DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Intent To Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION:

Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s (NIFA) intention to revise a currently approved information collection entitled, “Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool (REEport).”

DATES:

Written comments on this notice must be received by August 17, 2015, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES:

Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov; Fax: 202–720–0857; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Martin, Records Officer; email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting Requirements for Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool (REEport).

OMB Number: 0524–0048.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: January 31, 2018.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), NIFA administers several competitive, peer-reviewed research, education, and extension programs, under which awards of a high-priority are made. These programs are authorized pursuant to the authorities contained in the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.); Competitive, special, and facilities research grants (7 U.S.C. 450i) and other legislative authorities. NIFA also administers several formula funded research programs. The programs are authorized pursuant to the authorities contained in the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a–1–582a–7); the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended (7 U.S.C. 4361a–361i); Section 1445 of Public Law 95–113, the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3222); and Section 1433 of Subtitle E (Sections 1429–1439), Title XIV of Public Law 95–113, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3191–3201). The purpose of this revision is to collect two new pieces of information as part of REEport: (1) Demographic data on grant participants, and (2) additional lines on the REEport Financial Report for “Non-Federal Funds” used on projects funded by NIFA.

Demographic Data: NIFA proposes to collect the following data as approved in the Research Performance Progress Report (RPFR). NIFA is being asked by other Federal Government entities for information regarding the demographics of grantee participants in research, higher education, and extension, including Project Directors, Co-Project Directors, Students, etc. Demographic data (i.e., gender, ethnicity, race, and disability status) should be provided directly by significant contributors, with the understanding that submission of such data is voluntary. There are no adverse consequences if the data are not provided. Confidentiality of demographic data will be in accordance with agency’s policy and practices for complying with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

Gender

- Male;
- Female;
- Do not wish to provide

Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino;
- Not-Hispanic or not-Latino;
- Do not wish to provide

Race (Select One or More)

- American Indian or Alaska Native;
- Asian;
- Black or African American;
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander;
- White;
- Do not wish to provide

Disability Status

- Yes (check yes if any of the following apply to you)
  - Deaf or serious difficulty hearing
  - Blind or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses
  - Serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs
  - Other serious disability related to a physical, mental, or emotional condition

No

- Do not wish to provide

Addition to the “Non-Federal Funds” Section of the REEport Financial Report: NIFA proposes to collect the following data as part of the REEport Financial Report:

Other Non-Federal Funds

- Foundation Funding
- International Funding

I. Demographic Data

Estimate of the Burden: The total reporting and record keeping requirements for the submission of the “Demographic Data on Grant Project Participants” is estimated to average 0.1 hour per response. This estimate is based on a percentage of 5 percent of the burden for a full Progress Report as previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

Estimated Number of Responses: 8700.

Estimated Burden per Response: 0.1 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 870 hours.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

II. Addition of Data to “Non-Federal Funds” Section of the REEport Financial Report

Estimate of the Burden: The total reporting and record keeping requirements for the submission of the “Non-Federal Funds” data on the REEport Financial Report is estimated to average 0.1 hour per response. This estimate is based on a percentage 5 percent of the burden for a full Financial Report as previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

Estimated Number of Responses: 8700.

Estimated Burden per Response: 0.1 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 870 hours.
Frequency of Responses: Annually.
Comments: 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 will have 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. Comments should be sent to the address stated in the preamble.

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.

Done at Washington, DC, this 5 day of June 2015.
Ann Bartuska,
Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

[FR Doc. 2015–14416 Filed 6–11–15; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 310–52–P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[B–39–2015]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 64—Jacksonville, Florida; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Saft America Inc. (Lithium-Ion Batteries); Jacksonville, Florida

The Jacksonville Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 64, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Saft America Inc. (Saft), located in Jacksonville, Florida. The notification conformed to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on June 1, 2015.

The Saft facility is located within Site 10 of FTZ 64. The facility is used for the warehousing, production and distribution of lithium-ion batteries. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Saft from customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Saft would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to: Lithium-ion batteries; lithium-ion batteries for vehicles; lithium-ion

battery covers and jelly rolls; battery terminals; and, battery components (duty rate 3.4%) for the foreign status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Natural graphite powder; lithium nickel cobalt; plastic casing; PVC sleeves; stand wire cables for batteries; wire fitted parts; aluminum can stocks; aluminum cans; storage battery modules; lithium-ion batteries and internal components; connecting cables; board panels; electrical circuits; copper cables; ocean-ready containers; and, battery test systems (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 5.8%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 22, 2015.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the ‘‘Reading Room’’ on the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482–0473.

Dated: June 9, 2015.
Elizabeth Whiteman,
Acting Executive Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2015–14453 Filed 6–11–15; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 3510–05–P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[Order No. 1978]
Approval of Expansion of Subzone 72B, Eli Lilly and Company, Plainfield, Indiana

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for ‘‘ . . . the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,’’ and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board’s regulations (15 CFR part 400) provide for the establishment of subzones for specific uses;

Whereas, the Indianapolis Airport Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 72, has made application to the Board for the expansion of Subzone 72B on behalf of Eli Lilly and Company to include a site located in Plainfield, Indiana (FTZ Docket B–8–2015, docketed 2–13–2015);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the Federal Register (80 FR 9434, 2–23–2015) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s memorandum, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations are satisfied;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby approves the application to expand Subzone 72B to include a site located in Plainfield, Indiana, as described in the application and Federal Register notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of June 2015.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Enforcement and Compliance, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

ATTEST:
Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2015–14455 Filed 6–11–15; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 3510–05–P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[B–38–2015]

Foreign-Trade Zone 8—Toledo, Ohio; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 8, requesting authority to reorganize the zone to expand its service area under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater