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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Information Collection Associated With the Special Milk Program for Children

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service announces its intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's review and extension of the information collections related to the Special Milk Program for Children.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by January 4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed 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 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 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. Comments and requests for copies of this information collection may be sent to Mr. Terry Hallberg, Chief, Program Analysis and Monitoring Branch, Child Nutrition Division, FNS, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1008, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

All responses to this Notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval, and will become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Terry Hallberg, Child Nutrition Programs, at (703) 305-2590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* Special Milk Program for Children.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0005.

*Expiration Date:* 12/31/98.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* Section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act (CNA) of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-642, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1772) authorizes the Special Milk Program (SMP). It provides for the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of Agriculture, under such rules and regulations as he may deem in the public interest, to encourage the consumption of fluid milk by children in the United States in (1) nonprofit schools of high school grade and under, and (2) nonprofit nursery schools, child care centers, settlement houses, summer camps, and similar nonprofit institutions devoted to the care and training of children, which do not participate in a food service program authorized under the CNA or the National School Lunch Act. Section 10 of the CNA requires the Secretary of Agriculture to "prescribe such regulations as (he) may deem necessary to carry out this Act and the National School Lunch Act. . . ." Pursuant to that provision, the Secretary has issued 7 CFR part 215, which sets forth policies and procedures for the administration and operation of the SMP.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 1772.

*Estimate of Burden:* The reporting burden for this collection of information is 224,625 burden hours. The recordkeeping is estimated at 605,559 burden hours. The increase in recordkeeping burden hours is due to an increase in the number of school food authorities, schools, child care institutions, and camps participating in SMP.

*Respondents:* The respondents are State agencies, school food authorities, schools, child care institutions, and camps.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 54 State agencies, 6,342 school food authorities, 7,964 schools, 518 child care institutions, and 1,492 camps.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 45.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 830,184 hours.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

**Samuel Chambers, Jr.,**  
*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Intent To Request a Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) intention to request a revision to a currently approved information collection, Volunteer Program—Earth Team.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 4, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Marcella Graham, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013-2890, (202) 720-5699.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Volunteer Program—Earth Team.

*OMB Number:* 0578-0024.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* December 31, 1998.

*Type of Request:* To continue, with change, a currently approved collection for which approval will expire.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is to work in partnership with American people to conserve and sustain our natural resources. The

purpose of the Volunteer Program—Earth Team is to expand NRCS services by using volunteer time, talent and energy to help accomplish the mission. Earth Team Volunteers are able to perform any job that NRCS employees perform and are provided Workman's Compensation and Tort Liability Coverage.

Information collected is used by NRCS to ensure proper documentation of volunteer time and efforts. NRCS-PER-001, Volunteer Application, NRCS-PER-003, Agreement for Sponsored Voluntary Services (for groups), serve as documents of record for personnel information used to verify participation in the Earth Team and support claims for Workers Compensation and Tort. NRCS-PER-002, Volunteer Interest and Placement Summary is an optional form, designed to determine the appropriate placement of volunteers. NRCS-PER-004, Time and Attendance, provides a simplified format for documenting actual hours of service by volunteers.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 minutes for the NRCS-PER-001 (65 percent of new volunteers), 45 minutes for NRCS-PER-002 (1 percent of new volunteers), 45 minutes for NRCS-PER-003 (35 percent of new volunteers/10 volunteers averaged in group), and 1 minute for the NRCS-PER-004 (35 percent of total volunteers in groups) + (65 percent of total individual volunteers averaging submission 6 times per year).

*Respondents:* Individual and groups.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,100.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1.2 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Marcella Graham, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5699.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed 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 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 on those who are to respond, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technologic collection techniques or other forms of information

technology. Comments may be sent to: Marcella Graham, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013-2890.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC on October 27, 1998.

**P. Dwight Holman,**

*Deputy Chief for Management, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Intent To Request a Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law (P.L.) 104-13) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) intention to request a reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection, Agriculture and Urban Flood Damage Surveys, for which approval has expired.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by December 15, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Marcella Graham, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013-2890, (202) 720-5699.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Agriculture and Urban Flood Damage Surveys.

*OMB Number:* 0578-0007.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* June 6, 1997.

*Type of Request:* To reinstate, with change, a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is to work in partnership with the American people to conserve and sustain our natural resources. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to flood damaged communities to control flooding. NRCS personnel collect specific data about flood damages in order to assess the cost of floods to individuals, farms, communities, governments, and others who own or control property affected by floods. The data collected is used to determine benefits associated with Federal expenditures to provide relief in a particular flood prone area. The data also help to ensure that flood control structures recommended to treat flooding are economically feasible to build.

The Agriculture and Urban Flood Damage Surveys forms are used to collect the data about the damages incurred as a result of the flooding. Information is collected directly from the landowner on a voluntary basis. If the landowner is unavailable or unwilling to provide the information, we make visual estimates and use secondary data. Agriculture and Urban Flood Damage Surveys comprise a series of survey forms suited for various types of flooded areas. NRCS-ECN-001 documents flood damage to agriculture, including crops, pasture, property, and land. NRCS-ECN-002 is used to assess residential flood damage. NRCS-ECN-003 documents flood damage to commercial or industrial buildings. NRCS-ECN-004 documents flood damage associated with transportation or utilities. NRCS-ECN-005 is strictly an irrigation questionnaire. NRCS-ECN-006 is a drainage questionnaire.

Circumstances making collection of information necessary stem from the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (P.L. 83-566). It authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide technical and financial help to local organizations in planning and carrying out watershed improvements. Section 3 of the law directs the Secretary to determine whether benefits anticipated from the improvements will exceed costs. NRCS has been delegated the responsibility to carry out the intent of the law. Analytical procedures use the information collected to evaluate agricultural flood damage, reduction of crop and other agricultural damages, sediment and erosion damage reduction, irrigation and drainage intensification benefits, urban damage reduction, and residential and commercial damages. The procedures are outlined in Chapters I and II of the Economic and Environmental Principles and