associated with the proposed biological control program. We are making this environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 20, 2008.

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

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to *http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0073* to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2008–0073, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2008–0073.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on the environmental assessment in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690–2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at *http://www.aphis.usda.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lynn Evans-Goldner, Staff Officer, Emergency and Domestic Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 137, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 734–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Sirex woodwasp (*Sirex noctilio* Fabricius [Hymenoptera: Siricidae]) is a member of the horntail wasp family native to Europe, Asia, and northern Africa, where it is generally considered to be a secondary pest. In its native range, it attacks pines, such as Austrian (*Pinus nigra*), maritime (*P. pinaster*), and Scotch (*P. sylvestris*) pines, almost exclusively. While stressed trees are most at risk, Sirex woodwasp can also attack and kill healthy trees. Adult wasps are strong fliers and can naturally disperse up to 25 miles, especially when aided by strong winds. Sirex woodwasp can survive transportation in infested materials, such as logs, that are moved long distances and then be capable of infesting new areas. Because Sirex woodwasp inhabits the sapwood and larvae tunnel deep into host trees, this pest is difficult to detect with inspection.

Pines are the main hosts of Sirex woodwasp, which can complete its lifecycle on many species of pines. Thus far, in North America, jack pine (*P. banksiana*), red pine (*P. resinosa*), Scotch pine (*P. sylvestris*), and white pine (*P. strobus*) have served as hosts for Sirex woodwasp. In addition, Sirex woodwasp has been recorded on other conifers such as Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga* spp.), fir (*Abies* spp.), larch (*Larix* spp.), and spruce (*Picea* spp.).

The first detection of a breeding population of the Sirex woodwasp in the United States was in 2004 in Oswego County, NY. As a result of surveys conducted in 2005, 2006, and 2007 by State and Federal officials, the Sirex woodwasp has been detected in additional counties in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont.

In an environmental assessment prepared in March 2007, APHIS considered a program to control Sirex woodwasp in New York and Pennsylvania, the only States where Sirex woodwasp had been detected at that time. The environmental assessment evaluated four alternatives: No action, a quarantine program, a biological control program, and a combination of quarantine and biological control (preferred action) in New York and Pennsylvania. A finding of no significant impact was signed on June 21, 2007, in which APHIS determined that the proposed program (including quarantine and biological control) identified as the preferred action would not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment in those States. Since that time, Sirex woodwasp has been detected in additional States, and APHIS would like to implement a biological control program in those States. In addition, if Sirex woodwasp were detected in other States, APHIS would want to implement a biological control program in those States, as well. Therefore, this environmental assessment considers the potential effects on the quality of the human environment from implementing a program for control of Sirex woodwasp in all of the currently infested States and in surrounding States where Sirex woodwasp would most likely be detected if it were to spread.

APHIS' review and analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed biological control program are documented in detail in an environmental assessment entitled ''Proposed Program for the Control of the Woodwasp *Sirex noctilio* F. (Hymenoptera: Siricidae) in the Northeastern United States'' (May 2008). We are making this environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before the date listed under the heading **DATES** at the beginning of this notice.

The environmental assessment may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the environmental assessment by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the environmental assessment when requesting copies.

The environmental assessment has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of July 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice for Request to Reinstate Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intent to reinstate a previously approved information collection in support of the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 19, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joaquín Tremols, Acting Director, Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Stop 0784, Room 2250, USDA Rural Development, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0784, telephone (202) 720–1465, E-mail *joaquin.tremols@wdc.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program.

OMB Number: 0575–0179.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: Under this program, loan guarantees are provided to participating lenders who make loans to income eligible borrowers in rural areas. The purpose of this program is to promote affordable housing for low- and moderate-income borrowers in rural America.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 27 minutes per response.

Respondents: Private sector lenders participating in the Rural Development Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,800.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 130.

Estimated Number of Responses: 234,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 105,131.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, at (202) 692–0043.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of USDA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of USDA's estimate of 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 may be sent to Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0742–1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0742. 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.

Dated: July 10, 2008.

James C Alsop,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) Demonstration Program for Fiscal Year 2008

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; amendment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is amending a notice published April 21, 2008 (73 FR 21305–21307). This action is taken to extend the application obligation date of eligible applications. This amendment is to ensure that all applications that meet program criteria and have responded accordingly will be considered in the Demonstration Program.

Accordingly, the Notice published on April 21, 2008 (73 FR 21305–21307), is amended as follows:

On page 21306, in the second column, second paragraph, under the heading ''Demonstration Program Selection Process,'' the second paragraph is amended to read as follows: ''The first round of selections into the Demonstration Program will be made on April 25, 2008. In the event there are not enough qualified requests for selection into the Demonstration Program to utilize all the available Demonstration Program set-aside funds of approximately $13 million, then the selection process for any remaining funds will be conducted again on July 11, 2008. If needed, an additional selection process will be conducted again on September 29, 2008. All applicants will be notified of the selection results no later than 30 business days from the date of selection.''

Dated: July 3, 2008.

Russell T. Davis,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12 p.m. and adjourn at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at the Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20002. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for a briefing on education issues in the District of Columbia.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by Friday, September 5, 2008. The address is Eastern Regional Office, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425. Persons wishing to email their comments or to present their comments verbally at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact Alfreda Greene, Secretary, at 202–376–7533, or by e-mail: *agreene@usccr.gov.*

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, *http://www.usccr.gov,* or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, July 16, 2008.

Christopher Byrnes,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Tow Behind Lawn Groomers and Certain Parts Thereof From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 21, 2008.