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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

December 4, 1995.

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 these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Ag Box 7630, Washington, D.C. 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

Rural Utilities Service

- *Title:* Review Rating Summary.

Summary: RUS Form 300, Review Rating Summary, provides ratings of borrower facilities so that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) can monitor system operations, maintenance, and planning review.

Need and Use of the Information: A periodic operations and maintenance review, using the RUS Form 300 in accordance with RUS Bulletin 161-5 is an effective means for RUS to determine whether the borrowers' systems are being properly operated and maintained, thereby protecting the loans collateral. The review is also used to rate facilities and can be used for appraisal of collateral.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 280.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting—Once every 3 years.

Total Burden Hours: 1,120.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

- *Title:* 7 CFR Parts 402, 401, 443 and 457—Catastrophic Risk Protection Plan and Related Requirements.

Summary: This submission revises collections previously cleared to now incorporate provision or policy changes relative to proposed rules at 7 CFR Parts 401, 443, and 457 announcing prevented planting coverage changes for the 1996 crop year.

Need and Use of the Information: The data is used to determine program eligibility for crop coverage and prevented planting coverage.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,750,015.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting—Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,668,750.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by December 15, 1996.

Larry Roberson,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-062-1]

Availability of Environmental Assessments and Findings of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that 14 environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the issuance of permits to allow the release into the environment of nonindigenous biological control agents. The environmental assessments provide a basis for our conclusion that the release into the environment of the biological control agents will not present a risk of introducing plant pests into the United States or disseminating plant pests within the United States and will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on its

findings of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that environmental impact statements need not be prepared.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact are available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Matthew H. Royer, Chief Operations Officer, Biological Assessment and Taxonomic Support, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-8896. For copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, write to Ms. Deborah Knott at the same address. Please refer to the title of the environmental assessment when ordering copies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Plant Pest Act as amended (7 U.S.C. 150aa *et seq.*) and the Plant Quarantine Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*) (the Acts), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has broad authority to regulate the importation, interstate movement, and release into the environment of organisms in order to prevent the dissemination of plant pests into the United States or interstate. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates plant pests under regulations promulgated pursuant to the Acts and contained in 7 CFR part 330 (referred to below as the regulations). The regulations require, among other things, that a permit be obtained for the movement of a plant pest into or through the United States or interstate. The regulations and Acts also allow the Department to include in the permit conditions to prevent the dissemination of plant pests.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), APHIS typically prepares an environmental assessment before issuing a permit for the release in the United States of nonindigenous organisms.