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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 17, 2009.

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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

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Title: Application for Authorization to Use the 4-H Name and/or Emblem.

OMB Control Number: 0524-0034.

Summary of Collection: Use of the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem is authorized by an Act of Congress, (Pub. L. 772, 80th Congress, 645, 2nd Session). Use of the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem by anyone other than the 4-H Clubs and those duly authorized by them, representatives of the Department of Agriculture, the Land-Grant colleges and universities, and person authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture is prohibited by the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 707. The Secretary has delegated authority to the Administrator of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) to authorize others to use the 4-H Name and Emblem. Therefore, anyone requesting, authorization from the Administrator to use the 4-H Name and Emblem is asked to describe the proposed use in a formal application. CSREES will collect information using form CSREES-01 "Application for Authorization to Use the 4-H Club Name or Emblem."

Need and Use of the Information: CSREES will collect information on the name of individual, partnership, corporation, or association; organizational address, name of authorized representative; telephone number; proposed use of the 4-H Name or Emblem, and plan for sale or distribution of product. The information collected by CSREES will be used to determine if those applying to use the 4-H name and emblem are meeting the requirements and quality of materials, products and/or services provided to the public. If the information were not collected, it would not be possible to ensure that the products, services, and materials meet the high standards of 4-H, its educational goals and objectives.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 60.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (every 3 years).

Total Burden Hours: 30.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Rural Utilities Service

Title: Advance of Loan Funds and Budgetary Control and Related Burdens.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0015.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is authorized by the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, as amended, "to make loans in several States and territories of the United States for rural electrification and for the purpose of furnishing and improving electric and telephone service in rural areas and to assist electric borrowers to implement demand side management, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems." Borrowers will provide the agency with information that supports the use of the funds as well as identify the type of projects for which they will use the funds.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS electric borrowers will submit RUS form 595 and 219. Form 595, Financial Requirement & Expenditure Statement, to request an advance of loan funds remaining for an existing approved loan and to report on the expenditure of previously advanced loan funds. Form 219, Inventory of Work Orders, serves as a connecting line and provides an audit trail that verifies the evidence supporting the propriety of expenditures for construction of retirement projects that supports the advance of funds. The information collected will ensure that loans funds are expended and advanced for RUS approved budget process and amounts. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility or improper use of funds.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 670.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 16,215.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[AMS-TM-09-0014; TM-09-03]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: The meeting dates are Monday, May 4, 2009, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Requests from individuals and organizations wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting are due by the close of business on April 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

- Requests for copies of the NOSB meeting agenda, may be sent to Ms. Valerie Frances, Executive Director, NOSB, USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 4004-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268. The NOSB meeting agenda and proposed recommendations may also be viewed at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

- Comments on proposed NOSB recommendations may be submitted by the close of business on April 20, 2009, in writing to Ms. Valerie Frances at either the postal address above or via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> only. The comments should identify Docket No. AMS-TM-09-0014. It is our intention to have all comments to this notice whether they are submitted by mail or the Internet available for viewing on the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site.

- Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may also be sent by April 20, 2009, to Ms. Valerie Frances at the postal address above, by e-mail at valerie.frances@ams.usda.gov, via facsimile at (202) 205-7808, or phone at (202) 720-3252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valerie Frances, Executive Director, NOSB, National Organic Program (NOP), (202) 720-3252, or visit the NOP Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic

Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to make recommendations about whether a substance should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production, and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC in March 1992, and currently has six subcommittees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification; Crops; Handling; Livestock; Materials; and Policy Development.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the NOP to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 166 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 342 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final National Organic Program regulation in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000, (65 FR 80548). The rule became effective April 21, 2001.

In addition, the OFPA authorizes the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and provides that no allowed or prohibited substance would remain on the National List for a period exceeding five years unless the exemption or prohibition is reviewed and recommended for renewal by the NOSB and adopted by the Secretary of Agriculture. This expiration is commonly referred to as sunset of the National List. The National List appears at 7 CFR part 205, subpart G.

The principal purposes of the NOSB meeting are to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to receive an update from the USDA/NOP and hear progress reports from NOSB committees regarding work plan items and proposed action items. The last NOSB meeting was held on November 17-20, 2008, in Washington, DC.

At its last meeting, the Board recommended the addition of two materials with one on the National List section 205.601 for use in crops, and with one on section 205.606 for use in handling. The Board also recommended an expiration date of October 21, 2012, for all forms of Tetracycline used in organic crop production on section 205.601.

At this meeting, the NOSB will begin its review of the 11 materials scheduled