

the activity at issue is an exempt undertaking under section 4.5 or where the adverse effects have been documented as acceptable loss under an installation's HPC implementing section 3.5(f)(1)(vi) of these procedures.

(d) The Council, within 15 days of receiving the written objection of a consulting party, shall provide a written response to the consulting party and the Garrison commander, expressing its views, and, if appropriate, making specific recommendations for resolution of the consulting party's objections.

(e) If the Council does not provide its written views within the 15-day review period, the Garrison commander shall assume that there is no Council objection and proceed with the undertaking.

(f) If the Council does provide its written views within the 15-day review period, the Garrison commander shall document Army consideration of the Council's views, provide copies of the documentation to the Council and the objecting consulting party, and proceed with the undertaking.

(g) The Council may also object to an installation's implementation of its HPC, in which case the Council will provide its written views and specific recommendations for resolution to the Garrison commander for his or her consideration. The Garrison commander shall document Army consideration of the Council's views, and provide copies of the documentation to the Council and the consulting parties.

Section 7.0: Council Review of Army Section 106 Compliance

7.1 Council Review of Army Alternate Procedures

(a) The Council may periodically evaluate the effectiveness of these procedures in meeting the mandates, goals and objectives of section 106 of the Act and make recommendations to the Army to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its compliance with section 106, under these procedures.

(b) As required by section 203 of the Act, the Army shall assist the Council in their evaluation by providing requested documentation on Army policies, procedures, and actions taken to comply with section 106 of the Act.

(c) The Council shall make the results of any evaluation conducted under this section available for public inspection.

(d) Upon request by Headquarters, Department of the Army, the Council may adopt technical and/or administrative amendments to the Army Alternate Procedures. Such amendments will take effect upon approval by the Council's Chairman.

The Council shall publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of such amendment within 30 days after their approval. Technical and administrative amendments shall not modify the role of consulting parties in the Army Alternate Procedures.

7.2 Council Review of Installation Compliance

(a) The Council may review an installation's compliance with its HPC only where a documented pattern of failure to implement the installation's HPC is evident. The Council's review may be undertaken on its own initiative or at the request of a consulting party based in part on the objections rising from evaluation under section 6.2. Based on its review, the Council shall:

(1) Determine that the installation is substantially complying with the HPC and make recommendations for program improvements; or,

(2) Initiate consultation with the Garrison commander, and recommend a course of action to ensure installation implementation of its HPC.

(3) Provide a copy of any written recommendations to consulting parties.

(b) The Garrison commander, after receiving Council recommendations, shall either:

(1) Conclude consultation and implement its HPC in accordance with Council recommendations; or, (2) Obtain ACSIM endorsement to revert to operation under 36 CFR part 800 and provide notice to consulting parties and the Council.

Appendix A: Acronyms

Acronyms Used in Army Alternate Procedures for Historic Properties

AAP Army Alternate Procedures
 ACSIM Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management
 AR 200-2 Army Regulation 200-2:
 Environmental Effects of Army Actions
 Act The National Historic Preservation Act
 APE Area of Potential Effects
 ARPA The Archeological Resources Protection Act
 CRM Cultural Resources Manager
 DA PAM 200-4 Department of the Army Pamphlet 200-4: Cultural Resources Management
 DEP Director of Environmental Programs
 EA Environmental Assessment
 EIS Environmental Impact Statement
 FPO Federal Preservation Officer
 HPC Historic Properties Component (the section 106 portion of an ICRMP)
 HQDA Headquarters, Department of the Army
 ICRMP Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan
 IMA Installation Management Agency
 MACOM Major Command
 MOA Memorandum of Agreement
 NAGPRA The Native American Graves

Protection and Repatriation Act
 NEPA The National Environmental Policy Act

NGB National Guard Bureau

NHL National Historic Landmark

NHPA The National Historic Preservation Act

PA Programmatic Agreement

PLS Planning Level Survey

SHPO State Historic Preservation Officer

SOP Standard Operating Procedure

THPO Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 470s; 36 CFR 800.14(a).

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John M. Fowler,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force.

DATES: The Research, Education, and Economics Task Force will meet on April 20, 2004. The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person.

ADDRESSES: On April 20th, the meeting will take place at the Lowes L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC, 20024.

Written comments from the public may be sent to the Contact Person identified in this notice at: The Research, Education, and Economics Task Force; Office of the Under Secretary, Room 214-W, Jamie L. Whitten Building, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Boots, Executive Director, Research, Education, and Economics Task Force; telephone: (202) 690-0826; fax: (202) 690-2842; or e-mail: katie.boots@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, April 20th, the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force will hold a general meeting at the Lowes L'Enfant Plaza Hotel. The Task Force

will continue its evaluation of the merits of establishing one or more National Institutes focused on disciplines important to the progress of food and Agricultural science. In the morning there will be welcoming remarks made by the Chairman of the Task Force, Dr. William Danforth, Chancellor Emeritus, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Washington University in St. Louis, and USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE), Dr. Rodney J. Brown. Welcoming remarks will be followed by a review and editing of the draft report. There will be a working lunch followed by an afternoon discussion of plans and the timetable for completing and approving the final report.

The Task Force Meeting will adjourn on Tuesday, April 20th, around 4 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. Due to a delay, this notice could not be published at least 15 days prior to the meeting. The meeting will be held as scheduled because of the significant sacrifice rescheduling would require of the Task Force members who have adjusted their schedules to accommodate the proposed meeting date. Written comments for the public record will be welcomed before and up to two weeks following the Task Force meeting (by close of business Tuesday, May 4th, 2004). All statements will become part of the official record of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.

Done at Washington, DC this 13th day of April 2004.

Rodney J. Brown,

Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Management Advice to Individual Borrowers and Applicants

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension and revision of the Office of

Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the information collection which supports the FSA, Farm Loan Programs (FLP) loan making and servicing applications. This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program regulations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 15, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail Wargo, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Program Development and Economic Enhancement Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0521, Washington, DC 20250-0521; telephone (202) 720-3647; electronic mail: gail.wargo@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Management Advice to Individual Borrowers and Applicants.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0154.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2004.

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

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number 0560-0154 is necessary to provide proper farm assessments, credit counseling and supervision to direct loan borrowers in accordance with the requirements of 7 CFR part 1924, subpart B as authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Specifically, the Agency uses the information to protect the government's financial interests by ensuring that the farming operations of direct loan applicants and borrowers are properly assessed for short and long-term financial feasibility. The information is needed by the Agency to assure that the recipients of direct loans receive appropriate credit counseling and supervision to ensure the greatest chance for financial success.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.50 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55,542.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.00.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 143,059.

Comments are sought on these requirements including: (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; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collections techniques or other forms of information technology.

These comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Gail Wargo, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Program Development and Economic Enhancement Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0521, Washington, DC 20250-0521. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Gail Wargo at the above address. Comments regarding paperwork burden will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 7, 2004.

Verle E. Lanier,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Funds Availability: Tree Assistance Program for New York Fruit Tree Losses Due to Ice Storm

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of \$5,000,000 to provide assistance under the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to compensate tree-fruit growers in a federally-declared disaster area in the State of New York who suffered tree losses in 2003 as the result of an April 4-6, 2003, ice storm.

DATES: Applications by eligible persons may be submitted any time before the ending date announced by the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, Farm Service Agency. That date, unless adjusted by the Deputy Administrator, shall be May 14, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eloise Taylor, Chief, Compliance Branch, Production, Emergencies and Compliance Divisions, FSA/USDA, Stop 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.,