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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2009-0035]

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection (Registration Requirements)

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection regarding registration requirements because the OMB approval will expire on May 31, 2010.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this proposed rule. Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs, and hand- or courier-delivered items:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 2-2127 George Washington Carver Center, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Mailstop 5272, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-

2009-0035. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For Additional Information: Contact John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6065 South Building, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-0345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Registration Requirements.

OMB Number: 0583-0128.

Expiration Date of Approval: 05/31/2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*). These statutes provide that FSIS is to protect the public by verifying that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is planning to request an extension of an approved information collection addressing paperwork and recordkeeping requirements regarding registration requirements because the OMB approval will expire on May 31, 2010. Provisions of the FMIA (21 U.S.C. 643) and the PPIA (21 U.S.C. 460 (c)) prohibit any person, firm, or corporation from engaging in commerce as a meat or poultry products broker, renderer, animal food manufacturer, wholesaler, or public warehouseman, or from buying, selling, or transporting, or importing any dead, dying, or disabled or diseased livestock or poultry or parts of the carcasses of livestock or poultry that died otherwise than by slaughter, unless it has registered its business as required by the regulations.

According to the regulations (9 CFR 320.5 and 381.179), parties required to register with FSIS must do so by submitting a form (FSIS Form 5020-1, Registration of Meat and Poultry

Handlers) and must provide current and correct information to FSIS, including their name, the address of all locations at which they conduct the business that requires them to register, and all trade or business names under which they conduct these businesses. In addition, parties required to register with FSIS must do so within 90 days after they begin to engage in any of the businesses that require registration. They must also inform FSIS when information on the form needs to be updated.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of 10 minutes to complete and submit this form to FSIS.

Respondents: Brokers, renderers, animal food manufacturers, wholesalers, public warehousemen, meat and poultry handlers.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 600.

Estimated No. of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 100 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence, SW., Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-0345.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

Responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2009_Notices_Index/index.asp.

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the *FSIS Constituent Update*, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The *Update* is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The *Update* also is available on the FSIS Web page. Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on January 25, 2010.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Delta-Clearwater Remediation Project, Delta Junction, AK

AGENCY: Alaska State Office, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, to construct the Delta-Clearwater Remediation Project, authorized under the Watershed Protection, Watershed Surveys, and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (Pub. L. 83-566, 83d Cong., 68 Stat. 666), as amended. Upon review and analysis of potential environmental impacts, the State Conservationist (Alaska) found that the project would not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, a FONSI was issued and no environmental impact statement is required.

DATES: The Final EA and FONSI are available for review through March 8, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Public review copies are available at the following locations:

1. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Palmer State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 100, Palmer, AK 99645.
2. Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1420.5 Alaska Highway, Jarvis Office Building, Delta Junction, AK 99737.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the Final EA and FONSI, or additional information on matters related to the project, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Phil Naegele, Assistant State Conservationist (Operations), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 100, Palmer, AK 99645. Telephone: (907) 761-7758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is proposing a watershed remediation project within the Rhoads Creek and Granite Creek sub-watersheds of the Delta-Clearwater River. The project would involve removing the structural watershed control measures installed by NRCS in 2001 and remediation of the site to prevent further erosion and channelization of surface water flows. The project is located in portions of Sections 27, 28, 33, 34, and 35 of Township 11 South, Range 12 East, and Sections 3 and 4 of Township 12 South, Range 12 East, of the Fairbanks Meridian, near Mile 1408 of the Alaska Highway (Latitude 63.914° North, Longitude 145.388° West).

NRCS, in cooperation with the Salcha-Big Delta Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Alaska

Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), conducted a watershed planning effort which was completed in 1995. This plan included structural and non-structural measures intended to reduce sediment deposition into the Delta-Clearwater River and Clearwater Bog as well as reducing flood and sediment damage to cropland, the Alaska Highway, local roads, and recreation areas. A supplement to this plan was completed in 1998 in order to address a reduction in the infiltration rate from the original estimate to that identified during field tests.

Phase I of construction, initiated in September 1999, consisted of approximately 5,000 linear feet of infiltration basin along with side inlets and training dikes installed at Mile 1408 Road on the south side of the Alaska Highway. Construction of Phase I was completed in July 2001. Flow events during and after construction identified numerous problems with the project as designed. In response to these issues, a formal engineering investigation was completed in 2002. The report recommended a revised planning effort analyzing a wide variety of alternatives. An extended planning effort involving the project sponsors, other local, State and Federal agencies, and the general public was conducted between 2003 and 2008. The proposed project is the outcome of this 5-year multi-agency planning effort.

The proposed project would restore the entire project site as closely as practical to pre-project topography and conditions. Site restoration would involve removing the training dikes, filling the side inlets, filling the infiltration basin, removing the built-up portion of 1408 Road, providing a reasonable planting medium on the restored surface of the site, either seeding or relying on natural regeneration, removal of the flow splitting channels near the Alaska Highway, and purchasing flood easements for affected private property.

It is currently anticipated that topsoil material for site restoration would be obtained from berm piles located on nearby agricultural land. These berms are remnant from the land clearing efforts that were part of the original State of Alaska Delta Agricultural Projects, and contain topsoil mixed with high concentrations of organic matter and some woody debris. Using the berm material has numerous benefits as a planting medium. The high concentration of organic matter provides both soil fertility and moisture retention