

wetland. Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment all proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out HEL and wetland provisions of the law.

**DATES:** These revisions shall be applicable as of August 24, 2018.

*Comment Date:* Submit comments on or before September 24, 2018. Final versions of these new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 30-day period and after consideration of all comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted, identified by Docket Number NRCS-2018-0005, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attention: Regulatory and Agency Policy Team, Strategic Planning and Accountability, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Building 1-1112D, Beltsville, Maryland 20705.

NRCS will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. In general, personal information provided with comments will be posted. If your comment includes your address, phone number, email, or other personal identifying information (PII), your comments, including PII, may be available to the public. You may ask in your comment that your PII be withheld from public view, but this cannot be guaranteed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bill Reck, National Environmental Engineer, Conservation Engineering Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue Southwest, South Building, Room 6136, Washington, DC 20250.

Electronic copies of the proposed revised standards are available through <http://www.regulations.gov> by accessing Docket No. NRCS-2018-0005.

Alternatively, copies can be downloaded or printed from <http://go.usa.gov/TXye>. Requests for paper versions or inquiries may be directed to: Mr. Emil Horvath, National Practice Standards Review Coordinator, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Central National Technology Support Center, 501 West Felix Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76115.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The amount of the proposed changes varies

considerably for each of the conservation practice standards addressed in this notice. To fully understand the proposed changes, individuals are encouraged to compare these changes with each standard's current version, which can be found at [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/technical/cp/nrcs/?cid=nrcs143\\_026849](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/technical/cp/nrcs/?cid=nrcs143_026849). To aid in this comparison, following are highlights of some of the proposed revisions to each standard:

*Combustion System Improvement (Code 372)*—Revised language of the general criteria and criteria applicable to the air quality and energy purposes to address some confusion encountered in the implementation of the practice.

*Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces (Code 373)*—Relatively minor changes have been made to the 2010 version. Two purposes were added to more adequately describe the reasons for using this practice: “improve visibility by reducing emissions of particulate matter;” and “improve plant health and vigor by reducing emissions of particulate matter.”

*Integrated Pest management (Code 595)*—The standard definition and purposes have been updated to reflect current agency policy and science. The standard has been edited to clarify criteria, and support farmers and ranchers wanting to address resource concerns and implement an integrated pest management system where land-grant-university guidelines are available.

*Nutrient Management (Code 590)*—The revision has no significant definition technical changes. Instead, it has a focus on improving the usability of 590 at the operational level of the agency (*i.e.* the State and field). The formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. Bullet point statements were used to specify single concepts and replace paragraphs containing multiple concepts.

*Pesticide Mitigation (Code 594)*—A new standard to support farmers and ranchers wanting to address resource concerns created by the use of pesticides in areas where they do not have land-grant university integrated pest management guidelines for one or more of their crops or cropping systems. Proposed Standard 594 offers resource protection using site-specific techniques designed to mitigate the impacts of chemical pest suppression on natural resources.

*Subsurface Drain (Code 606)*—The formatting and writing style were updated to meet current agency requirements. Sections of the standard

were relocated and rearranged to improve document flow. The minimum velocity has been raised to 0.8 feet-per-second for areas without sedimentation problems. Provisions have been included for the use of square junction boxes.

*Waste Facility Closure (Code 360)*—The formatting and writing style were updated to improve clarity. Criteria was added to dry-waste storages to render the site unsuitable for stacking or treating waste. Language was added to the standard to make it clear that the standard is not used for the rehabilitation or expansion of existing facilities.

*Wildlife Habitat Planting (Code 420)*—This is a new conservation practice standard developed to better address the technical complexities of establishing wildlife habitat, including pollinator and monarch butterfly habitat plantings. Wildlife Habitat Planting (420) will be planned and applied when establishing herbaceous vegetation for wildlife. Planting trees for wildlife will be planned and applied using Tree and Shrub Establishment (612).

Signed this 25th day of June 2018, in Washington, DC.

**Leonard Jordan,**

*Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

### Meetings

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

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**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) plans to hold its regular committee and Board meetings in Washington, DC, Thursday through Friday, September 6–7, 2018 at the times and location listed below.

**DATES:** The schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, September 6, 2018

9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Information

Meeting on Assembly Areas

Friday, September 7, 2018

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Budget Committee

9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Planning and

Evaluation Committee

10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Technical

Programs Committee

11:00 a.m.–Noon National Council on

Disability Briefing; Closed to public 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Architectural Barriers Act

**ADDRESSES:** Meetings will be held at the Access Board Conference Room, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the meetings, please contact David Capozzi, Executive Director, (202) 272–0010 (voice); (202) 272–0054 (TTY).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In lieu of its regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Access Board plans to hold a special event celebrating 50 years of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA). Guest presentations include Judith E. Heumann from the Ford Foundation and federal agencies that issue accessibility standards under the ABA. Registration for this event is not required and members of the public are invited to join the celebration and a reception that follows. This event will be live streamed with captioning. More information about the ABA Anniversary can be found at: <https://www.access-board.gov/news/1935-access-board-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-architectural-barriers-act>.

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. An assistive listening system, Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), and sign language interpreters will be available at the ABA anniversary event and committee meetings.

Persons attending Board meetings are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants (see [www.access-board.gov/the-board/policies/fragrance-free-environment](http://www.access-board.gov/the-board/policies/fragrance-free-environment) for more information).

You may view the Friday, September 7, 2018 ABA event through a live webcast from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at: [www.access-board.gov/webcast](http://www.access-board.gov/webcast).

**David M. Capozzi,**  
Executive Director.

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee; Correction

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Correction: Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission on Civil Rights published a document August 14, 2018, announcing an upcoming Maryland Advisory Committee. The document contained incorrect address to the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara de La Viez, DFO, at [bdelaviez@usccr.gov](mailto:bdelaviez@usccr.gov) or 202–376–7533.

**CORRECTION:** In the **Federal Register** of August 14, 2018, in FR Doc. 2018–17401, on pages 40223–40224 in the first and second columns, delete the “Address” and replace it with Murphy Fine Arts Center, Recital Hall, 2201 Argonne Dr., Baltimore, MD 21251.

Dated: August 20, 2018.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2018–2020 Business Research and Development Surveys

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written or on-line comments must be submitted on or before October 23, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at [docpra@doc.gov](mailto:docpra@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Michael Flaherty, U.S. Census Bureau, HQ–6H149, 4600 Silver Hill Rd., Suitland, MD 20746, (301) 763–7699 (or via the internet at [michael.j.flaherty@census.gov](mailto:michael.j.flaherty@census.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau, with support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), plans to conduct the Business Research and Development Survey (BRDS) for the 2018–2020 survey years. The BRDS covers all domestic, non-farm, for-profit businesses with at least 10 paid employees. The BRDS provides the only comprehensive data on Research and Development (R&D) costs and detailed expenses by type and industry.

The Census Bureau has conducted an R&D survey since 1957, collecting primarily financial information on the systematic work companies undertake to discover new knowledge or use existing knowledge to develop new or improved goods and services.

Beginning in 2018, the BRDS will collect new data about R&D on artificial intelligence and geographic detail of companies’ R&D workforce. There is increasing interest among domestic policy-makers and in the international community, as well as among U.S. researchers in academia, government and industry, for more data on artificial intelligence. Domestic and foreign geographic information for R&D workforce will address Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) requests on inputs for enhanced estimation and evaluation of gross domestic product by state, foreign direct investment in the U.S., and U.S. direct investment abroad.

The 2018–2020 BRDS will continue to collect the following types of information:

- R&D expense based on accepted accounting standards.
- Worldwide R&D of domestic companies.
- Business segment detail.
- R&D-related capital expenditures.
- Detailed data about the R&D workforce.
- R&D strategy and data on the potential impact of R&D on the market.
- R&D directed to application areas of particular national interest.
- Data measuring intellectual property protection activities and technology transfer.

Domestic and foreign researchers in academia, business, and government analyze and cite data from the BRDS. Among the federal government users are the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the White House’s Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). BEA includes R&D in the system of national accounts that measures the economic well-being of the country. BRDS data are key inputs into these accounts, which feed into the calculation of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The