

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of April, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-026-1]

#### Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of public meeting and request for agenda topics.

**SUMMARY:** This is to notify producers and users of veterinary biological products, as well as other interested persons, that we will be holding our eighth public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. We are in the process of planning the meeting agenda, and are requesting suggestions for topics of general interest to producers and other interested persons.

**PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING:** The meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Ames, IA, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 23 and 24, 1998, from 8 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. each day.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on agenda topics, contact Dr. Donald C. Randall, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Inspection and Compliance, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010; phone (515) 232-5785, fax (515) 232-7120, or e-mail Donald.C.Randall@usda.gov. For registration information, contact Ms. Kay Wessman at the same address and fax number; phone (515) 323-5785 extension 127; or e-mail Mary.K.Wessman@usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since 1989, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has held seven public meetings on veterinary biologics in Ames, IA. The meetings provide an opportunity for the exchange of information between APHIS representatives, producers and users of veterinary biological products, and other interested persons on issues of common concern. APHIS is in the process of planning the agenda for the eighth such meeting, which will be held September 23 and 24, 1998.

As yet, the agenda for the meeting is not complete. Topics that have thus far been suggested include: (1) Electronic submission of Outlines of Production, forms, and data; (2) international harmonization of regulations; (3) naked DNA vaccines; (4) update on in vitro testing; and (5) quality assurance. Before finalizing the agenda, APHIS is seeking suggestions for additional meeting topics from the interested public.

We would also like to invite interested persons to use this meeting to present their ideas and suggestions concerning the licensing, manufacturing, testing, and distribution of veterinary biologics.

On or before May 15, 1998, please submit suggested meeting topics (for both breakout and general sessions), as well as proposed presentation titles, the name(s) of the presenter(s), and the approximate amount of time that will be needed for the presentation(s), to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

After the agenda is finalized, APHIS will announce the schedule in the **Federal Register**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

#### Notice of Intent To Establish an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44977, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service's (CSREES) intention to request approval to establish an information collection from applicants for Federal financial assistance.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 18, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Sally J. Rockey, Deputy

Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, CSREES, USDA, STOP 2240, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-2240, (202) 401-1761. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Application Kit for Research and Extension Projects.

**OMB Number:** 0524-NEW.

**Expiration Date of Current Approval:** Not applicable.

**Type of Request:** Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection for three years.

**Abstract:** USDA/CSREES sponsors ongoing agricultural research, extension, and education programs under which competitive, special, and other awards of a high-priority nature are made.

Before awards can be made, certain information is required from applicants as part of an overall proposal package. In addition to project summaries, descriptions of the research, extension, or education efforts, literature reviews, curricula vitae of principal investigators/project directors, and other, relevant technical aspects of the proposed project, supporting documentation of an administrative and budgetary nature also must be provided. Because of the nature of the competitive, peer-reviewed process, it is important that information from applicants be available in a standardized format to ensure equitable treatment.

Each year, solicitations are issued requesting proposals for various research, education, and extension areas targeted for support. Applicants submit proposals for these targeted areas following formats outlined in the proposal application guidelines accompanying each program's solicitation. These proposals are evaluated by peer review panels and awarded on a competitive basis.

Forms CSREES-2002, "Proposal Cover Page;" CSREES-2003, "Project Summary;" CSREES-2004, "Proposal Budget;" CSREES-2005, "Current and Pending Support;" CSREES-2006 "National Environmental Policy Act Exclusions;" CSREES-2007, "Identification of Conflicts of Interest;" and CSREES-2008, "Assurance Statement(s);" are mainly used for proposal evaluation and administration purposes. While some of the information will be used to respond to inquiries from Congress and other government agencies, the forms are not designed to be statistical surveys or data collection instruments. Their completion by potential recipients is a normal part of the application to Federal

agencies which support basic and applied science.

The following information will be collected:

**Form CSREES-2002—Proposal Cover Page:** Provides names, mailing and electronic addresses, and telephone numbers of principal investigators/project directors and authorized agents of applicant institutions and general information regarding the proposals.

**Form CSREES-2003—Project Summary:** Lists the Principal Investigator(s) and their institution(s), project title and key words, and a project summary which allows for quick screening and assignment of proposals to peer reviewers.

**Form CSREES-2004—Proposal Budget:** Provides a breakdown of the purposes for which funds will be spent in the event of an award.

**Form CSREES-2005—Current and Pending Support:** Provides information for active and pending projects.

**Form CSREES-2006—National Environmental Policy Act Exclusions:** Allows identification of whether or not the proposal fits one of the exclusions listed for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (7 CFR Part 3407). This information will be used in determinations as to whether or not further action is needed to meet the requirements of this Act.

**Form CSREES-2007—Identification of Conflicts of Interest:** Lists the person(s) who are in conflict of interest with the applicant(s). This will be used when selecting peer review panels to assure objective reviews.

**Form CSREES-2008—Assurance Statement(s):** Provides required assurances of compliance with regulations involving the protection of human subjects, animal welfare, and recombinant DNA research. This form will be used for competitive, special, and formula-funded projects.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average six and three-quarter (6¾) hours per response.

**Respondents:** Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions, Federal government, and State, local, or Tribal governments.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Form:** 8,900. 6,600 complete the entire collection; 2,300 complete only the CSREES-662.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 41,950 hours, broken down by: 18,000 hours for Form CSREES-2002, "Proposal Cover Page" (three hours per 6,000 respondents); 3,000 hours for Form CSREES-2003, "Project Summary" (one-half hour per 6,000 respondents); 6,000 hours for

Form CSREES-2004, "Proposal Budget" (one hour per 6,000 respondents); 6,000 hours for Form CSREES-2005, "Current and Pending Support" (one hour per 6,000 respondents); 1,500 hours for Form CSREES-2006, "National Environmental Policy Act Exclusions" (one-quarter hour per 6,000 respondents); 3,000 hours for Form CSREES-2007, "Identification of Conflicts of Interest" (one-half hour per 6,000 respondents); and 4,450 hours for Form CSREES-2008, "Assurance Statement(s)" (one-half hour per 8,900 respondents).

**Frequency of Responses:** Annually.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Suzanne Plimpton, Policy and Program Liaison Staff, Office of Extramural Programs, CSREES, (202) 401-1302. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

**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 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 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 may be sent to: Sally J. Rockey, Deputy Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, CSREES, USDA, STOP 2240, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-2240, (202) 401-1761. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov. Comments also may be submitted directly to OMB and should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20502.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments also will become a matter of public record.

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*Acting Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Pines Coal Lease Tract, UTU-76195, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Sevier and Emery Counties, Utah**

**ACTION:** Revised Notice of Intent to Prepare a Third-Party Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** A Notice of Intent to prepare a Third-Party EIS for the Pines Coal Lease Tract on the Manti-La Sal National Forest in Utah was published in the **Federal Register** on January 29, 1998 (Volume 63, Number 19, Page 4427-4428). This revised Notice of Intent supplements/clarifies the proposed actions to be analyzed and the decisions to be made by the responsible agency officials and corrects errors in the legal description. The analysis will disclose the environmental and human effects of proposed actions to offer the Pines Coal Lease Tract for competitive bidding (43 CFR part 3425), modify Federal Coal Lease U-63214 by adding 150 acres (43 CFR part 3432), and proposed mining under Box Canyon and the associated perennial stream in the existing SUFCO Mine Permit Area.

The Pines Coal Lease tract, as delineated by the Tract Delineation Team, encompasses 7,311 acres of Federal coal lands on the Manti-La Sal National Forest as follows (corrected legal description):

T. 20 S., R. 5 E., SLM,  
Section 35: S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SW1/4, SE1/4;  
Section 36: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4;  
T. 21 S., R. 5 E., SLM,  
Section 1: lots 3-4, S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4;  
Section 2: lots 1-4, S1/2S1/2;  
Section 3: lots 1-2, S1/2SE1/4;  
Section 10: E1/2;  
Sections 11-14: All;  
Section 15: E1/2;  
Section 22, E1/2;  
Sections 23-24: All;  
Section 25: N1/2, N1/2S1/2;  
Section 26: N1/2, NE1/4SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4SW1/4, SE1/4;  
T. 21 S., R. 6 E., SLM,  
Section 19, lots 3-4, E1/2SW1/4;

Additions and/or deletions could be considered in alternatives to the proposed action to be developed and analyzed based on issues and management needs.

In addition to applying for the new lease, Canyon Fuel applied for a modification to Federal Coal Lease U-63214 (add 150 acres to this existing lease), and to mine under a perennial drainage in Box Canyon. The purpose of these applications is to allow Canyon Fuel to extend their existing