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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Form FNS–380–1, Food Stamp Program Quality Control Review Schedule

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection of Form FNS–380–1, Food Stamp Program Quality Control Review Schedule. The proposed collection is an extension of collection currently approved under OMB No. 0584–0299.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Retha Oliver, Chief, Quality Control Branch, Room 1024, Program and Accountability Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. You may FAX comments to us at (703) 305–0928. You may also download an electronic version of this notice at http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/ and comment via the Internet at the same address. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your message, contact us directly at (703) 305–2474.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function 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, 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be included in the request for OMB's approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Retha Oliver at (703) 305–2474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Quality Control Review Schedule, Form FNS–380–1.

OMB Number: 0584–0299.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Form FNS–380–1, Food Stamp Program Quality Control Review Schedule, collects quality control (QC) and household characteristics data. The information needed to complete this form is obtained from the Food Stamp case record and state quality control findings. The information is used to monitor and reduce errors, develop policy strategies, and analyze household characteristic data.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; State or local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53 State agencies.

Estimated Number of Affected Households: 54,663 households.

Estimated Total Number of Responses Per Year: 54,663.

Estimated Hours Per Response: 1.0736.

Total Annual Burden: 58,686.

Dated: June 28, 2000.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Food Distribution Program: Value of Donated Foods From July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the value of donated foods or, where applicable, cash in lieu thereof, to be provided in the 2001 school year for each lunch served by schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or by commodity only schools and for each lunch and supper served by institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Rigby, Chief, Schools and Institutions Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302 or telephone (703) 305–2644.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Nos. 10.550, 10.555, and 10.558 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

This notice imposes no new reporting or recordkeeping provisions that are subject to Office of Management and Budget review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507). This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. This notice has been determined to be exempt under Executive Order 12866.

National Average Minimum Value of Donated Foods for the Period July 1, 2000 Through June 30, 2001

This notice implements mandatory provisions of sections 6(c), 14(f) and 17(h)(1) (B) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1755(c), 1762a(f), and 1766(h)(1)(B)). Section 6(c)(1)(A) of the

Act establishes the national average value of donated food assistance to be given to States for each lunch served in NSLP at 11.00 cents per meal. Pursuant to section 6(c)(1)(B), this amount is subject to annual adjustments as of July 1 of each year to reflect changes in a three-month average value of the Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions for March, April, and May each year (Price Index). Section 17(h)(1)(B) of the Act provides that the same value of donated foods (or cash in lieu of donated foods) for school lunches shall also be established for lunches and suppers served in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Notice is hereby given that the national average minimum value of donated foods, or cash in lieu thereof, per lunch under the NSLP (7 CFR part 210) and per lunch and supper under the Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR part 226) shall be 15 cents for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

The Price Index is computed using five major food components in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Producer Price Index (cereal and bakery products; meats, poultry and fish; dairy products; processed fruits and vegetables; and fats and oils). Each component is weighted using the relative weight as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The value of food assistance is adjusted each July 1 by the annual percentage change in a three-month average value of the Price Index for March, April and May each year. The three-month average of the Price Index increased by 1.9 percent from 129.37 for March, April and May of 1999 to 131.78 for the same three months in 2000. When computed on the basis of unrounded data and rounded to the nearest one-quarter cent, the resulting national average for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 will be 15 cents per meal. This is an increase of 0.25 cents from the school year 2000 rate.

In addition to the 15 cents per meal, Congress has authorized additional funds to be used to purchase foods under section 6(e) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1755). Therefore, for this school year, schools will receive more than 15 cents per meal in commodities.

Section 14(f) of the Act provides that commodity only schools shall be eligible to receive donated foods equal in value to the sum of the national average value of donated foods established under section 6(c) of the Act and the national average payment established under section 4 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1753). Such schools are eligible to receive up to 5 cents per meal of this value in cash for processing and handling expenses related to the use of such commodities.

Commodity only schools are defined in section 12(d)(2) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)(2)) as "schools that do not participate in the school lunch program under this Act, but which receive commodities made available by the Secretary for use by such schools in nonprofit lunch programs." For the 2001 school year, commodity only schools shall be eligible to receive donated food assistance valued at 34 cents for each free, reduced price, and paid lunch served. This amount is based on the sum of the section 6(c) level of assistance announced in this notice and the adjusted section 4 minimum national average payment factor for school year 2001. The section 4 factor for commodity only schools does not include the two cents per lunch increase for schools where 60 percent of the lunches served in the school lunch program in the second preceding school year were served free or at reduced prices, because that increase is applicable only to schools participating in the NSLP.

Authority: Sections 6(c)(1)(A) and (B), 6(e)(1), 14(f) and 17(h)(1) (B) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1755(c)(1)(A) and (B) and 6(e)(1), 1762a(f), and 1766(h)(1)(B)).

Dated: July 12, 2000.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committe

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on August 3, 2000 at Diamond Lake Resort, east of Roseburg, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Diamond Lake Fish Rehabilitation; (2) BLM Off-Highway Vehicle Strategy; (3) Province Large Woody Material Follow-up; (4) Implementing Ecosystem Management on the Umpqua National Forest; (5) Public Comment; and (6) Current issues as perceived by Advisory Committee members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Terrie Davis, Province Advisory Committee Staff Assistant, USDA, Forest Service, Umpqua National Forest, 2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, phone (541) 957–3210.

Dated: July 13, 2000.

Michael D. Hupp,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Wisconsin

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Wisconsin, US Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a proposed change in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Wisconsin for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Wisconsin to issue four revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are Pond (Code 378), Grade Stabilization Structure (Code 410), and Water and Sediment Control Basin (Code 638). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing on July 19, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to Donald A. Baloun, Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6515 Watts Road, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53719–2726. Copies of this standard will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to don.baloun@wi.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald A. Baloun, 608–276–8732.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Wisconsin will receive comments relative to the proposed