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Description of Respondents: Federal Government; Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 17.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0083]

National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of a meeting of the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 1, 2, and 3, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Joanne Garrett, Director, Operational Support Staff, WS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; (301) 734-7921.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture concerning policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services (WS) program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the WS program to have a voice in the program's policies.

The meeting will focus on operational and research activities and will be open to the public. Among the topics to be discussed will be the following:

Wildlife Service's efforts to increase operational capacity through prioritizing research objectives;

Pertinent national programs, including the avian and disease programs and how to increase their effectiveness; and

Ensuring that Wildlife Services remains an active participant in agricultural protection.

Due to time constraints, the public will not be able to participate in the Committee's discussions. However, written statements concerning meeting topics may be filed with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to Mrs. Joanne Garrett at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, or may be filed at the meeting. Please refer to Docket No. APHIS-2006-0083 when submitting your statements.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

Parking and Security Procedures

Please note that a fee of \$2.25 is required to enter the parking lot at the USDA Center. The machine accepts \$1 bills and quarters.

Upon entering the building, visitors should inform security personnel that they are attending the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee meeting. Identification is required. Visitor badges must be worn at all times while inside the building.

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of June 2006.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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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 intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to request an extension and revision of currently approved information collections in support of the Regulations—Financing Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities under Title I of Public Law 83-480; Request for Vessel Approval, Form

CCC-105 and Request for Vessel Approval, Form CCC-105 (cotton); and Declaration of Sale, Form FAS-359.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 5, 2006.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact William Hawkins, Director, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031, telephone (202) 720-3241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations—Financing Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities under Title I, Public law 480; Request for Vessel Approval, Form CCC-105 and Request for Vessel Approval, Form CCC-105 (cotton); and Declaration of Sale, Form FAS-359.

OMB Number: 0551-0005 (Records and Rule Keeping), 0551-0008 (request for Vessel Approval Form), and 0551-0009 (Declaration of Sale Form) were combined into OMB Number 0551-0005 in 2003.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of currently approved information collections.

Abstract: Title I of The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, (Pub. L. 83-480) authorizes the CCC to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities on concessional credit terms. Suppliers of commodities and ocean transportation must retain records for 3 years. Prospective commodity suppliers must provide information for the Department to determine eligibility. Commodity suppliers must report details of sales for price approval and submit to USDA, for approval, information on any amendments to the sales. Form FAS-359, "Declaration of Sale," is the written record, signed by the commodity supplier, of the terms of sale as reported by telephone. When signed by the General Sales Manager, it provides evidence of the USDA price approval required for CCC financing. Shipping agents nominated by importing countries must submit information to allow identification of possible conflicts of interest. Shipping agents or embassies submit pertinent shipping information on Form CCC-105 to facilities approval by CCC of shipping arrangements. This approval is necessary to assure compliance with cargo preference requirements at the lowest cost to CCC. Agents submit this document in order that USDA can generate the CCC-106, a necessary payment document. Ocean carriers then receive payment for ocean freight.

The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate the use of, and account for government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 8 hours per Recordkeeping, 30 minutes per Vessel Approval and 15 minutes per Declaration of Sale response.

Respondents: Suppliers of commodities and ocean transportation; prospective commodity suppliers; shipping agents; and businesses or other for-profit entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 88.75 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tamoria Thompson-Hall, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1690.

Requests for Comments: Send comments regarding (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; (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 automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to William Hawkins, Director, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031, or to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). 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 June 19, 2006.

Michael W. Yost,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection: comments request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) and Rural Development, henceforth collectively known as Rural Development, or individually as Housing and Community Programs, Business and Cooperative Programs, Utility Programs, to request an extension for a currently approved 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 5, 2006 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry B. Fleming, Architect, Program Support Staff, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0761, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0761, Telephone (202) 720-8547 or (202) 720-9619 or via e-mail at larry.fleming@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: RD 1924-A, "Planning and Performing Construction and Other Development".

OMB Number: 0575-0042.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collection under OMB Number 0575-0042 enables the Agencies to effectively administer

the policies, methods, and responsibilities in the planning and performing of construction and other development work for the related construction programs.

Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace, or rehabilitate dwellings; farm buildings; and/or related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions and adequate farm buildings and other structures in rural areas.

Section 506 of the Act requires that all new buildings and repairs shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications as required by the Secretary and that such construction be supervised and inspected.

Section 509 of the Act grants the Secretary the power to determine and prescribe the standards of adequate farm housing and other buildings. The Housing and Urban Rural Recovery Act of 1983 amended section 509(a) and section 515 to require residential buildings and related facilities comply with the standards prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, the standard prescribed by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, or the standards prescribed in any of the nationally recognized model building codes.

Similar authorizations are contained in sections 303, 304, 306, and 339 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, which authorized loans and grants for essential community services.

In several sections of both acts, loan limitations are established as percentages of development costs, requiring careful monitoring of those costs. Also, the Secretary is authorized to prescribe regulations to ensure that Federal funds are not wasted or dissipated and that construction will be undertaken in an economic manner and will not be of elaborate or extravagant design or materials.

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is the credit Agency for rural water and wastewater development within Rural Development of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Rural-Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is the credit Agency for rural business development within Rural Development of USDA. These Agencies adopted use of forms in RD Instruction 1924-A. Information for their usage is included in this report.

Other information collection is required to conform to numerous Public Laws applying to all Federal agencies, such as: Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and