SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section) by October 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send written nominations to: Chief, USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Bluhm, Designated Federal Official, telephone (530) 752–1018, fax (530) 752–1552, email *bluhm@crocker.ucdavis.edu.* To obtain form AD–755 ONLY contact Jeff Graham, NRCS Agricultural Climatologist via phone at (202) 720–1858 or email at *jeff.graham@usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Task Force Purpose

As required by Section 391 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) shall establish a task force to review research results by any Federal agency that addresses air quality issues related to agriculture or agriculture infrastructure. Recommendations from the Task Force will be provided to the Secretary of Agriculture for guidance on air quality policy implementations. The requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) apply to this Task Force.

The Task Force will:

1. Review research on agricultural air quality supported by Federal agencies;
2. Base recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture upon sound scientific findings after adequate peer review and taking into account economic feasibility;
3. Work to ensure intergovernmental (Federal, state and local) coordination to establish policy for agriculture air quality and to avoid duplication; and
4. To the extent practical, assist Federal agencies correct their erroneous data with respect to agriculture air quality.

Task Force Membership

The Task Force will be made up of United States citizens. The Task Force will be composed of:

1. Individuals with expertise in agricultural air quality and/or agricultural production;
2. Individuals representing regional air quality concerns;
3. Representatives of institutions with expertise in air quality impacts on human health;
4. Five representatives from commodity groups having expertise in production agriculture;
5. Six representatives from state or local agencies having expertise in agriculture and air quality; and
6. An atmospheric scientist.

Task Force nominations must be in writing and provide the appropriate background documents required by USDA policy, including form AD–755. Previous nominees and current Task Force members who wish to be reappointed should update their nominations and must provide a new background disclosure form (AD–755) to reaffirm their candidacy. Service as a member of the Task Force shall not constitute employment by, or the holding of an office of, the United States for the purpose of any Federal law.

A Task Force member shall serve for a term of 2 years. No individual may serve more than 2 consecutive 2-year terms as a member of the Task Force. A member of the Task Force shall receive no compensation from the NRCS for their service as a member of the Task Force except as described below.

While away from home or regular place of business of a member of the Task Force, the member will be eligible for travel expenses paid by the NRCS, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at the same rate as a person employed intermittently in the government service is allowed under section 5703 of title 5, United States code.

Additional information about the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality may be found on the World Wide Web at http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/faca/aaqtf.html.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations should be typed and should include the following:

1. A brief summary of no more than two pages explaining the nominee's suitability to serve on the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality.
2. Resume.
3. A completed copy of form AD–755.

Nominations should be sent to the Chief of NRCS at the address listed above, and be post marked no later than October 2, 1998.

Equal Opportunity Statement

To ensure that recommendations of the Task Force take into account the needs of underserved and diverse communities served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals representing minorities, women and persons with disabilities.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

Thomas A. Weber,

Deputy Chief for Science and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Wave 10 of the 1996 Panel

ACTION: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Michael McMahon, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3319, Washington, DC 20233–0001, (301) 457–3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the SIPP which is a household-based survey designed as a continuous series of national panels each lasting four years. Respondents are interviewed once every four months in monthly rotations. Approximately 37,000 households are in the current panel.

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single, unified data base so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983 permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

The survey is molded around a central ''core'' of labor force and income questions that will remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs, such as obtaining information on taxes, the ownership and contributions made to IRA, Keogh, 401K plans, examining patterns in respondent work schedules, and child care arrangements. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as ''topical modules.''

The topical modules for the 1996 Panel Wave 10 collect information about: (1) Annual Income and Retirement Accounts, (2) Taxes, (3) Child Care, and (4) Work Schedule.

Wave 10 interviews will be conducted from April through July 1999.

II. Method of Collection

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every 4 years with each panel having a duration of 4 years in the survey. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. They are interviewed a total of 12 times (12 waves) at 4-month intervals making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. Sample persons (all household members present at the time of the first interview) who move within the country and reasonably close to a SIPP Primary Sampling Unit will be followed and interviewed at their new address. Persons 15 years old or over who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these persons move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample person.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0813.

Form Number: SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 77,700.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per person.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 117,800.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to respondents is their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

IV. Request for 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) 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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Field Representative Exit Questionnaire.

Form Number(s): BC–1294, BC–1294(D).

Agency Approval Number: 0607–0404.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 638 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,660 households.

Avg Hours Per Response: BC–1294 (5 minutes), BC–1294(D) (15 minutes).

Needs and Uses: The tremendous costs to replace interviewers who leave the Census Bureau continue to grow. Census Bureau interviewers collect data for ongoing current surveys and for the decennial census. These labor-intensive operations require a unique combination of technical knowledge and interpersonal skills. Finding the right person for the job is not easy and retaining that person increasingly presents an additional challenge. If unchecked, interviewer turnover spawns a cycle of recruiting and training which is not only costly, but perhaps harmful to data quality as well. In a continuous effort to devise policies and practices aimed at reducing turnover among our field interviewing staff the Census Bureau needs to collect data on the reasons interviewers leave the Bureau. The exit questionnaire helps the Census Bureau identify specific reasons for the turnovers. Based on the survey results the Census Bureau can develop both general and specific plans to reduce turnover. If turnover can be reduced, the skyrocketing costs of recruiting, hiring, training, and managing a large staff of census interviewers can be reduced.

Approximately every month, a sample of one-half of all interviewers who work on current surveys (field representatives) who voluntarily resign within the sampling period will be contacted by telephone to complete a BC–1294 questionnaire. During the Year 2000, a sample of interviewers hired to conduct the census (enumerators) who have continuously been in a nonpay status for a period of two weeks will be contacted by telephone to complete a BC–1294(D) questionnaire. The Form BC–1294(D) will only be administered in Fiscal Year 2000.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 5, United States Code, Section 3101, and Title 13, United States Code, Section 23.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395–7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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