

The final environmental impact statement is scheduled to be completed by May, 1998. In the final environmental impact statement, the Swan Lake Ranger District is required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft environmental impact statement and applicable laws, regulations and policies considered in making the decision regarding this proposal. Charles E. Harris, District Ranger, Swan Lake Ranger District, is the responsible official and his decision and reasons for this decision will be documented in the Record of Decision. The decision will be subject to Forest Service appeal regulations (36 CFR 215).

Dated: December 8, 1997.

**Charles E. Harris,**

*District Ranger.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Intent To Request a Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) intention to request a revision to a currently approved information collection, the Rural Abandoned Mine Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 17, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Marcella Graham, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013-2890, (202) 720-5699.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Rural Abandoned Mine Program.

*OMB Number:* 0578-0019.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* May 31, 1998.

*Type of Request:* To reinstate, with change, a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the Natural Resources Conservation Service is to work in partnership with the American people to conserve and sustain our natural resources. The Rural Abandoned Mine Program authorizes Federal technical and financial long-term cost-sharing assistance for conservation treatment and reclamation of abandoned coal mined land with eligible land users. The financial assistance is based on a conservation plan for reclamation which is made a part of an agreement or contract for a 5 or 10-year period of time. Under the terms of the agreement, the participant agrees to apply, or arrange to apply, the conservation treatment specified in the conservation plan. In return for this agreement, Federal cost-share payments are made to the land users, or third party, upon successful application of the conservation treatment.

Information collected is used by the NRCS to ensure proper utilization of program funds. The *NRCS-LTP-013* is used to record progress in applying the conservation/reclamation plan (7 CFR 632.24), such as the verification, revision or modification of the conservation plan, as well as recording the need for any follow up technical assistance. The *NRCS-LTP-150* is for the land user to enter into a contract with NRCS to receive Federal cost-share assistance (7 CFR 632.22). The *NRCS-LTP-151* is used to notify the participant, with an active agreement or contract, that information has been received which indicates a violation of the contract (7 CFR 632.42 (b)(1)(2)). The *NRCS-LTP-152* is used during the contract period when the land user loses control of all or part of the right and interest in the land (7 CFR 632.22(f)). The *NRCS-LTP-153* is used when non-compliance of the contract is indicated (7 CFR 632.41). The *NRCS-LTP-156* is the basic document used by landowners to request assistance through the local NRCS field office (7 CFR 632.20). The *NRCS-FNM-140* is used to authorize the vendor to furnish the conservation materials and services described in column (b) of the form (7 CFR 632.31(e)). This information collection is being resubmitted to reflect the elimination of two forms previously authorized (*NRCS-LTP-154* and *NRCS-LTP-155*) and to reflect a scaled-down program. NRCS will ask for 3-year OMB approval within 60 days of submitting the request.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Farms, individuals or households, or State, local, or Tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 438.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 223 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Marcella Graham, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5699.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on:

(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 burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technologic collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Marcella Graham, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013-2890.

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, D.C. on December 15, 1997.

**Thomas A. Weber,**

*Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Municipal Interest Rates for the First Quarter of 1998

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the first quarter of 1998.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for

advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the first calendar quarter of 1998.

**DATES:** These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning January 1, 1998, and ending March 31, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Carolyn Dotson, Loan Funds Control Assistant, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, room 2234-S, Stop 1524, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1500. Telephone: 202-720-1928. FAX: 202-690-2268. E-mail: CDotson@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the first calendar quarter of 1998 for municipal rate electric loans. RUS regulations at 7 CFR 1714.4 state that each advance of funds on a municipal rate loan shall bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the four weeks prior to the first Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter. The rate for interest rate terms of 20 years or longer is the average of the 20 year rates published in the Bond Buyer in the four weeks specified in 7 CFR 1714.5(d). The rate for terms of less than 20 years is the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer for the same four weeks in the table of "Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields" or the successor to this table. No interest rate may exceed the interest rate for Water and Waste Disposal loans.

The table of Municipal Market Data includes only rates for securities maturing in 1998 and at 5 year intervals thereafter. The rates published by RUS reflect the average rates for the years shown in the Municipal Market Data table. Rates for interest rate terms ending in intervening years are a linear interpolation based on the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer. All rates are adjusted to the nearest one eighth of one percent (0.125 percent) as required under 7 CFR 1714.5(a). The market interest rate on Water and Waste Disposal loans for this quarter is 5.375 percent.

In accordance with 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the first calendar quarter of 1998.

Interest rate term ends in (year)	RUS rate (0.000 percent)
2019 or later .....	5.250
2018 .....	5.250
2017 .....	5.250
2016 .....	5.125
2015 .....	5.125
2014 .....	5.125
2013 .....	5.125
2012 .....	5.000
2011 .....	4.875
2010 .....	4.750
2009 .....	4.750
2008 .....	4.625
2007 .....	4.500
2006 .....	4.500
2005 .....	4.375
2004 .....	4.375
2003 .....	4.250
2002 .....	4.125
2001 .....	4.000
2000 .....	3.875
1999 .....	3.750

Dated: December 10, 1997.

**Wally Beyer,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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### COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

#### Procurement List; Proposed Addition

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed addition to Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received a proposal to add to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** January 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the service listed below from

nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following service has been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agency listed:

Janitorial/Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Army Reserve Center, 1900 Green Springs Highway, Birmingham, Alabama  
NPA: Alabama Goodwill Industries, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama

**Beverly L. Milkman,**

*Executive Director.*

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### COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

#### Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** January 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310,