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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 are requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by October 21, 2026 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Title: Build America, Buy America (BABA) Waiver.

OMB Control Number: 0505–0028.

Summary of Collection: In accordance with section 70914 of the Build America Buy America Act (Pub. L. 117–58 §§ 70901–70952) (BABAA), recipients and subrecipients funded under USDA Federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure projects may not use their funds for these infrastructure projects unless they comply with the following BABAA sourcing requirements:

1. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States.
2. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States.
3. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States.

USDA agencies and staff offices may, in accordance with BABAA sections 70914(b) and (d), 70921(b), and 70935, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M 22–11, Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure, approve waivers to BABAA sourcing requirements submitted by recipients and subrecipients under a Federal financial assistance program the USDA agency or staff office has identified as an infrastructure project, regardless of whether infrastructure is the primary purpose of the award.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be collected by accessing the data collection electronically submitted by recipients and subrecipients. BABAA Waiver Request Data Collection and supporting documentation will be submitted via email to the USDA awarding agency or staff office point of contact. The information for each recipient and subrecipient is unique and, therefore, cannot take significant advantage of this technology. The BABAA Waiver Request Data Collection will be provided to the recipient and subrecipient to submit a waiver request from BABAA requirements as explained in the OMB Memorandum M–22–11 and required by the Infrastructure,

Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) sections 70901 through 70952.

The General Services Administration (GSA), in accordance with BABAA, is working with Federal agencies and OMB to develop a web based BABAA electronic data submission system that USDA anticipates participating in when the system becomes available. GSA began work on this endeavor and a completion date has not been established.

Description of Respondents: State, local and Indian tribal governments, Institutions of Higher Education (IHE), and nonprofit organizations.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 6,000.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Administration

Title: FNS-380-1—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program’s Quality Control Review Schedule.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0299.

Summary of Collection: The FNA-380-1, Quality Control Review Schedule, was developed by the Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) for State use to collect both Quality Control (QC) data and case characteristics for SNAP and to serve as the comprehensive data entry form for SNAP QC reviews. As required by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended (the Act), FNA is required to collect QC data, and State agencies are required to perform QC reviews for SNAP.

Need and Use of the Information: The information needed to complete this form is obtained from the SNAP case record, through State agency quality control interviews with households and collateral contacts, data matches, and verification documents obtained during the QC review. The information is used to monitor and reduce errors, develop policy strategies, and analyze household data.

Description of Respondents: Local and Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 50,436.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2026-0859]

Bayer U.S.-Crop Science: Availability of a Petition for a Determination of Nonregulated Status and Draft Plant Pest Risk Assessment for MON 89151 Lepidopteran-Protected Cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*)

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received a petition from Bayer U.S.-Crop Science seeking a determination of nonregulated status for MON 89151 lepidopteran-protected cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*) which has been developed using genetic engineering to express three insecticidal proteins to protect against feeding damage caused by target lepidopteran pests. We are making the petition and draft plant pest risk assessment available for public review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before November 20, 2026.

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

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS-2026-0859 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-2026-0859, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

The petition, draft plant pest risk assessment, and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov, or in our reading room, which is located in 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: Mr. Alan Pearson, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, USDA, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, AP100-3-WS-1151, Beltsville, MD 20705; (301) 851-3944; email: alan.pearson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the plant pest provisions of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the regulations in 7 CFR part 340, “Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests,” regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such organisms and products are considered “regulated articles.”

Section 340.6(a) of the regulations provides that any person may submit a petition to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) seeking a determination that an article should not be regulated under 7 CFR part 340. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of § 340.6 describe the form that a petition for a determination of nonregulated status must take and the information that must be included in the petition.

APHIS has received a petition (APHIS Petition Number 25-323-01p) from Bayer U.S.-Crop Science seeking a determination of nonregulated status for MON 89151 lepidopteran-protected cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*), referred to as MON 89151, which has been developed using genetic engineering to express three insecticidal proteins (Vip3Cb1.1, Cry1Da₇, and Cry1B.3) to protect against feeding damage caused by target lepidopteran pests. The petition states that the information provided indicates that MON 89151 is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk and therefore should not be regulated under APHIS’ regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

As part of our decision-making process regarding the organism’s regulatory status, APHIS prepared a draft plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) to assess the plant pest risk of the organism. APHIS’ draft PPRA compared the pest risk posed by MON 89151 with that of the nonmodified variety from which it was derived. The draft PPRA concluded that MON 89151 is unlikely to pose an increased plant pest risk compared to the nonmodified cotton.

Paragraph (d) of § 340.6 provides that APHIS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** providing 60 days for public comment on petitions for a determination of nonregulated status. In accordance with § 340.6(d), we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the petition and draft PPRA from interested or affected persons for a period of 60 days from the