

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. APHIS–2011–0120]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Treatments for Fruits and Vegetables**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations for the irradiation treatment of fruits and vegetables moving from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to the United States mainland. These regulations help prevent the spread of plant pests to noninfested areas of the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 2, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0120-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2011–0120, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0120> or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690–2817 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on regulations for the interstate movement of fruits and vegetables from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, contact Mr. David Lamb, Import Specialist, Regulatory Permits and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734–0627. For copies of more detailed information

on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Treatments for Fruits and Vegetables.

OMB Number: 0579–0281.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: As authorized by the Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture may prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, exportation, or movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant product, biological control organism, noxious weed, means of conveyance, or other article if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent a plant pest or noxious weed from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States. This authority has been delegated to the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which administers regulations to implement the PPA.

Regulations governing the interstate movement of plants and plant products from Hawaii and U.S. territories, including Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, are contained in 7 CFR part 318, "Hawaiian and Territorial Quarantine Notices." These regulations are necessary to prevent the interstate spread of plant pests such as the Mediterranean fruit fly, the melon fly, the Oriental fruit fly, green coffee scale, the bean pod borer, and other plant pests to noninfested areas of the United States.

Certain fruits and vegetables moved interstate from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands must undergo irradiation treatment. Requirements for irradiation treatment of fruits and vegetables are contained in 7 CFR part 305, "Phytosanitary Treatments." These requirements involve information collection activities, including the use of permits, certificates, requests for facility approval, and package marking.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.0267 hours per response.

Respondents: Persons moving fruits and vegetables interstate from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, irradiation facility personnel, shippers, and State plant regulatory officials.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 23.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 9.7826.

Estimated annual number of responses: 225.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 6 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All 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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of January 2012.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**National Institute of Food and Agriculture****Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders Regarding the Smith-Lever 3(d) Extension Integrated Pest Management Competitive Grants Program**

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for stakeholder input.

SUMMARY: Section 7403 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–246) (FCEA) amended section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)) to provide the

opportunity for 1862 and 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State University to compete for section 3(d) funds. Section 7417 of FCEA also provided the University of the District of Columbia the opportunity to compete for section 3(d) funds. The Extension Integrated Pest Management Coordination and Support Program (EIPM-CS) is among the Extension programs funded under this authority. By this notice, NIFA is designated to act on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture in soliciting public comment from interested persons regarding the future design and implementation of this program.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Central time. All comments not otherwise presented or submitted for the record at the meeting must be submitted by close of business Wednesday, May 2, 2012, to assure consideration in the next RFA.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Nashville Meeting Room, Memphis Marriott Downtown Hotel, 250 North Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103, phone—(888) 557-8740 (toll-free in USA); (901) 527-7300 (outside USA). You may submit comments, identified by NIFA-2012-0003, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Email: newEIPM@nifa.usda.gov. Include NIFA-2012-0003 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: (202) 401-1794.

Mail: Paper, disk or CD-ROM submissions should be submitted to newEIPM; Division of Plant Protection, Institute of Food Production and Sustainability, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2220, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2220.

Hand Delivery/Courier: newEIPM; Division of Plant Protection, Institute of Food Production and Sustainability, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 3105, Waterfront Centre, 800 9th Street SW., Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and the identifier NIFA-2012-0003. All comments received will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth Ley, (202) 401-6195 (phone),

(202) 401-1794 (fax), or newEIPM@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional Meeting and Comment Procedures

Because of the diversity of subjects, and to aid participants in scheduling their attendance, the following schedule is anticipated for the March 29, 2012, meeting:

2-2:15 p.m. Introduction to the Extension Integrated Pest Management Coordination and Support Competitive Grant Program (EIPM).

2:15-4 p.m. Stakeholder input on general administration of EIPM, including: solicitation of proposals, types of projects and awards, length of awards, evaluation criteria, and protocols to ensure the widest program participation, allocation of funds including protocols to solicit and consider stakeholder input, determination of priority areas, and determination of activities to be supported.

4 p.m. Adjourn

Persons wishing to present oral comments at the March 29, 2012, meeting are requested to pre-register by contacting Elizabeth Ley, (202) 401-6195 (phone), by fax at (202) 401-1794, or by email to newEIPM@nifa.usda.gov.

Participants may reserve one 5-minute comment period. More time may be available, depending on the number of people wishing to make a presentation and the time needed for questions following presentations. Reservations for oral comments will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. All other attendees may register at the meeting.

Written comments may also be submitted for the record at the meeting. All comments not presented or submitted for the record at the meeting must be received by close of business Wednesday, May 2, 2012, to be considered in the next RFA. All comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, may be reviewed on the NIFA Web page for six months. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Ley as directed above.

Background and Purpose

Stakeholder listening sessions have been held by NIFA and its predecessor agency, CSREES, on October 6, 2008 and March 26, 2009 about the restructuring of the Smith-Lever 3(d) IPM program due to changes found in section 7403 of the FCEA. Changes to Smith-Lever 3(d) funding include: (1) The requirement for a competitive

program delivery model as opposed to a long-standing formula-based delivery model; and (2) the inclusion of 1890 Institutions and the University of the District of Columbia as eligible entities to receive 3(d) funds. The primary intent of the listening session was to gather stakeholder input on program focus and design. Prior to the listening session, National Program Leaders presented stakeholders with the following questions:

1. What should be the primary goals and objectives of the program?
2. How can NIFA funding be optimized?
3. Should there be a limit on the number of proposals that can be submitted by each eligible institution?
4. What criteria should be used in the proposal review and selection process?
5. Should regional, multi-institutional or multi-state proposals be encouraged?
6. Should proposals addressing gaps in current program coverage (organic, small farms, etc.) be given greater emphasis in the evaluative process?
7. What limits should be set on funding and project duration?

The 2008 written comment period ran from October 6 through November 15, with over 400 written comments received. A written summary of the comments is available at http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/reporting/stakeholder.eipm_stakeholder.html. Contained in the comments are many areas with broad agreement among stakeholders.

The Agency responded by promptly issuing the EIPM-CS RFA and proceeding with the competition on a compressed schedule and incorporating as many of the suggestions as allowable by law.

The additional input from the 2009 listening session helped to better define the program. Again, written comments were accepted for 5 weeks, from March 26 through April 29 and more than 300 comments were received. A written summary of the comments is available at http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/reporting/stakeholder.eipm_stakeholder.html. Those comments were weighed and incorporated to the greatest degree possible.

Additional input is sought now regarding the structure of the program going forward. The March 2012, Listening Session is scheduled to assist NIFA leadership in more fully addressing stakeholder needs and assuring that the program has influence on the adoption of IPM principles and end users are best served.

Implementation Plans

NIFA plans to consider stakeholder input received from this public meeting as well as other written comments in developing the FY 2013 program guidelines. NIFA anticipates releasing the FY 2013 Request for Applications (RFA) by winter 2012–13.

Done at Washington, DC, this 25th day of January 2012.

Chavonda Jacobs-Young,

Acting Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders Regarding the Capacity Building Grants for Non Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture Institutions Program

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for stakeholder input.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is implementing a newly funded competitive grants program called the Capacity Building Grants for Non Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture (NLGCA) Institutions Program. By this notice, NIFA is designated to act on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture in soliciting public comments and stakeholder input from interested parties regarding the development of the Capacity Building Grants for NLGCA Institutions Program.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 26, 2012, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.. All comments must be received by close of business on March 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in room 1410A–D, Waterfront Centre Building, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 800 9th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Meeting participants will need to provide photo identification to be admitted to the building. Please allow sufficient time to go through security.

You may submit comments, identified by NIFA–2012–0002, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Email: tpowell@nifa.usda.gov. Include NIFA–2012–0002 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: (202) 720–2030.

Mail: Paper, disk or CD–ROM submissions should be submitted to NLGCA; Institute of Youth, Family, and Community; Division of Community and Education; National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2251, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2251.

Hand Delivery/Courier: NLGCA, Institute of Youth, Family, and Community; Division of Community and Education, National Institute of Food and Agriculture; U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4449, Waterfront Centre, 800 9th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and reference to NIFA–2012–0002. All comments received will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Tamia Powell, (202) 720–1973 (phone), (202) 720–2030 (fax), or tpowell@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional Meeting and Comment Procedures

Persons wishing to present oral comments at the March 26th, meeting is requested to pre-register by contacting Ms. Powell as directed above. Participants may reserve one 10-minute comment. More time may be available, depending on the number of people wishing to make a presentation and the time needed for questions following presentations. Reservations will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. All other attendees may register at the meeting. All comments must be received by close of business March 19, 2012, to be considered. All comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, may be reviewed on the NIFA web page for six months. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Tamia Powell as directed above.

Background and Purpose

Section 1473F of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA), (7 U.S.C. 3319i), authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make competitive grants to assist the NLGCA Institutions in maintaining and expanding their capacity to conduct education, research, and outreach activities relating to agriculture, renewable resources, and other similar disciplines.

NIFA is holding a public meeting to obtain comments to use in developing the Request for Applications (RFA) for the newly funded NGLCA. The meeting is open to the public. Written comments and suggestions may be submitted at the address above.

Summary of Non Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture

For fiscal year (FY) 2012, \$5 million has been made available for the Capacity Building Grants for NLGCA Institutions program. NLGCA program funds will support efforts to maintain and expand the capacity of the NLGCA Institution to successfully compete for funds from Federal grants and other sources to carry out educational, research, and outreach activities that address priority concerns of national, regional, State, and local interest; to disseminate information relating to priority concerns to interested members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities; the public; and any other interested entity; and to encourage members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities to participate in priority education, research, and outreach activities by providing matching funding to leverage grant funds.

Implementation Plans

NIFA plans to consider stakeholder input received from this public meeting for developing the RFA. NIFA anticipates releasing a Request for Applications (RFA) by mid-May 2012.

Done at Washington, DC, this 25 day of January 2012.

Chavonda Jacobs-Young,

Acting Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders Regarding the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for stakeholder input.

SUMMARY: In Fiscal Year 2009, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), created a new research, education, and extension program called the Agriculture and