

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

Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies in accordance with Section 103 of the Water Resources Planning Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1962a-2) and approved by the President on February 3, 1983, in accordance with Executive Order 11744 (38 FR 30993, November 7, 1973). The Agriculture and Urban Flood Damage Surveys provide the necessary information as dictated by these Principles and Guidelines. NRCS will ask for 3-year OMB approval within 60 days of submitting the request.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting hour burden and total annual record keeping for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.28 hours per response.

Respondents (flood victims in rural and urban areas): 768.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 768.

Estimated Total Annual Hours Requested: 936.

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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Marcella Graham, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS, 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, D.C. on October 17, 1998.

Pearlie S. Reed,
Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Alabama

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Alabama, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Alabama for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Alabama to issue conservation practice standards:

Firebreak—(Code 394)
Forage Harvest Management—(Code 511)
Forest Harvest Trails and Landings—(Code 655)
Forest Site Preparation—(Code 490)
Forest Stand Improvement—(Code 666)
Irrigation System, Sprinkler—(Code 442)
Prescribed Burning—(Code 338)
Pumping Plant for Water Control—(Code 533)
Riparian Forest Buffer—(Code 391A)
Tree/Shrub Establishment—(Code 612)
Tree/Shrub Pruning—(Code 660A)
Waste Treatment Lagoon—(Code 359)

DATES: Comments will be received until December 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to Ronnie D. Murphy, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 3381 Skyway Drive, P.O. Box 311, Auburn, AL 36830. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after

enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Alabama will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Alabama regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Ray Donaldson,

Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Auburn, Alabama.

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ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

Performance Review Board; Membership

AGENCY: Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

ACTION: Notice of membership of Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency announces the appointment of Performance Review Board members.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Aderholdt, Director of Personnel, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Washington, DC 20451 (202) 647-2034. The following are the names and present titles of the individuals appointed to the register from which Performance Review Boards will be established by the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency during the period beginning on the effective date of this notice and ending when a new register is published and becomes effective in approximately one year. Specific Performance Review Boards will be established as needed from this register. These appointments supersede those in the announcement published in 1997.

Name	Title
Ralph Earle II	Deputy Director.
Donald Gross	Counselor.
Robert Sherman	Director, Advanced Project.
O. James Sheaks	Deputy Assistant Director, Intelligence, Verification and Information Management Bureau.
Sarah Mullen	Chief, Intelligence Technology and Analysis, Intelligence, Verification and Information Management Bureau.
Norman Wulf	Deputy Assistant Director, Nonproliferation and Regional Arms Control Bureau.
Michael Rosenthal	Chief, Nuclear Safeguards and Technology Division, Nonproliferation and Regional Arms Control Bureau.
Donald Mahley	Deputy Assistant Director, Multilateral Affairs Bureau.