium. Organizations responding to this Notice should provide the following information to NIST's Consortium Manager:

(1) A description of the experience in cell line authentication, STR analysis, polymerase chain reaction (PCR), and STR genotyping software analysis. Please also indicate whether the organization offers cell line authentication services. Please also describe the methods and kits typically used by organization, and the number of years of experience of the researchers at the organization who have been doing