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Other Information: You may view APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register** and related information, including the names of groups and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the domestic pseudorabies accelerated eradication program, contact Dr. Adam Grow, National Surveillance Coordinator, Eradication and Surveillance Team, National Center for Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-3752. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pseudorabies Accelerated Eradication Program; Payment of Indemnity.

OMB Number: 0579-0137.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of an information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is

responsible for, among other things, preventing the interstate spread of pests and diseases of livestock within the United States and for conducting eradication programs. In connection with this mission, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA, established an accelerated pseudorabies eradication program, including the payment of indemnity, to further pseudorabies eradication efforts in cooperation with States and industry and to protect swine not infected with pseudorabies from the disease.

Pseudorabies is a contagious, infectious, and communicable disease of livestock, primarily swine. The disease, also known as Aujeszky's disease, mad itch, and infectious bulbar paralysis, is caused by a herpes virus, and is known to cause reproductive problems, including abortion and stillborn death, and death in neonatal pigs, and occasional death losses in breeding and finishing hogs.

The regulations in 9 CFR part 85 govern the interstate movement of swine and other livestock (cattle, sheep, and goats) in order to help prevent the spread of pseudorabies. These regulations authorize the payment of indemnity to herd owners for the depopulation of swine known to be infected with pseudorabies and require the collection of information that includes an appraisal and agreement form, a movement permit, and a report of net salvage proceeds. Additionally, the swine must be moved to slaughter in a means of conveyance sealed with an official seal.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g.,

permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.1954918 hours per response.

Respondents: Swine herd owners, State animal health authorities, and accredited veterinarians.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 1,600.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 7.625.

Estimated annual number of responses: 12,200.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 2,385 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC this 25th day of March, 2004.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-017-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of regulations for tuberculosis eradication under which owners of dairy cattle in El Paso, Texas, can receive payments for their animals and other property and the cessation of operations.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 1, 2004.

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

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to Docket No. 04-017-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 04-017-1.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the tuberculosis eradication regulations and payments to owners of dairy cattle in El Paso, Texas, contact Dr. Terry Beals, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Eradication and Surveillance Team, National Center for Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-5467. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tuberculosis Payments to Owners of Dairy Cattle in El Paso, Texas.

OMB Number: 0579-0193.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for, among other things, preventing the interstate spread of pests

and diseases of livestock within the United States and for conducting eradication programs. In connection with this mission, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) participates in the Cooperative State-Federal Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Program, which is a national program to eliminate bovine tuberculosis from the United States.

Federal regulations implementing this program are contained in 9 CFR part 77. Additionally, the regulations in 9 CFR part 50 provide for the payment of indemnity to owners of certain animals destroyed because of tuberculosis, in order to encourage destruction of animals that are infected with, or at significant risk of being infected with, the disease. In part 50, payments are also authorized to owners of dairy cattle in El Paso, Texas, for their animals and other property, the cessation of operations, and relocation of a dairy plant's equipment.

The payment program for owners in El Paso, TX, requires the use of a number of information collection activities, including an agreement to cease operations, the use of metal ear tags, movement permits, salvage reports, salvage and disposal affidavits, and payment claim forms.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

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- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.483 hours per response.

Respondents: Owners of dairy operations in the El Paso, TX, area;

owner/operators of livestock markets and slaughtering plants in the El Paso, TX, area; cattle purchasers and selling agents; State animal health authorities; and accredited veterinarians.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 95.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 6.210526.

Estimated annual number of responses: 590.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 875 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of March 2004.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Madera County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of resource advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Sierra National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee for Madera County will meet on Monday, April 19, 2004. The Madera Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the USDA Forest Service Office, North Fork, CA. The purpose of the meeting is: New RAC proposal review and voting, review Holistic Goal & Evaluation Criteria, and Review Sierra Business Council book.

DATES: The Madera Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 19, 2004. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Madera County RAC meeting will be held at the USDA Forest Service Office, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Martin, U.S.D.A., Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA, 93643 (559)