

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are kept in offices attended by authorized personnel. Retention and disposal: Maintained six (6) years after the case is closed.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Director, NAD, USDA, 3102 Park Center Drive, Suite 1100, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, telephone number (703) 305-2708. Notification procedure: An individual may request information as to whether the system contains records pertaining to him or her from Larry Shrum, External Affairs Officer, NAD, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Suite 1120, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, larry.shrum@usda.gov, telephone number (703) 305-1164. A request for information pertaining to an individual should contain the requester's full name, address, and zip code.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Any individual may obtain information as to procedures for gaining access to and contesting the record in the system which pertains to him or her by submitting a written request to the appropriate official referred to in the proceeding paragraph.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as notification procedure. (The regulations for contesting contents of records and appealing initial determinations are set forth at 7 CFR 1.110-1.123.)

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Records in this system come primarily from Appellants, witnesses, and Agency personnel.

System exempted from certain provisions of the Act: No.

USDA/NAD-2**SYSTEM NAME:**

National Appeals Division Tracking System (Automated), USDA/National Appeals Division (NAD).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Management Field Office, USDA, and 8930 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Program participants who file an appeal because of a covered adverse decision by a covered Agency: Farm Service Agency, including a State, County, or area committee established under section 8(b)(5) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 5901 (b)(5)), the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Natural Resource Conservation Service,

the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, the Risk Management Agency, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, or the Rural Utilities Service.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

7 U.S.C. 6991 *et seq.* Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses: USDA will disclose records in this system: (1) To the appropriate Agency, whether Federal, State, local or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting a violation of law, or of enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, when information available indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute, or by rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto; (2) to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, or to opposing counsel, in a proceeding before any of the above, which are sought in the course of discovery and which are relevant to the subject matter of the proceedings; (3) to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office at the request of that individual; and (4) to the public, for educational purposes, when determinations signed by NAD Hearing Officers or the NAD Director are published either in paper format or electronically on the NAD Web site, the current address of which is <http://www.nad.usda.gov>.

Policies and practices for storing, retrieving, accessing, retaining, and disposing of records in the system:**STORAGE:**

National Computer Center, Kansas City Security Staff uses multiple storage devices with full backup facilities; including both on-site and off-site storage and distant hot-site facilities.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are indexed by Appellant name, NAD log number, State, and the name of the assigned Hearing Officer.

SAFEGUARDS:

Computer Associates Access Control Facility software controls that may use computer resources and protects data from accidental or deliberate destruction, modification, disclosure and misuse. Computer Associates Access Control Facility is maintained and used solely by members of the National Computer Center, Kansas City Security Staff.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are kept indefinitely.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

System Security Administration, Information Systems Security Staff, 2350 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

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RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Records in this system come primarily from data entered by Regional offices maintaining appeal records on the program participant. Information in these records is obtained from Appellants and Agency decision makers.

SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

No.

Dated: September 21, 2004.

Roger Klurfeld,

Director, National Appeals Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Agricultural Research Service****Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Collect Information**

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intent to seek input on the impact of the Animal

Health National Research Program through the completion of an electronic evaluation form. This voluntary information collection will give the beneficiaries of ARS research the opportunity to provide input on the impact of the research conducted by ARS in the last national program cycle. This input will be used for planning the research agenda for the next 5-year program cycle.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Dr. Cyril G. Gay, National Program Leader, Agricultural Research Service, National Program Staff, Animal Production and Protection, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, GWCC, Building 4, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2351. Comments may be sent by phone to (301) 504-4786 or fax to (301) 504-5467. Submit electronic comments to cgg@ars.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cyril G. Gay (301) 504-4786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* ARS Animal Health National Program Assessment Evaluation Form.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: Approval to seek input from the beneficiaries of research conducted by ARS for program planning and ensure alignment of the Animal Health National Program with the needs of our customers, partners, and stakeholders.

Abstract: This voluntary electronic evaluation form will give the beneficiaries of ARS research the opportunity to review the 2000-2004 Animal Health National Program Assessment Report, as well as provide input on the impact of the national program on animal agriculture. For the purpose of this National Program Assessment, impact is defined as research that has influenced or will significantly influence the animal sciences and animal health, has created or will create economic opportunities for producers and farmers, or has enabled or will enable action and regulatory agencies to formulate policies and regulations to support American agriculture. The report and evaluation form can be found online at <http://www.afmtestlab.ars.usda.gov/surveys/ahnp/survey.htm>. The input provided through the completion of the evaluation form will be shared with customers, partners, and stakeholders at the Animal Health National Program Assessment Workshop, which be held at the United States Animal Health Association Annual Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina, on October

26, 2004 (<http://www.usaha.org/meeting04/info2004.html>).

ARS National Program Assessments are conducted every five years through the organization of one or more workshops. Workshops allow ARS to periodically update the vision and rationale of each National Program and assess the relevancy, effectiveness, and responsiveness of ARS research. In addition, the workshops facilitate the review and simultaneously provide an opportunity for customers, stakeholders, and partners to assess the progress made through the National Program and provide input for future modifications to the National Program or the National Program's research agenda. In the case of the ARS Animal Health National Program, the beneficiaries of the research are numerous, including the majority of the livestock and poultry industries, trade associations, federal and state government agencies, and research partners in universities and the private sector. The electronic evaluation form will allow ARS to outreach to its many customers, partners, and stakeholders that are unable to attend the workshop and also ensure an efficient means of obtaining the greatest amount of input on the impact and direction of the ARS Animal Health National Research Program.

Respondents: 400.

Estimate of Burden: Completing the electronic evaluation form is estimated to average 15 minutes per response.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 100 hours.

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 the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the input provided by a wide array of customers, and; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Caird E. Rexroad,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant exclusive license.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant Baumgartner Environics, Inc., of Olivia, Minnesota an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 6,126,722, "Electrostatic Reduction System for Reducing Airborne Dust and Microorganisms," issued on October 3, 2000, for all uses in the field of livestock agriculture. Notice of Availability of this invention for licensing was published in the **Federal Register** on July 27, 1999.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Baumgartner Environics, Inc., of Olivia, Minnesota has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the