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- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2026–0435, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on environmental monitoring, contact our environmental monitoring team: Ms. Robin Mullins, Biological Scientist-Staff Officer, Permitting and Compliance Coordination Branch, PPQ, APHIS; robin.mullins@usda.gov; (301) 550–3654, or Mr. Kai Caraher, Biological Scientist-Staff Officer, Permitting and Compliance Coordination Branch, PPQ, APHIS; kai.caraher@usda.gov; (301) 851–2345. For information on the information collection reporting process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2528; or email: APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Environmental Monitoring.
OMB Control Number: 0579–0117.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides leadership in ensuring the health and care of animals and plants, improves agricultural productivity and competitiveness, and contributes to the national economy and the public health.

APHIS is committed to accomplishing its mission in a manner that promotes and protects the integrity of the environment. This includes APHIS' compliance with all applicable environmental statutes and regulations including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b).

APHIS engages in environmental monitoring for certain activities that we conduct to control or eradicate agricultural pests and diseases. We monitor those activities that have the

greatest potential for harm to the human environment to ensure that the mitigation measures developed to avoid that harm are enforced and effective. In many cases, monitoring is required where APHIS programs are conducted close to habitats of endangered and threatened species. This monitoring is developed in coordination with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act (50 U.S.C. 17.11 and 17.12).

APHIS field personnel and State cooperators jointly use an APHIS-provided environmental monitoring form to collect information concerning the effects of pesticide use in these sensitive areas. The goal of environmental monitoring is to track the potential impact that APHIS activities may have on the environment and to use this knowledge in making any necessary adjustments in future program actions.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years. APHIS has amended this information collection by increasing the Estimated Annual Number of Responses and the estimated Annual Burden on Respondents.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.23 hours per response.

Respondents: Growers, pesticide applicators, and State department of agriculture personnel.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 11.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 3.

Estimated annual number of responses: 31.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 7.0 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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 in Washington, DC, 24th day of August 2026.

Kelly Moore,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2026–1223]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Irradiation Treatment; Location of Facilities in the Southern United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the location of irradiation treatment facilities in the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before November 2, 2026.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2026–1223 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2026–1223, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 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) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations for the location of irradiation treatment facilities in the United States, contact Mr. Todd Dutton, Assistant Director, Plant Health Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705; (301) 851-2348. For more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851-2528 or email APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Irradiation Treatment; Location of Facilities in the Southern United States.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0383.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The regulations contained in 7 CFR part 305 (referred to below as the regulations) set out the general requirements for performing treatments and certifying or approving treatment facilities for fruits, vegetables, and other articles to prevent the introduction or dissemination of plant pests or noxious weeds into or through the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture administers these regulations.

Section 305.9 provides generic criteria for new irradiation treatment facilities in the United States to be located anywhere in the United States, subject to approval. APHIS allows the irradiation treatment of certain imported fruit from various countries upon arrival in the United States. The regulations facilitate the importation of commodities requiring irradiation treatment while continuing to provide protection against the introduction of pests of concern into the United States.

The information collection activities associated with the location of irradiation facilities include request for initial certification and inspection of facility, certification and recertification, denial and withdrawal of certification, compliance agreements, irradiation facilities treating imported articles, irradiation treatment framework equivalency workplan, irradiation facilities notification, recordkeeping, facility contingency plan, letter of

concurrence or non-agreement, treatment arrangements, pest management plan, and facility layout map. In addition, each facility must provide APHIS with an updated map identifying places where horticultural or other crops are grown within 4 square miles of the facility.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years. APHIS has amended this information collection by decreasing the estimated annual number of respondents and responses. In addition, APHIS has decreased the total burden hours due to APHIS moving PPQ Form 519 activity to the new Common Form Information Collection.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.20 hours per response.

Respondents: Irradiation facilities in the United States, State governments, importers, and foreign government and national plant protection organization officials.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 19.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 16.

Estimated annual number of responses: 305.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 976 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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 in Washington, DC, 24th day of August 2026.

Kelly Moore,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: 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 meeting of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee to the Commission will hold a public meeting via Zoom. The purpose is for the committee to discuss topic ideas, including a discussion on scope and balance for the most preferred topics, and possibly select a topic as part of the Concept Stage. The Committee will need to select a topic before beginning the Proposal Stage.

DATES: Thursday, September 10, 2026; 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual): https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_O_tRpnIFQBqnCfPWtR-HTw.

Join by Phone (Audio Only): 1-833 435 1820 USA Toll Free; Webinar ID: 165 396 5854 #.

Agenda: <https://usccr.bbox.com/s/kreey9srm7ofl9catdbnn2oj7ntx6lf8> (note: a final meeting agenda will be available prior to the meeting date).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Moreno, Designated Federal Officer, at vmoreno@usccr.gov or 1-434-515-0204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This virtual committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may join at the link to listen to this meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over