eventually need updating. Accordingly, rehabilitation treatment measures may be added to this Program Comment, or updated, as follows:

(1) DoD will notify the ACHP, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCHSPO), and DOI (collectively, parties) that it wants to add a rehabilitation treatment measure to the Program Comment, or to update a rehabilitation treatment measure that is already a part of the Program Comment. Such a notification will include a draft of the proposal.

(2) The parties will provide a copy of the draft to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Institute of Architects, the American Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, and the Association for Preservation Technology, and consult with them before finalizing the proposal. The parties may invite other entities, including members of professional associations with expertise on the particular subject matter of the proposed rehabilitation treatment measure or update, to the consultation.

(3) After such consultation, DoD will submit the finalized version to DOI with a request for confirmation from DOI that the proposed rehabilitation treatment measure or update meets the criteria set forth in the Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitation. DOI will have 45 days to provide a written response to DoD. Should DOI determine that the proposed rehabilitation treatment measure or update does not meet the Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitation, DoD may consult with those listed on sub stipulations (1) and (2), above, and revise the proposal for reconsideration by DOT.

(4) After DOI confirmation that the proposal meets the Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitation, or after the allotted 45 days pass without a DOI response (at which point, DOI confirmation will be assumed), DoD may submit the finalized version to the ACHP Executive Director. If the ACHP Executive Director approves it, the ACHP will publish a notice of availability of the approved addition or update in the **Federal Register**. The addition or update will go into effect upon such publication.

VII. *Process for Removing Rehabilitation Treatment Measures:* The ACHP may remove a rehabilitation treatment measure from the Program Comment by publishing a **Federal Register** notice to that effect. The Program Comment will continue to operate with the other rehabilitation treatment measures that have not been removed.

VIII. *Latest Version of the Program Comment:* DoD and/or the ACHP will include the most current version of the Program Comment (with the latest amendments and updates) in a publicly accessible Web site. The latest Web address for that site will be included in each of the **Federal Register** notices for amending, removing or updating rehabilitation treatment measures in the Program Comment. This document and its appended rehabilitation measures will initially be available at *https://www.denix.osd.mil/ProgramAlternatives*.

IX. *Annual Reports and Meetings:* The parties shall meet once a year, in November, to discuss the implementation of the Program Comment and to consider whether rehabilitation treatment measures that have not been updated in five years should be updated in accordance with Stipulation VI. At least 60 days prior to such meetings, the parties may request of DoD more information on any issues at specific military installations. DoD will collect information from these military installations on their experience, for the previous twelve months, on how often and where the Program Comment has been utilized, examples of successful implementation, and examples of failures or problems with implementation.

X. *Amendment:* The ACHP may amend this Program Comment (other than the appended rehabilitation treatment measures themselves, which are amended according to Stipulations VI and VII, above) after consulting with the parties and publishing a **Federal Register** notice to that effect.

XI. *Termination:* The ACHP may terminate this Program Comment by publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** 30 days before the termination takes effect.

XII. *Sunset Clause:* This Program Comment will terminate on its own accord on November 1, 2018, unless it is amended before that date to extend that period.

XIII. *Historic Properties in Tribal Lands and Historic Properties of Significance to Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations:* This Program Comment does not apply in connection with effects to historic properties that are located on tribal lands and/or that are of religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations.

XIV. *Definitions:* The definitions found at 36 CFR part 800 apply to the terms used in this Program Comment.

XV. *Rehabilitation Treatment Measure Appendices:* (starting on next page).

Authority: 36 CFR 800.14(e).

Dated: September 15, 2008.

John M. Fowler,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 15, 2008.

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* 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 Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1726, Electric System Construction Policies and Procedures—Electric.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0107.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, (RE ACT) in Sec. 4 (7 U.S.C. 904) authorizes and empowers the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans in the several States and Territories of the United States for rural electrification and the furnishing and improving of electric energy to persons in rural areas. These loans are for a term of up to 35 years and are secured by a first mortgage on the borrower's electric system. In the interest of protecting loan security and accomplishing the statutory objective of a sound program of rural electrification, Section 4 of the RE Act further requires that RUS make or guarantee a loan only if there is reasonable assurance that the loan, together with all outstanding loans and obligations of the borrower, will be repaid in full within the time agreed. RUS will collect information using various RUS forms.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to implement certain provisions of the RUS standard form of loan documents regarding the borrower's purchase of materials and equipment and the construction of its electric system by contract or force account. The information will be used by RUS electric borrowers and their contractors and by RUS. If standard forms were not used, borrowers would need to prepare their own documents at a significant expense; and each document submitted by a borrower would require extensive and costly review by both RUS and the Office of the General Counsel.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,210.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 104.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2006–0188]

RIN 0579–AC37

Genetically Engineered Animals

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is seeking public comment and scientific and technical empirical data and information concerning ongoing and future research on genetically engineered animals. APHIS' interest is to ensure that genetically engineered animals imported into the United States or moved interstate do not present risks to U.S. livestock health. We also seek comment on what types of actions and approaches APHIS should consider in addressing any such risks that would complement the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) oversight, described in draft guidance elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before November 18, 2008.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS–2006–0188* to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2006–0188, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2006–0188.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room 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.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at *http://www.aphis.usda.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 146, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; 301–734–5720.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 1986, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) under the Executive Office of the President published a policy document known as the Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology (the Coordinated Framework).[1] This policy document describes the system for coordinating the activities of the Federal agencies responsible for regulating all GE organisms:[2] The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), specifically the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The foundation of the Coordinated Framework is that existing health and safety laws administered by these Federal agencies provide a sound network of agency authorities for the regulation of GE organisms and products.

Roles of APHIS and Other Agencies in the Regulation of GE Animals

USDA and FDA both have authorities relevant to the oversight of GE animals. FDA has authority over new animal drugs under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 321 *et seq.*). Elsewhere in the issue of the **Federal Register**, FDA is announcing the availability of draft guidance for public comment clarifying its oversight of GE animals under the new animal drug provisions of the FFDCA. The draft guidance explains that where a recombinant DNA construct in a GE animal is intended to affect the structure or function of the body of the GE animal, that construct is a new animal drug [3] regardless of the intended use of products that may be produced by the GE animal. The FFDCA requires that each new animal drug be approved through a new animal drug application (NADA) based on a demonstration that it is safe and effective for its intended use. FDA has been working with developers of GE animals for almost 20 years and the draft guidance is intended to clarify requirements and recommendations for producers and developers of GE animals and their products.

[1] Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology: June 26, 1986; 51 FR 23302; *http://usbiotechreg.nbii.gov/CoordinatedFrameworkForRegulationOfBiotechnology1986.pdf.*

[2] In addition to discussing the regulatory responsibilities of these agencies for GE organisms and other products, the Coordinated Framework also discusses the responsibilities of agencies with jurisdiction over GE research (the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, EPA, and USDA's Agricultural Research Service).

[3] In accordance with the definition of ''new animal drug'' in 21 U.S.C. 321(v).