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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 5, 2009.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal Health Laboratory Network.

OMB Control Number: 0579-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to add a new database, entitled National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), which will be used to support activities conducted by the agency and maintain records pursuant to its missions and responsibilities authorized by the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301-8317); Public Health Security and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, 116 Stat. 674-678 (Pub. L. 107-188); Homeland Security Presidential Directive-7 (HSPD-7); and Homeland Security Presidential Directive-9 (HSPD-9). These requirements include the development of a national laboratory network for veterinary health that integrates existing Federal and State laboratory resources, are interconnected, and utilize standardized diagnostic protocols and procedures.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of NAHLN is to coordinate and network Federal laboratory capacity with the capacity and extensive infrastructure (facilities, professional expertise, and support) of State and university laboratories. APHIS uses the system to enhance early detection of foreign animal disease agents and newly emerging diseases, to better respond to animal health emergencies (including bioterrorist events) that threaten the nation's food supply and public health, and to assist in assessing the nation's animal health status through targeted surveillance and shared animal health diagnostic data.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 89.

Frequency of Responses/Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 8,056.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Models of SNAP-Ed and Evaluation Study

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), 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 the proposed collection of data for the Models of SNAP-Ed and Evaluation Study. This is a NEW information collection. The goal of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) is to improve the likelihood that SNAP participants and eligibles will make healthy choices within a limited budget and choose active lifestyles consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Food Guidance System. With limited resources, SNAP-Ed nutrition educators attempt to tailor their messages to fit the varying needs of differing populations and evaluate the extent to which their efforts result in positive, voluntary changes in nutrition behaviors.

The Models of SNAP-Ed and Evaluation Study will conduct rigorous, independent evaluations of four SNAP-Ed demonstration projects. Each of the demonstration projects will also conduct an impact evaluation assessment which will be compared to FNS's more rigorous, independent evaluation. The Models of SNAP-Ed and Evaluation Study will provide FNS with sound, independent estimates of the effectiveness of four SNAP-Ed approaches, and will provide SNAP-Ed educators with examples of evaluation designs that are both feasible and scientifically robust.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 7, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed data collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of