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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Public Meetings of Committees of the Administrative Conference of the United States

AGENCY: Administrative Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of eight public meetings: two meetings each for the Committee on Administration and Management, Committee on Collaborative Governance, Committee on Judicial Review, and Committee on Regulation of the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States. At these meetings, the committees will consider reports by Conference consultants and work on preparing recommendations.

DATES: Committee on Administration and Management: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, October 24, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Committee on Collaborative Governance: Thursday, September 20, 2012 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, October 15, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Committee on Judicial Review: Wednesday, October 3, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, October 17, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Committee on Regulation: Monday, September 24, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, October 22, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at 1120 20th Street NW., Suite 706 South, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Bremer (Committee on Administration and Management), David Pritzker (Committee on Collaborative Governance), Stephanie Tatham (Committee on Judicial Review), or Reeve Bull (Committee on Regulation), Designated Federal Officers, Administrative Conference of the United States, 1120 20th Street NW., Suite 706 South, Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202–480–2080; Email *ebremer@acus.gov,dpritzker@acus.gov, statham@acus.gov,* or *rbull@acus.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Complete details regarding the committee meetings, the nature of the projects, how to attend (including information about remote access and obtaining special accommodations for persons with disabilities), and how to submit comments to each committee can be found on the Conference's Web site, at *http://www.acus.gov*. Click on ''Research,'' then on ''Committee Meetings.''

Comments may be submitted by email to *Comments@acus.gov,* with the name of the appropriate committee in the subject line, or by postal mail to the appropriate committee at the address given above.

Committee on Administration and Management

The Committee on Administration and Management will meet to discuss a draft report on the Inflation Adjustment for Civil Penalties Project. The report, prepared by Professor Jim Chen (University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law), presents the findings of a study on the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act and the general issue of inflation adjustments to federal civil monetary penalties. At its meetings, the Committee on Administration and Management will also consider a draft recommendation based on the consultant's report. Emily S. Bremer is the Designated Federal Officer for this committee. More information can be found in the ''Research'' section of the Conference's website, at *http://www.acus.gov*. Click on ''Research,'' then on ''Conference Projects,'' and then on ''Inflation Adjustment for Civil Penalties.''

Committee on Collaborative Governance

The Committee on Collaborative Governance will meet to consider a draft report and recommendations on agency use of third-party inspections and certification (sometimes known as ''third-party verification''). The Conference's consultant for this study is Professor Lesley K. McAllister (University of San Diego School of Law). A brief presentation may also be made in connection with the Conference's project to examine, describe and catalogue the agencies and other organizational entities of the federal executive establishment, including independent agencies. David M. Pritzker is the Designated Federal Officer for this committee. More information can be found in the ''Research'' section of the Conference's Web site, at *http://www.acus.gov*. Click on ''Research,'' then on ''Conference Projects,'' and then on ''Third-Party Inspections and Certification'' or ''Federal Executive Establishment.''

Committee on Judicial Review

The Committee on Judicial Review will meet to discuss a revised draft report and recommendations for its project examining 28 U.S.C. 1500. The report, prepared by Emily S. Bremer (Administrative Conference Staff) and Jonathan R. Siegel (George Washington University), presents the findings of a study on the barrier to litigation imposed by Section 1500 as applied by federal courts. Stephanie J. Tatham is the Staff Counsel for this committee. At its meetings, the Committee on Judicial Review will also review a draft discussion outline and potential agency survey for the Conference's project on the ''Administrative Record and Judicial Review of Informal Agency Proceedings.'' Leland E. Beck (Federal Regulations Advisor) is the Conference's consultant on the project. More information on these projects can be found in the ''Research'' section of the Conference's Web site, at *http://www.acus.gov*. Click on ''Research,'' then on ''Conference Projects,'' and then on ''Need for Reform of 28 U.S.C. 1500'' or ''Administrative Record and Judicial Review of Informal Agency Proceedings.'' The Committee will also discuss an in-house research project by Stephanie J. Tatham examining the use of remand without vacatur in judicial review of agency decision-making.

Committee on Regulation

At the September 24 and October 22 meetings, the Committee on Regulation will consider a set of draft recommendations dealing with the Science in the Administrative Process project. The committee will consider recommendations proposed in a consultant report by Professor Wendy Wagner (University of Texas Law

School) and additional input received at a September 10, 2012 workshop on agencies'' use of science on which the Conference is collaborating with the National Academies. Reeve T. Bull is the Designated Federal Officer for this committee. More information can be found in the ''Research'' section of the Conference's Web site, at *http://www.acus.gov*. Click on ''Research,'' then on ''Conference Projects,'' and then on ''Science in the Administrative Process.''

Dated: August 31, 2012.

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General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 29, 2012.

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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Renewable Energy System Feasibility Study Grant Assistance under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

OMB Control Number: 0570–0061.

Summary of Collection: This grant program, authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 110–246, Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008), makes grants to eligible entities to conduct feasibility studies for renewable energy development systems that are eligible for financial assistance under the REAP. Agricultural producers and rural small businesses would be required to pay at least 75 percent of the cost of the feasibility study.

Need and Use of the Information: The agency will collect the information from applicants using a variety of forms and an application package that includes specific information about the applicant and the proposed feasibility study (e.g., the renewable energy project for which the study will be conducted; matching funds), statements of intent to seek REAP funds for the renewable energy system, and the experience of the entity that will be conducting the feasibility study. The Agency will use this information to determine applicant and project eligibility to ensure that funds are used for authorized purposes and to help ensure that an acceptable feasibility study is conducted under the grant.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 354.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually and on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 4,811.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance for Victims of Disasters.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0336.

Summary of Collection: The authority to operate the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D–SNAP) is found in section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, formerly the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended and the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Assistance Act of 1988 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish temporary emergency standards of eligibility for victims of a disaster if the commercial channels of food distribution have been disrupted, and subsequently restored. D–SNAP is a program that is separate from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and is conducted for a