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The RCED subcommittee will report back to the parent committee—USDA Equity Commission and will not provide advice or work products directly to USDA or any of its agencies.

Ethics Requirements

To maintain the highest levels of honesty, integrity and ethical conduct, no subcommittee member shall participate in any “specific party matters” (*i.e.*, matters are narrowly focused and typically involve specific transactions between identified parties) such as a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, grant, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest. This includes the requirement for Subcommittee members to immediately disclose to the DFO (for discussion with USDA's Office of Ethics) any specific party matter in which the member's immediate family, relatives, business partners or employer would be directly seeking to financially benefit from the Committee's recommendations.

All members will receive ethics training to identify and avoid any actions that would cause the public to question the integrity of the subcommittee's advice and recommendations. Members who are appointed as “Representatives” are not subject to Federal ethics laws because such appointment allows them to represent the point(s) of view of a particular group, business sector or segment of the public.

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No SGE may participate in any activity in which the member has a prohibited financial interest. Appointees who are SGEs are required to complete and submit a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE-450 form) via the FDOonline e-filing database system. Upon request USDA will assist SGEs in preparing these financial reports. To ensure the highest level of compliance with applicable ethical standards USDA will provide ethics training to SGEs on an annual basis. The provisions of these paragraphs are not meant to exhaustively cover all Federal ethics laws and do not affect any other statutory or regulatory obligations to which advisory committee members are subject.

Application Process

Individuals who wish to be considered for the RCED Subcommittee must the following:

1. [Required] A resume or curriculum vitae (CV) providing the nominee's background, experience, educational qualifications, and nominees preferred role (not to exceed 15 pages).
2. [Required] A completed background disclosure form (Form AD-755) signed by the nominee on page 2 following item 19: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>.

Application is open to the public, including minorities, LGBTQI+ individuals, women, and persons with disabilities in areas designated within the United States, Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and the Pacific Basin Area (Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

All submissions must be typed and legible. Please send required application documents by email to equitycommission@usda.gov or by mail to Attn: Cecilia Hernandez, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6006-S, Washington, DC 20250; telephone: (202) 913-5907.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2022-0001]

Notice of Request for a New Information Collection: Salmonella Control Strategies Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to request a new information collection for pilot projects that test different control strategies for *Salmonella* contamination in poultry products. This is a new information collection with an estimated annual burden of 310 hours.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 7, 2022.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2022-0001. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any

personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 205-0495 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-5627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: *Salmonella* Control Strategies Pilot Projects.

OMB Number: 0583-NEW.

Type of Request: Request for a new information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified in the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*). This statute mandates that FSIS protect the public by verifying that poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

On October 19, 2021, USDA announced that FSIS would mobilize a stronger and more comprehensive effort to reduce *Salmonella* illnesses associated with poultry products.¹ A key component of this effort is identifying ways to incentivize the use of preharvest controls to reduce *Salmonella* contamination coming into the slaughterhouse. Under the pilot projects program, establishments will experiment with new or existing pathogen control and measurement strategies and share data with FSIS. Associations may also submit aggregate data. The data will be analyzed by FSIS to determine whether they support changes to FSIS existing *Salmonella* control strategies.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Estimate of burden: FSIS estimates that it will take each respondent an average of 15.5 hours per year for this collection of information.

Estimated total number of respondents: 20.

Estimated average number of responses per respondent: 6.5.

Estimated annual number of responses: 130.

Estimated annual burden on respondents: 310 hours.

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. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 720-5627.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>.

FSIS will also announce and provide a link to this **Federal Register** publication through the FSIS *Constituent Update*, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The *Constituent Update* is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS can provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>. Options range from recalls to export

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Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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¹ The announcement can be found at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/compliance-guidance/microbial-risk/salmonella/pilot-projects-salmonella-control>.