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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Alabama

AGENCY: Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Alabama, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Alabama for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Alabama to issue conservation practice standards, Dry Hydrant (Code 712) and Manure Transfer (Code 634).

DATES: Comment will be received for a 30-day period commencing February 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to Ronnie D. Murphy, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 665 Opelika Rd., P.O. Box 311, Auburn, AL 36830. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Alabama will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Alabama regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: 1997 Survey of Minority-owned Business Enterprises (SMOBE) and 1997 Survey of Women-owned Business Enterprises (SWOBE).

Form Number(s): MB-1, MB-2.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 416,666 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,500,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests clearance for the 1997 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (SMOBE) and the 1997 Survey of Women-Owned Business Enterprises (SWOBE). These surveys are the only comprehensive, regularly collected sources of information on businesses owned by minorities and women. They are conducted as part of the economic census program which is taken every 5 years.

A sample of U.S. Businesses will be asked questions about the gender, race, and ethnicity of the person(s) owning majority interest in the business. The data are needed to evaluate the extent and growth of business ownership by minorities and women in order to provide a framework for assessing and directing Federal, state and local government programs designed to promote the activities of disadvantaged groups.

The SMOBE/SWOBE surveys have been expanded to include all corporations in their sampling frame. In 1992, only subchapter S corporations in addition to partnerships and sole proprietorships were included for SMOBE. A small sample of "C" corporations was included in SWOBE to provide estimates at the industry division level only. A subchapter S corporation is a special IRS designation for a legally incorporated business with 35 or fewer shareholders who elect to be taxed as individual shareholders rather than as a corporation. Approximately 2.5 million "C" corporations, accounting for 75 percent of all U.S. business receipts, were not included in 1992. A "C" corporation is a legally incorporated business under state laws which, unlike a subchapter S corporation, has no restrictions on the number of shareholders required to

qualify. While adding these corporations to the 1997 program will increase overall respondent burden, their inclusion will provide more complete coverage of women- and minority-owned businesses.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Every 5 years.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131, 193, and 224.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 10, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 980209032-8032-01]

Annual Surveys in Manufacturing Area

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: In conformity with Title 13, United States Code (Sections 61, 131, 182, 224, and 225), I have determined that annual data to be derived from the surveys listed below are needed to aid the efficient performance of essential governmental functions and have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. The data derived from these surveys, most of which have been conducted for many years, are not publicly available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy M. Dodds, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 457-4587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to take