

(iii) If any alternative submitted under §1.671 was subsequently withdrawn by the license party, that the alternative was withdrawn; and

(2) Any study, data, and other factual information relied on that is not already part of the licensing proceeding record.

(e) The written statement under paragraph (d)(1) of this section must demonstrate that the Forest Service gave equal consideration to the effects of the condition adopted and any alternative not accepted on:

- (1) Energy supply, distribution, cost, and use;
- (2) Flood control;
- (3) Navigation;
- (4) Water supply;
- (5) Air quality; and
- (6) Preservation of other aspects of environmental quality.

§ 1.675 Has OMB approved the information collection provisions of this subpart?

Yes. This subpart contains provisions in §§1.670 through 1.674 that would collect information from the public. It therefore requires approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* (PRA). According to the PRA, a Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number that indicates OMB approval. OMB has reviewed the information collection in this rule and approved it under OMB control number 1094-0001.

PART 1a—LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

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AUTHORITY: Sec. 1337, Pub. L. 97-98; 5 U.S.C. 301; 5 U.S.C. App. I.

SOURCE: 47 FR 2073, Jan. 14, 1982, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1a.1 General statement.

This part sets forth the rules issued by the Secretary of Agriculture to implement section 1337 of Public Law 97-98 relating to:

- (a) Arrests without warrant for certain criminal felony violations;
- (b) Execution of warrants for arrests, searches of premises and seizures of evidence; and
- (c) The carrying of firearms by designated officials of the Office of Inspector General.

§ 1a.2 Authorization.

Any official of the Office of Inspector General who is designated by the Inspector General according to §§1a.3 and 1a.5 of this part and who is engaged in the performance of his/her official duties under the authority provided in section 6, or described in section 9, of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), is authorized to—

- (a) Make an arrest without a warrant for any criminal felony violation subject to §1a.4, if such violation is committed, or if the official has probable cause to believe that such violation is being committed, in his/her presence;
- (b) Execute and serve a warrant for an arrest, for the search of premises, or the seizure of evidence if such warrant is issued under authority of the United States upon probable cause to believe that any criminal felony violation, subject to §1a.4, has been committed; and
- (c) Carry a firearm.

[50 FR 13759, Apr. 8, 1985]

§ 1a.3 Persons authorized.

Any person who is employed in the Office of Inspector General and who is designated by the Inspector General in accordance with and subject to §1a.5 and who conducts investigations of alleged or suspected felony criminal violations of statutes administered by the Secretary of Agriculture or any agency of the Department of Agriculture may exercise the authorities listed in and pursuant to §1a.2.

§ 1a.4 Limitations.

The powers granted by §§1a.2(a) and 1a.2(b) shall be exercised only when a

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designated official is engaged in an investigation of alleged or suspected felony violations of statutes administered by the Secretary of Agriculture or any agency of the Department.

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§ 1a.5 Responsibility of the Inspector General.

The Inspector General shall:

(a) Issue directives conforming to this part governing the exercise of the authorities granted by this part. These directives should contain the policies and procedures by which the authorities will be exercised by designated officials of the Office of Inspector General;

(b) Establish criteria for qualification by officials of the Office of Inspector General who are designated to exercise the authorities granted in this part;

(c) Monitor the implementation and exercise of the authorities granted by this part;

(d) Designate, pursuant to §§ 1a.2, 1a.3 and 1a.4, and the directives issued under paragraph (a) of this section, and the criteria established under paragraph (b) of this section, employees who have satisfied all the qualifications set by the Inspector General to exercise the authorities granted by § 1a.2; and

(e) Submit to the Attorney General of the United States the name of any employee of the Office of Inspector General designated pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section. Any designation not specifically disapproved by the Attorney General within 30 days after the date of submission shall be deemed approved.

PART 1b—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Sec.

1b.1 Purpose.

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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; E.O. 11514, 3 CFR, 1966–1970 Comp., p. 902, as amended by E.O. 11991, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 123; E.O. 12114, 3 CFR, 1980 Comp., p. 356; 40 CFR 1507.3.

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SOURCE: 48 FR 11403, Mar. 18, 1983, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1b.1 Purpose.

(a) This part supplements the regulations for implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for which regulations were published by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508. This part incorporates and adopts those regulations.

(b) This part sets forth Departmental policy concerning NEPA, establishes categorical exclusions of actions carried out by the Department and its agencies, and sets forth those USDA agencies which are excluded from the requirement to prepare procedures implementing NEPA.

[48 FR 11403, Mar. 18, 1983, as amended at 60 FR 66481, Dec. 22, 1995]

§ 1b.2 Policy.

(a) All policies and programs of the various USDA agencies shall be planned, developed, and implemented so as to achieve the goals and to follow the procedures declared by NEPA in order to assure responsible stewardship of the environment for present and future generations.

(b) Each USDA agency is responsible for compliance with this part, the regulations of CEQ, and NEPA. Compliance will include the preparation and implementation of specific procedures and processes relating to the programs and activities of the individual agency, as necessary.

(c) The Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment (NR&E), is responsible for ensuring that agency implementing procedures are consistent with CEQ's NEPA regulations and for coordinating NEPA compliance for the Department. The Under Secretary, NR&E, through the Agricultural Council on Environmental Quality, will develop the necessary processes to be used by the Office of the Secretary in reviewing, implementing, and planning its NEPA activities, determinations, and policies.

(d) In connection with the policies and requirements set forth in this part, all USDA agencies are responsible for compliance with Executive Order 12114, "Environmental Effects Abroad of