

from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

Additional Information

For information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, or contact the General Counsel's Office at the Conference, 1120 20th Street NW., Suite 706 South, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 480-2080. Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection, and retaliation laws can be found at www.eeoc.gov and www.osc.gov.

Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

Dated: October 1, 2014.

Shawne McGibbon,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 30, 2014.

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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by November 5, 2014 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS); Equine 2015 Study.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0269.

Summary of Collection: Collection and dissemination of animal health and information is mandated by 7 U.S.C. 391, the Animal Industry Act of 1884, which established the precursor of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services, the Bureau of Animal Industry. Legal requirements for examining and reporting on animal disease control methods were further mandated by 7 U.S.C. 8308 of the Animal Health Protection Act, "Detection, Control, and Eradication of Diseases and Pests," May 13, 2002. NAHMS will initiate the third national equine health and management data collection through the Equine 2015 Study. The information collected through the Equine 2015 Study will be analyzed and organized into one or more descriptive reports. The Equine 2015 Study is a part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. equine population.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will use the data collected to: (1) Serve stakeholders by estimation of trends in national and regional equine health, movement and management, (2) Address emerging issues; (3) Examine the economic impact of health

management practices; (4) Provide data to be used when decisions regarding intervention in a disease outbreak are required; (5) Provide input into the design of surveillance systems for specific diseases; (6) Provide cost estimates of selected aspects of equine health care to better inform those planning to enter into equine ownership of the cost of equine health care. Without the NAHMS data the United States would not be able to assess the potential risk to human health from pathogens associated with equids or shared with equids, such as encephalidities.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 16,916.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 13,606.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Representations for CCC and FSA Loans and Authorization to File a Financing Statement and Related Documents.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0215

Summary of Collection: Commodity Credit Corporation and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs require loans be secured with collateral. The security interest is created and attaches to the collateral when: (1) Value has been given, (2) the debtor has rights in the collateral or the power to transfer rights in the collateral, and (3) the debtor has authenticated a security agreement that provides a description of the collateral. In order to perfect the security interest in collateral, a financing statement must be filed according to a State's Uniform Commercial Code. The revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code deals with secured transaction for personal property. The revised Article 9 affects the manner in which the CCC and FSA, as well as any other creditor, perfect and liquidate security interests in collateral.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information using form CCC-10. The information obtained on CCC-10 is needed to not only obtain authorization from loan applicants to file a financing statement without their signature, but also to verify the exact legal name and location of the debtor. If this information is not collected, CCC and FSA will not be able to disburse loans because a security interest would not be perfected.

Description of Respondents: Farms; individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,148.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,326.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, Section 1408 of the *National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977* (7 U.S.C. 3123), and the *Agricultural Act of 2014*, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces an open meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board.

DATES: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will meet October 21-23, 2014: October 21, 2014, 1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. October 22, 2014, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. October 23, 2014, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Loew's Madison Hotel, 1177 Fifteenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Esch, Designated Federal Officer and Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0321, Washington, DC 20250-0321; telephone: (202) 720-3684; fax: (202) 720-6199; or email: *michele.esch@usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations on the top priorities and policies for food and agricultural research, education, extension and economics.

Tentative Agenda: The agenda will include the following:

- Update on Research, Education, and Economics mission area activities.
- Roundtable discussion on the process for completing the mandatory annual relevancy and adequacy review.

- Updates from the subcommittees of the NAREEE Advisory Board, including the National Genetic Resources Advisory Council, the Specialty Crop Committee, and the Citrus Disease Subcommittee.

- Updates from the working groups of the NAREEE Advisory Board, including deliberation of reports and recommendations on the Balance of Crop Research and the Review of the Agricultural Experiment Station System.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public and any interested individuals wishing to attend. Opportunity for public comment will be offered at the end of each day of the meeting. To attend the meeting and/or make oral statements regarding any items on the agenda, you must contact Michele Esch at 202-720-8408; email: *Michele.esch@usda.gov* at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (by close of business Tuesday, November 4, 2014). All written statements must be sent to Michele Esch, Designated Federal Officer and Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0321, Washington, DC 20250-0321; or email: *michele.esch@usda.gov*. All statements will become a part of the official record of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office.

Done at Washington, DC, this 1st day of October 2014.

Ann Bartuska,

Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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