

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for select agent registration.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 11, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0083>.
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2015-0083, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0083> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the regulations for select agent registration, contact Mr. Charles L. Divan, Operations Director, Agriculture Select Agent Services, National Import Export Services, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 2, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3300, option 3. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2727.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Select Agent Registration.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0213.

*Type of Request:* Extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (the Act) provides for the regulation of certain biological agents and toxins by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Under section 212 of the Act, USDA regulates certain biological agents and toxins that have the potential to pose a severe threat to animal and plant health or to animal and plant products. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has the primary responsibility for

implementing the provisions of the Act within USDA. Select agents and toxins that have been determined to pose a severe threat to both human health and to animal health or animal products are subject to regulation by both APHIS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HHS. CDC has the primary responsibility for implementing the provisions of the Act within HHS.

APHIS regulations for select agents and toxins are contained in 7 CFR part 331 (plant) and 9 CFR part 121 (animal and overlap<sup>1</sup>). They require an individual or entity (unless specifically exempted under the regulations) to register with APHIS or with CDC in order to possess, use, or transfer biological agents or toxins.

The registration process is designed to obtain critical information concerning individuals or entities in possession of select agents or toxins, as well as the specific characteristics of the agents or toxins, including name, strain, and genetic information. These data are needed, in part, to allow APHIS to determine the biosafety and biocontainment level of an entity as well as the entity's security situation. This, in turn, helps APHIS to ensure that appropriate safeguard, containment, and disposal requirements commensurate with the risk of the agent or toxin are present at the entity, thus preventing access to such agents and toxins for use in domestic or international terrorism. APHIS will also request information to determine that individuals seeking to register have a lawful purpose to possess, use, or transfer agents or toxins.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

<sup>1</sup> Overlap select agents and toxins are those that have been determined to pose a severe threat to human and animal health or animal products.

are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, such as electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.6 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Researchers, universities, research and development organizations, diagnostic laboratories, and other interested parties who possess, use, or transfer select agents or toxins.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,517.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 3.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 4,754.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 12,368 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 4th day of November 2015.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 4, 2015.

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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by December 10, 2015 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.

#### Farm Service Agency

*Title:* Measurement Service Records.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0260.

*Summary of Collection:* This collection of information is authorized by 7 CFR part 718 and described in FSA Handbook 2-CP. If a producer requests measurement services, it becomes necessary for the producer to provide certain information which is collected on the FSA-409, Measurement Service or 409 A, Measurement Service Request Register. The collection of this information is necessary to fulfill the producer's request for measurement services. Producers may request acreage or production measurement services.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will collect the following information that the producer is required to provide on the FSA-409 and FSA 409 A: farm serial number, program year, farm location, contact person, and type of service request (acreage or production). The collected information is used to create a record of measurement service requests and cost to the producer.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 135,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Monthly.

*Total Burden Hours:* 168,750.

#### Farm Service Agency

*Title:* Biofuel Infrastructure

Partnership (BIP) Grants to States.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0284.

*Summary of Collection:* The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is administering the Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership (BIP) on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). This information collection is needed for FSA to identify eligible States for blender pump funding to encourage increased ethanol use. FSA requires each State interested in a grant to submit an application to FSA on a form specified by FSA. States will be required to report on the funding distribution, which may require third party reporting depending how the States distribute the funds. FSA announced the availability of competitive grants to fund States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC with respect to activities designed to expand the infrastructure for renewable fuels. The goal is for grantees to provide funds on a one-to-one basis to receive matching CCC funds. The funding will be provided under the authority in section 5(e) of USDA's CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c(e)).

*Need and Use of the Information:* The applicant will provide the following information in an objective work plan to show logical connections between the different project elements: Project title, goal, year, objectives, problem statement, results expected, benefits expected, criteria for results and benefits expected, activities, position performing the activity, and time period. The information is used by FSA to determine whether participants meet the eligibility requirements to be a recipient of grant funds. BIP participants will provide to FSA a mid-year report that includes information on services provided during the preceding six months, and an annual report to FSA that includes the goals and accomplishments of the program, program activities and outcomes, and financial status report. Lack of adequate information to make the determination could result in the improper administration and appropriation of Federal grant funds.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 36.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 540.

**Ruth Brown,**

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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##### Food and Nutrition Service

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##### Food and Nutrition Service

*Title:* Evaluation of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) Pilots.

*OMB Control Number:* 0584-NEW.

*Summary of Collection:* The SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program provides assistance to unemployed and underemployed clients in the form of job search, job skills training, education (basic, post-secondary, vocational), work experience