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#### Food and Nutrition Service

*Title:* Third Access, Participation, Eligibility and Certification Study Series (APEC III).

*OMB Control Number:* 0584–0530.

*Summary of Collection:* The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP), administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), are authorized under sections 10 and 4, respectively, of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1766). The Improper Payment Information Act (IPIA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–300), the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (IPERA) of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–204), the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act (IPERIA) of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–248), and Executive Order 13520—Reducing Improper Payments set forth the priority, mandate, and requirements for FNS to identify, estimate, and reduce erroneous payments in these programs, including both underpayments and overpayments. The APEC III study will provide FNS with the information needed to reduce improper payments in the school meals programs.

*Need and Use of the Information:* This study will survey a nationally representative sample of School Food Authorities (SFAs) in the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia, a stratified sample of schools within each SFA, and a random sample of students within each sampled school that applied for free and reduced-price meals, were categorically eligible for free meals or were directly certified for free meals. FNS will use the data to develop national estimates of the annual error rates and erroneous payments for the NSLP and SBP in school year 2017–2018, to identify characteristics that may be related to the error rates, and to identify strategies and guidance for reducing these errors.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals and Households.

*Number of Respondents:* 9,452.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 13,042.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Food and Nutrition Service

##### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Repayment Demand and Program Disqualification**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. This collection is a revision of currently approved information collection requirements associated with initiating collection actions against households who have received an overissuance in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 28, 2017 to be assured consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 shall 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 that were 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Jane Duffield, Chief, State Administration Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 822, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via email to [SNAPSAB@fns.usda.gov](mailto:SNAPSAB@fns.usda.gov), or through the federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the

online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 822, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Ralph Badette at 703–457–7717.

##### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Repayment Demand and Program Disqualification.

*OMB Number:* 0584–0492.

*Form Number:* None.

*Expiration Date:* August 31, 2017.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Section 13(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2022(b)), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations at 7 CFR 273.18 require State agencies to initiate collection action against households that have been overissued benefits. To initiate collection action, State agencies must provide an affected household with written notification informing the household of the claim and demanding repayment. This process is automated in most State agencies. Note that for overissuance claims, this information collection only covers the activities associated with initiating collection. The burden associated with reporting collections and other claims management information on the FNS–209 form is covered under currently approved under the Food Program Reporting System OMB number 0584–0594, expiration date 6/30/2019. The burden associated with referring delinquent claims and receiving collections through the Treasury Offset Program is covered under currently approved OMB number 0584–0446, expiration date 9/30/2019.

SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.16(e)(3) require State agencies to investigate any case of suspected fraud and, where applicable, make an intentional Program violation (IPV) determination either administratively or judicially. Notifications and activities involved in the IPV process include:

- The State agency providing written notification informing an individual

suspected of committing an IPV of an impending administrative disqualification hearing or court action;

- An individual opting to accept the disqualification and waiving the right to an administrative disqualification hearing or court action by signing either a waiver to an administrative disqualification hearing or a disqualification consent agreement in cases of deferred adjudication and returning it to the State agency; and
- Once a determination is made regarding an IPV, the State agency sending notification to the affected individual of the action taken on the administrative disqualification hearing or court decision.

SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.16 require State agencies to use disqualified recipient data to ascertain the correct penalty for IPV, based on prior disqualifications. State agencies determine this by accessing and reviewing records located in the Electronic Disqualified Recipient System (eDRS). eDRS is an automated system developed by FNS that contains records of disqualifications in every State. State agencies are also responsible for updating the system, as required at 7 CFR 237.16, which includes reporting disqualifications in eDRS as they occur and updating eDRS when records are no longer accurate, relevant, or complete.

#### Summary of Estimated Burden

The burden consists of two major components: The initiation of overissuance collection and actions associated with IPV determinations. The estimated total annual burden for this collection is 203, 079.82 hours (139,052.851 SA reporting hours + 32,372.096 SA recordkeeping hours + 31,654.835 household reporting hours). The net aggregate change to this collection is a decrease of 4,753.18 total burden hours from the currently approved burden of 207,833 hours. The estimated total annual responses for this collection is 3,046,653.32 responses (1,083,671.320 SA reporting total annual

response + 971,260.00 SA recordkeeping total annual records + 991,722.00 household reporting total annual responses). The burden hours associated with overissuance collection initiation have increased due to an increase in the amount of claims established in fiscal year (FY) 2015. The burden hours associated with IPV activity have decreased slightly as a result of a decreased number of SNAP households that States initiated IPV activity against in FY2015.

*Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal government (SA); Individual/Households (I/H).

*Respondent Type:* SNAP participants.

#### SA Reporting Burden

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimate Total Number of Responses per Respondent:* 38,772.289.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 2,054,931.32.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.08342.

*Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden:* 203, 079.82.

*Initiation of Overissuance Collection CFR 273.18 (a)(2)*

For activities related to initiating collection on an overissuance, the estimated annual burden for State agency reporting is decreased by 4,406.557 hours (117,932.518 – 122,339.075 = 4,406.557).

IPV Determinations CFR 273.16(i)(2)(i)

The State agencies' annual reporting burden for activities related to IPV hearing and disqualification notices decreased by 679.513 hours (7,752.488 – 7,072.975 = 679.513), and activities associated with accessing and updating eDRS increased by 1251.95 hours (4,788.225 – 3,536.275 = 1251.95).

#### SA Recordkeeping Burden

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 53.

*Estimated Total Records per Recordkeeper:* 16,688.98.

*Estimated Total Annual Records:* 971,260.

*Estimated Average # of Hours per Response:* 0.03333.

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Hours:* 32,372.096.

*Initiation of Overissuance Collection CFR 272.1(f)*

For activities related to initiating collection on an overissuance, we are increasing the estimated annual burden for State agency recordkeeping by 6,550.414 hours (29,480.918 – 22,930.504 = 6,550.414).

*IPV Determinations CFR 272.1(f)*

States' annual recordkeeping burden for the IPV related activities decreased by – 504.52 burden hours (2,891.178 – 3,395.699 = – 504.52).

#### I/H Reporting Burden

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 917,566.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.0.

*Total Number of Annual Responses:* 991,722.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.03192.

*Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden:* 31,654.835.

*Initiation of Overissuance Collection CFR 273.18(a)(2).*

For activities related to initiating collection on an overissuance, we are increasing the household reporting burden by 7,652 hours (29,480.918 – 22,930.504 = 6,550.414).

*IPV Hearing Notices and Disqualifications CFR 273.16(e)(9)*

The household annual reporting burden for the activities related to IPV disqualifications has also decreased by – 420 hours (707.281 – 836.297 = – 129.016).

*Grand Total Burden Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* 203, 079.782 and the total annual responses 3,046,653.320.

Title	CFR section of regulations	Estimated number respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses (Col. D × E)	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours (Col. F × G)	Previously approved	Due to program change	Due to an adjustment	Total difference
<b>STATE AGENCY</b>										
<b>Reporting Burden</b>										
Demand Letter for Overissuance	273.18(a)(2) ...	53	17,312.57	884,516.000	0.13333	117,932.518	122,339.075	0.000	– 4,406.557	– 4,406.557
Notice for Hearing or Prosecution	273.16(e)(3) ...	53	825.34	40,230.000	0.13333	5,363.866	5,832.540	0.000	– 468.674	– 468.674
Action Taken on Hearing or Court Decision: For IPV Findings.	273.16(e)(9) ...	53	800.70	46,514.000	0.16667	7,752.488	7,072.975	0.000	679.513	679.513
Action Taken on Hearing or Court Decision: For No IPV Findings.	273.16(e)(9) ...	53	24.64	1,541.000	0.08333	128.412	108.829	0.000	19.583	19.583
Electronic Disqualified Recipient System Breakout: For eDRS Reporting.	273.16(i)(2)(i)	53	800.70	57,461.000	0.08333	4,788.225	3,536.275	0.000	1,251.950	1,251.950

Title	CFR section of regulations	Estimated number respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses (Col. D × E)	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours (Col. F × G)	Previously approved	Due to program change	Due to an adjustment	Total difference
<i>Electronic Disqualified Recipient System Breakout: For Editing and Resubmission.</i>	272.1(f)(3) .....	53	96.08	6,895.320	0.16667	1,149.243	848.684	0.000	300.559	300.559
<i>Electronic Disqualified Recipient System Breakout: For Penalty Checks using Mainframe.</i>	273.16(i)(4) ....	53	800.70	46,514.000	0.04167	1,938.099	1,768.222	0.000	169.877	169.877
Total State Agency Reporting Burden.	.....	53	20,660.730	1,083,671.320	0.12832	139,052.851	19,167,239.00	0.000	-2,453.749	-2,453.749
Title		Estimated number record-keepers	Records per recordkeeper	Annual records	Estimated avg. number of hours per records	Estimated total annual records	Previously approved	Due to program change	Due to an adjustment	Total difference
<b>Recordkeeping</b>										
<i>Recordkeeping Breakout: For initiating Collection Action.</i>	272.1(f) .....	53	16,688.98	884,516.000	0.03333	29,480.918	22,930.504	0.000	6,550.414	6,550.414
<i>Recordkeeping Breakout: For IPVs.</i>	272.1(f) .....	53	1,626.04	86,744.000	0.03333	2,891.178	3,395.699	0.000	-504.521	-504.521
Total State Agency Record-keeping Burden.	.....	53	18,315.021	971,260.000	0.03333	32,372.096	26,326.203	0.000	6,045.893	6,045.893
	CFR section of regulations	Estimated number respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours	Previously approved	Due to program change	Due to an adjustment	Total difference
Total state agency burden .....	.....	53	38,772.289	2,054,931.32	0.08342	171,424.947	19,193,565.20	0.000	3,592.144	3,592.144
Title		Estimated number respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses (Col. D × E)	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours (Col. F × G)	Previously approved	Due to program change	Due to an adjustment	Total difference
<b>HOUSEHOLD</b>										
<b>Reporting Burden</b>										
Demand Letter for Overissuance.	273.18(a)(2) .....	917,566.00	1.00	884,516.000	0.03333	29,480.918	22,930.504	0.000	6,550.414	6,550.414
Notice for Hearing or Prosecution.	273.16(e)(3) .....	43,743.00	1.00	40,230.000	0.016667	670.513	861.532	0.000	-191.019	-191.019
Administrative Disqualification Hearing Waiver.	273.16(i)(2) .....	18,112.00	1.00	20,320.000	0.03333	677.266	711.062	0.000	-33.796	-33.796
Disqualification Consent Agreement.	273.16(i)(2) .....	6,849.00	1.00	2,913.000	0.03333	97.090	275.706	0.000	-178.616	-178.616
Action Taken on Hearing or Court Decision: For IPV Findings.	273.16(e)(9) .....	42,437.00	1.00	42,437.000	0.016667	707.281	836.297	0.000	-129.016	-129.016
Action Taken on Hearing or Court Decision: For No IPV Findings.	273.16(e)(9) .....	1,306.00	1.00	1,306.000	0.016667	21.767	25.266	0.000	-3.499	-3.499
Total Household Reporting Burden.	.....	917,566	1.08082	991,722.000	0.03192	31,654.835	25,640.367	0.000	6,014.468	6,014.468
<b>SUMMARY OF BURDEN</b>										
State Agency Level .....	.....	53	.....	2,054,931.320	.....	171,424.947	19,193,565.20	0.000	3,592.144	3,592.144
Household .....	.....	917,566	.....	991,722.000	.....	31,654.835	25,640.367	0.000	6,014.468	6,014.468
Total Burden This Collection.	.....	917,619	3.32017	3,046,653.320	0.06666	203,079.782	19,219,205.57	0.000	9,606.612	9,606.612

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**Jessica Shahin,**

*Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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## ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

### Notice of 107th Commission Meeting

A notice by the U.S. Arctic Research Commission on 07/17/2017.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 107th meeting in Washington, DC, on July 17, 2017. The business sessions, open to the public, will convene at 8:30 a.m. at the Naval Heritage Center, 701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20004.

*The Agenda items include:*

- (1) Call to order and approval of the agenda
- (2) Approval of the minutes from the 106th meeting
- (3) Commissioners and staff reports
- (4) Discussion and presentations concerning

Arctic research activities

The meeting will focus on reports and updates relating to programs and research projects affecting Alaska and the greater Arctic.

The Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (Title I Pub. L. 98-373) and the Presidential Executive Order on Arctic Research (Executive Order 12501) dated January 28, 1985, established the United States Arctic Research Commission.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please notify us via the contact