

Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental evaluation are on file and may be reviewed by contacting David Heilig.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires entrgovernmental consultation with state and local officials.)

Dated: January 3, 2000.

Shirley Gammon,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the regulation for Account Servicing Policies.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 20, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Stouder, Senior Loan Officer, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, Rural Housing Service, USDA, STOP 0782, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250–0782; Telephone (202) 720–9728.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Account Servicing Policies.

OMB Number: 0575–0075.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 29, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service provides supervised credit in the form

of Single Family Housing, Multi-Family Housing, and Community Facility loans and grants. 7 CFR part 1951, subpart A sets forth the policies and procedures, including the collection and use of information, regarding the application of payments on loans made under the programs administered by the agencies and the return of paid-in-full and satisfied promissory notes.

The programs are administered under the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), as amended. Section 339(a) of the CONACT authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the programs authorized within the Act.

Information collection is submitted by Agency borrowers to the local Agency office servicing the county in which their operation is located and is used by agency servicing officials.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households and businesses and other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 28 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692–0039.

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 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 Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250. 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.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

Eileen M. Fitzgerald,

Acting Administrator Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Census 2000 Evaluation of Non-English Speaking Respondents

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(C)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Erin Whitworth, U.S. Census Bureau, SFC–2, Rm. 2228, Washington, DC, 20233–0001, 301–457–8024, Erin.M.Whitworth@ccmail.census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

The Census Bureau must provide everyone living or staying in the United States on Census Day the opportunity to be counted in Census 2000. Many programs for non-English speaking respondents have been developed to assist in questionnaire response. These programs include questionnaires and Be Counted forms in Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese; Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs), which provide Language Assistance Guides (LAGs) in 49 additional languages; bilingual enumerators during follow-up operations, and Telephone Questionnaire Assistance (TQA) in

Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. The Census Bureau anticipates that many of the non-English speaking respondents will use these programs. However, others may not use these programs for a variety of different reasons (*i.e.*, lack of awareness, fear, apathy, *etc.*).

The U.S. Census Bureau would like to better understand how non-English speaking respondents cope with the Census. To do this the Census Bureau is proposing to conduct a follow-up interview of long-form respondents that indicate they speak a language other than English at home. The types of information collected during the interview will address their awareness of the QACs, Be Counted forms, and LAGs; their ability to have completed the questionnaire on their own (*i.e.* did the non-English speaking respondent obtain help from a neighbor or someone else that speaks English?); and the language of the interview in Nonresponse Follow-up (NRFU).

II. Method of Collection

The reinterview will be conducted by telephone with specially trained bilingual interviewers. A telephone reinterview of approximately 5,000 cases will be conducted to result in approximately 1,000 completed cases for each of three languages. The reinterview will be done in Spanish, one language to be selected from the remaining four in which there are non-English questionnaires (Korean, Chinese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese), and one other language to be selected from those that have no non-English questionnaires. We plan to select the language groups for which the census process is expected to be most difficult based on linguistic isolation and other potential barriers to enumeration. The prevalence of the non-English language will also be a decision factor. The sample will be post-stratified based on the mode of response (*i.e.*, English form, non-English form, or enumerator form). We will conduct this operation in two waves with the first wave composed of those respondents returning a form through the mail, and the second wave composed of those respondents enumerated in NRFU. In the reinterview, we will attempt to determine: (1) If the respondents were aware of the QACs, LAGs, and Be Counted Forms, (2) Why the respondents did or did not use those services, and (3) For those responding in English yet indicating they do not speak English well, it is desired to know from whom they obtained assistance. The interviews will be performed May–July 2000, after the availability of the

appropriate data files from which the sample will be obtained.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: Not available.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5000.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,667 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondent other than the time to provide the requested information.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193.

IV. Request for 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 shall have a practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondent; including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 12, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst,

Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The information Systems Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will meet on February 3 & 4, 2000, 9 a.m., at the SPAWAR Systems Center, Rosecrans Street (Point Loma area), San Diego, California. Committee members and visitors are asked to check in at Visitor

Reception before the meeting. Both the public session and the closed session will be held in Building 111, Room 266. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to information systems equipment and technology.

February 3

Public Session

1. Comments or presentations by the public.
2. An industry proposal on changes to Category 5—telecommunications.
3. Overview of encryption regulations: an industry perspective.
4. Industry presentation on low-power microprocessors.
5. An industry proposal on changes to semiconductor manufacturing equipment controls.
6. Discussion on alternatives to Composite Theoretical Performance (CTP) for measuring computer performance.

February 3 & 4

Closed Session

7. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below:

Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on September 10, 1999, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal