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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 7, 2011.

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 and 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) 720–8681.

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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Forest Service

Title: Perception of Risk, Trust, Responsibility, and Management Preferences Among Fire Prone Communities.

OMB Control Number: 0596–0186.

Summary of Collection: The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resource Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–307), direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct, support, and cooperate in investigations, experiments, tests, and other activities the Secretary deems necessary to obtain, analyze, develop, demonstrate, and disseminate scientific information about protecting, managing, and utilizing forest and rangeland renewable resources in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Fire risk and the impact of recent fires have been significant on several Western urban-proximate national forests. The Forest Service (FS) is proposing to expand the scope of the initial information collection to other fire-prone communities in the western United States. FS will conduct a study using a questionnaire to gain first-hand information from residents in communities proximate to and surrounded by urban national forests in the Western United States. The information gathered will help resource managers better understand the beliefs, perceptions, and behaviors of those residents.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agency needs to know how residents have been addressing fire risk, residents' beliefs about individual responsibility in reducing fire risk, and the myriad of other concerns residents have related to fire and fire risk. Results from the information collected will be helpful in managing fire education and information programs, continuing public collaboration efforts, and in the selection of fire management and risk mitigation strategies. Other fire management agencies and organizations will also benefit from this knowledge. The information collected will be used to construct a technical report on findings, to prepare journal articles for submission to peer view outlets, for presentations at scientific meetings, and for presentations to natural resource managers as appropriate. Without the information management decisions will

be made on limited and anecdotal information regarding public values and perceptions as well as perceived responsibility in management of fire risk.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 435.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Improper Payment Meal Claims Assessment.

OMB Control Number: 0584–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Improper Payments Information Act (IPIA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–300) requires the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), to provide estimates of erroneous payments in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and to identify and report corrective actions the agency is taking to reduce them. These measures are necessary to enhance the accuracy and integrity of Federal payments in the CACFP. The CACFP reimburses family day care home for serving nutritious meals and snacks to children, especially low-income children who receive day care services in these facilities. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture, is conducting a feasibility evaluation of the parent-recall data collection methodology for validating the number and type of meals claimed for reimbursement by family day care homes (FDCHs) in the CACFP.

Need and use of the Information: Data collection is to be conducted in sixteen states to evaluate whether a parent-recall data collection methodology under evaluation can: (1) Validate the meal reimbursement claims submitted by FDCHs for the number of children who are CACFP eligible and present in the FDCHs during the time period(s) for which the meals/snacks were claimed. (2) Generate data required for developing an estimate of improper payments, based on the meals claimed for reimbursement by FDCHs that meet the requirements of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002. (3) Be implemented nationwide in an efficient and cost effective method. Observations conducted on-site in the homes of FDSCH providers will be used in the feasibility evaluation. Without the information no assessment of the cost, amount and type of meal claiming errors can be estimated nor can corrective action be developed and implemented.

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

institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1,520.

Frequency of Responses: Report: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,439.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: National Assistance in Farmers Markets: Understanding Current Operations.

OMB Control Number: 0584–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The growing obesity crisis in the United States has created urgency among scientists and public health officials to develop and test sustainable programs that improve American diets. Fruits and vegetable intake has been shown to reduce the long term risk of obesity and other chronic diseases such as heart disease and cancer and serves as a market for a healthy diet. However, two thirds of U.S. adults do not meet the USDA Dietary Guidelines for fruit and vegetable intake. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is conducting a new study titled “Nutrition Assistance in Farmers Markets: Understanding Current Operations.” The study, planned for FY 2011–2012 affirms the Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS) priority for expanding the farm-food connection in FNS programs. The collection is authorized under paragraph 17(a)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026).

Need and use of the Information: The proposed study involves a national survey of Farmers Market managers and Direct Marketing (DM) farmers to understand their current operations and how those affect participation in USDA nutrition assistance programs. The information gathered in the data collection activities will be used by FNS to understand the characteristics of farmers markets and direct marketing farmers and facilitators and barriers to participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. These data will inform FNS policy decision intended to increase the number of DM farmers and farmers markets that participate as SNAP retailers, as well as improve operations for currently authorized DM farmers and farmers markets. If data is not collected, FNS will be unable to improve its understanding of the farmers’ market environment, particularly barriers to participation in nutrition assistance programs by these markets.

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

Number of Respondents: 2,859.

Frequency of Responses: Report: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 911.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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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.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to PMC–Biogenix of Memphis, Tennessee, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/774,347, “Process for Preparing Saturated Branched Chain Fatty Acids”, filed on May 5, 2010.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) 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, Rm. 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 PMC–Biogenix of Memphis, Tennessee has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive 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 exclusive 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 requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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