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## JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

### Meeting of the Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a closed meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 19 and April 20, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Mercer Human Resource Consulting, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, 35th Floor, New York, NY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick W. McDonough, Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202-622-8225.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet at Mercer Human Resource Consulting, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, 35th Floor, New York, NY on April 19 and April 20, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions that may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics, pension law and methodology referred to in 29 U.S.C. 1242(a)(1)(B).

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that the subject of the meeting falls within the exception to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such meeting be closed to public participation.

Dated: March 8, 2006.

**Patrick W. McDonough,**

*Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 27, 2007.

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 (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), [OIRA\\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV) or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Rural Utility Service

**Title:** Seismic Safety of New Building Construction, 7 CFR Part 1792, Subpart C.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0099.

**Summary of Collection:** Seismic hazards present a serious threat to people and their surroundings. These hazards exist in most of the United States, not just on the West Coast. Unlike hurricanes, times and location of earthquakes cannot be predicted; most earthquakes strike without warning and, if of substantial strength, strike with great destructive forces. To reduce risks to life and property from earthquakes, Congress enacted the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-124, 42 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) and directed the establishment and maintenance of an effective earthquake reduction program. As a result, the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) was established. The objectives of the NEHRP include the development of technologically and economically feasible design and construction methods to make both new and existing structures earthquake resistant, and the development and promotion of model building codes. 7 CFR part 1792, subpart C, identifies acceptable seismic standards which must be employed in new building construction funded by loans, grants, or guarantees made by the Rural Utility Service (RUS) or the Rural Telephone Bank (RTB) or through lien accommodations or subordinations approved by RUS or RTB.

**Need and Use of the Information:** Borrowers and grant recipients must provide to RUS a written acknowledgment from a registered architect or engineer responsible for the design of each applicable building stating that the seismic provisions to 7 CFR part 1792, Subpart C will be used in the design of the building. RUS will use this information to: (1) Clarify and inform the applicable borrowers and grant recipients about seismic safety requirements; (2) improve the effectiveness of all RUS programs; and (3) reduce the risk to life and property through the use of approved building codes aimed at providing seismic safety.

**Description of Respondents:** Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000.  
*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting:  
On occasion.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 750.

#### Rural Utilities Service

*Title:* Broadband Grant Program.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0127.  
*Summary of Collection:* Congress has recognized the need to facilitate the deployment of broadband service to unserved rural areas. The provision to broadband transmission service is vital to the economic development, education, health, and safety of rural Americans. Grant authority is utilized to deploy broadband infrastructure to extremely rural, lower income communities on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The Rural Development Utilities Programs (RUS) gives priority to rural areas that it believes have the greatest need for broadband transmission services. This broadband access is intended to promote economic development and provide enhanced educational and health care opportunities. RUS will provide financial assistance to eligible entities that are proposing to deploy broadband transmission service in rural communities where such service does not currently exist and who will connect the critical community facilities including the local schools, libraries, hospitals, police, fire and rescue services and who will operate a community center that provides free and open access to residents.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 90.  
*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting:  
on occasion.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 14,442.

**Charlene Parker,**

*Departmental Information Collection  
Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 2007-0009]

#### Exemption for Retail Store Operations

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Adjusted Dollar Limitations.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing

new dollar limitations on the amount of meat and meat food products and poultry products that a retail store can sell to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions without disqualifying itself for exemption from Federal inspection requirements. By reason of FSIS' regulations, for calendar year 2007 the dollar limitation for meat and meat food products remains at \$55,100 and for poultry products is being reduced from \$45,200 to \$44,400. FSIS is maintaining or changing the dollar limitations from calendar year 2006 based on price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This notice is effective March 30, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John O'Connell, Regulations and Petitions Policy Staff, Office of Policy, Program, and Employee Development, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 112, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700; telephone (202) 720-0345, fax (202) 690-0486.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*) provide that the statutory provisions requiring inspection of the slaughter of livestock or poultry, and the preparation or processing of meat and meat food and poultry products, do not apply to the types of operations traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants, when those operations are conducted at any retail store or restaurant or similar retail-type establishment for sale in normal retail quantities (21 U.S.C. 454(c)(2) and 661 (c)(2)). In Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations §§ 303.1(d) and 381.10(d), FSIS regulations address the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations involving the preparation or processing of meat or poultry products.

Under these regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions disqualify a store for exemption if they exceed either of two maximum limits: 25 percent of the dollar value of total product sales or the calendar year dollar limitation set by the Administrator. The dollar limitation is adjusted automatically during the first quarter of the year if the Consumer Price Index (CPI), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicates an increase or decrease of more than \$500 in the price of the same volume of product for the previous year. FSIS publishes a notice of the adjusted dollar limitations in the

**Federal Register.** (See paragraph (d)(2)(iii)(b) of both §§ 303.1 and 381.10.)

The CPI for 2006 reveals an average annual price increase for meat and meat food products of 0.7 percent and an annual average price decrease for poultry products of 1.8 percent. When rounded off to the nearest \$100, the price increase for meat and meat food products is \$400, and the price decrease for poultry products is \$800. Because the price of meat and meat food products has not increased by more than \$500, and because the price of poultry products has decreased by more than \$500, in accordance with §§ 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b) of the regulations, the dollar limitation on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions remains at \$55,100 for meat and meat food products and is being reduced to \$44,400 for poultry products for calendar year 2007.

#### 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/2007\\_Notices\\_Index/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2007_Notices_Index/).

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