

approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Daniel Wilusz at (703) 305-2460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Worksheet for Food Stamp Program Quality Control Reviews.

OMB Number: 0584-0074.

Form Number: FNS-380.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Form FNS-380 is a worksheet used in the Food Stamp Program to determine eligibility and benefits for households selected for review in the quality control (QC) sample of active cases. We estimate the reporting burden for this collection of information averages 8.9764 hours per each State agency's response. This includes the time for analyzing the household case record; planning and carrying out the field investigation; gathering, comparing, analyzing and evaluating the review data and forwarding selected cases to the Food and Nutrition Service for Federal validation. In addition to the State agency's burden, we also estimate the average burden on each household to be 0.50 hours for each of the estimated 57,146 households being interviewed. This includes a face-to-face interview with the QC reviewer to verify the identity and existence of the household and to explore the household circumstances affecting the eligibility and benefit level. This is an increase of 2,443 State and household responses from the estimate made to substantiate the currently approved collection. The increase in responses is a result of an augmented participation rate that resulted in an increase in the number of cases being sampled. We estimate that the total reporting burden associated with this information collection for both State agencies and households is 541,432 hours. This is a 23,044 increase in hours from the currently approved burden of 518,388. The recordkeeping burden for the State agency is 0.0236 hours per record. There was a corresponding increase in the recordkeeping burden from 1,291 hours to 1,349 hours based on the increase in sample size. The aggregate of the reporting (541,432 hours) and recordkeeping (1,349 hours) resulted in a total annual burden of 542,781 hours.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; State or local governments.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1.00.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 57,199.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 57,199 Responses.

Estimated Hours Per Response: 9.47 Hours.

Total Annual Reporting Burden: 541,432 Hours.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 53.

Estimated Hours Per Recordkeeper: .0236 Hours.

Total Annual Recordkeeping Burden: 1,349 Hours.

Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: 542,781 Hours.

Dated: June 22, 2006.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Generic Clearance To Conduct Formative Research

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other interested parties to comment on a proposed information collection. This information collection will conduct research in support of FNS' goal of delivering science-based nutrition education to targeted audiences. From development through testing of materials and tools with the target audience, FNS plans to conduct data collections that involve formative research including focus groups, interviews (dyad, triad, telephone, etc.), surveys and web-based collection tools.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Judy F. Wilson, Director, Nutrition Services Staff, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1012, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Judy F. Wilson at (703) 305-2576.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, Room 1012.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Judy F. Wilson or Anita Singh at (703) 305-2585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance to Conduct Formative Research for Development of Nutrition Education Materials and Related Tools for FNS Population Groups.

OMB Number: 0584-0524.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: This information collection is based on the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, the National School Lunch Act of 1966, as amended, the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, as amended, and the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983, as amended. This request for approval of information collection is necessary to obtain input into the development of nutrition education interventions for population groups served by the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS).

Diet has a significant impact on the health of citizens and is linked to four leading causes of disease, which can reduce the quality of life and cause premature death. While these diet-related problems affect all Americans, they have a greater impact on the disadvantaged populations served by many FNS programs. One of FNS' goals includes improving the nutrition of children and low-income families by

providing access to program benefits and nutrition education. The FNS programs include Child Nutrition, Food Distribution, Food Stamp and Supplemental Foods Programs.

The basis of our approach rests on the philosophies that all health communications and social marketing activities must be science-based, theoretically grounded, audience-driven, and results-oriented. Secondly, consumer-based health communications require a focus on specific target audiences, encouraging positive behaviors in culturally relevant ways, unique benefits and supports for adopting the new behavior, insights into the most appropriate time and place to deliver messages, and striking the right tone to enhance attention and action to the message. Interventions need to be designed so that they can be delivered through different types of media and in a variety of formats for diverse audiences.

FNS initiated a nutrition education and promotion campaign, entitled Eat Smart. Play Hard.TM (the Campaign) in FY 2000. The Campaign is designed to convey science-based, behavior-focused nutrition messages about healthy eating and physical activity to children eligible to participate in FNS nutrition assistance programs and their caregivers. The messages are based on the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs) and MyPyramid. Future projects will support Eat Smart. Play Hard.TM and other nutrition education initiatives for all FNS nutrition assistance programs. This includes development of nutrition education materials, messages and interventions for all FNS nutrition assistance programs and participants.

Fundamental to FNS' success in delivering science-based nutrition messages and reaching diverse segments of the population is obtaining qualitative feedback from key components of the target audience or individuals providing service to the target audience on the communication strategies and interventions that will be developed. This formative research is essential to advancing Eat Smart. Play Hard.TM as well as other FNS nutrition education efforts. Formative input and testing activities described will help in the development of effective tools and communication strategies. Collection of this information will increase FNS' ability to formulate nutrition education interventions that resonate with the intended target population, in particular low-income families.

Formative research methods and information collection will include focus groups, interviews (dyad, triad,

telephone, etc.), surveys and web-based data collection. The data obtained will provide input regarding the potential use of materials and products during both the developmental and testing stages. In order to determine future nutrition education needs, tools and dissemination strategies, key informant interviews will be conducted. This task involves collecting a diverse array of information from a variety of groups including: People familiar with the target audiences; individuals delivering nutrition education interventions and projects; program providers at State and local levels; program participants and other relevant informants associated with FNS programs.

Findings from all data collection will be included in summary reports submitted to USDA-FNS. The reports will describe the data collection methods, findings, conclusions, implications, and recommendations for the development and effective dissemination of nutrition education materials and related tools for FNS population groups. There will be no specific quantitative analysis of data. No attempt will be made to generalize the findings to be nationally representative or statistically valid.

Respondents: Recipients and those persons eligible for FNS nutrition assistance programs, State and local staff administering FNS programs, FNS stakeholders and consumers, and other interested parties.

Estimated Number of Respondents:	
Focus Group Screeners	19,000
Interview Screeners/Surveys	3000
Focus Groups	1400
Intercept Interviews	1500
Dyad/Triad Interviews	800
Telephone Interviews	200
Surveys	1500
Web-based Collections	800
Confidentiality Agreements	800
Confidentiality Agreements	9000
Estimated Time per Response:	
Focus Group Screeners	1 10
Interview Screeners/Surveys	1 10
Focus Groups	1 120
Intercept Interviews	1 30
Dyad/Triad Interviews	1 60
Telephone Interviews	1 15
Surveys	1 30
Web-based Collections	1 30
Confidentiality Agreement ...	1 10
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:	
Focus Group Screeners	1 30,000
Interview Screeners/Surveys	1 14,000
Focus Groups	1 180,000
Intercept Interviews	1 24,000
Dyad/Triad Interviews	1 12,000
Telephone Interviews	1 22,500
Survey Instruments	1 24,000
Web-based Collections	1 24,000
Confidentiality Agreement ...	1 90,000

Total Estimated Burden 1 420,500
 1 Minutes.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 19,000 respondents with a total estimated burden of 420,500 minutes or 7,008 hours.

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Roberto Salazar,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2006-0008]

Retail and Home Food Handling and Preparation Behaviors That May Lead to Cross-Contamination by Bacterial Pathogens of Foods That Are Not Likely To Undergo Cooking or Additional Cooking

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of request for information.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is requesting information on studies related to cross-contamination by bacterial foodborne pathogens of foods that are not likely to undergo cooking or additional cooking in food handling and preparation. Specifically, FSIS is interested in quantitative data obtained by observation of retail (commercial and institutional settings) and home food handlers. FSIS requests information on the types of food handling and preparation behaviors that could lead to the transfer of bacteria from products of animal origin to foods that are not likely to undergo cooking or additional cooking (e.g., salad components and ready-to-eat foods), as well as information on the frequency at which these behaviors occur. Information submitted in response to this Request for Information may be used in risk assessment modeling to estimate the public health impact of the presence of various bacterial foodborne pathogens in meat, poultry, and egg products.

DATES: Submissions must be received on or before September 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit information by any of the following methods:

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand-or courier-delivered items: Send to Neal J. Golden, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Office of Public