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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 loan 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: 650.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 15,745.

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Rural Business Cooperative Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 1980-E, Business and Industry Loan Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0014.

Summary of Collection: Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural

Development Act (Con Act), legislated in 1972 the Business and Industry (B&I) program. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution abatement and control. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure by making direct loans, thereby providing lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by the Agency through Rural Development State and sub-State Offices serving the State.

7 CFR part 1980-E, in conjunction with 7 CFR part 1942-A, and other regulations, is currently used only for making B&I Direct Loans. 7 CFR part 1951-E is used for servicing B&I Direct and Community Facility loans. All reporting and recordkeeping burden estimates for making and servicing B&I Guaranteed Loans have been moved to the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program regulations, 7 CFR parts 4279-A and B and 4287-B. Consequently, only a fraction of the total reporting and recordkeeping burden for making and servicing B&I Direct Loans is reflected in this document.

Need and Use of the Information: RD will collect the minimum information needed from loan applicants and commercial lenders to make determinations regarding program eligibility, the current financial condition of a business and loan security as required by the Con Act. The majority of the information is collected only once and the agency monitors the progress of the business through the analysis of annual borrower financial statements and visits to the borrower.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 152.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 835.

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National Agriculture Statistics Service

Title: Childhood Injury, and Adult Occupational Injury Surveys; Minority Farm Operator, Youth and Adult Injury Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0235.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production under the authority of 7 U.S.C 2204(a). In a cooperative agreement with the National Institute of Occupational Safety Health (NIOSH), a division of the Center for Disease Controls, NASS will conduct a series of farm related injury and safety surveys. In 2012 (reference year 2011) data will be collected for both a childhood injury and adult occupational injury survey. In 2014 NASS plans to

conduct the Minority Farm Operator, Youth and Adult Injury Survey. Together the surveys are designed to: (1) Provide estimates of childhood nonfatal injury incidence rates, annual injury frequencies, and descriptive injury information for children under the age of 20 living on, working on, or visiting on farming operations in the U.S.; and (2) provide estimates of the annual occupational adult nonfatal injury incidence rates, annual occupational injury frequencies and descriptive injury information for farm operators and their employees 20 years of age or older.

Need and Use of the Information: Data from these surveys will provide a source of consistent information that NIOSH can use to target funds appropriated by Congress for the prevention of childhood agricultural injuries and adult occupational injuries. No source of data on childhood injuries or adult occupational farm injuries exists that covers all aspects of the agricultural production sector. If this information is not collected, NIOSH's ability to track and evaluate the impact of its injury prevention efforts will decrease.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 33,334.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 9,333.

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