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SUBJECT: Justification for No Material/Non-substantive Change ICR #0584-0541,
Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

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This justification outlines the requirements for the SFMNP Annual Financial and Program Data Reporting form as indicated at 7 CFR 249.15 (Closeout procedures).

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) final rule on December 12, 2006. The final rule implemented the provision of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 that gave the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to promulgate regulations for the operation and administration of the SFMNP, thereby making it a permanent program rather than a competitive grant. The purposes of the SFMNP are to (1) provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture (CSA) programs to low-income seniors; (2) increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands and CSA programs; and (3) develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs.

Departmental regulations at 7 CFR 3016.23(b) require that "[a] grantee must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than 90 days after the end of the funding period (or as specified in a program regulation) to coincide with the submission of the annual Financial Status Report." SFMNP regulations at 7 CFR 249.15(a) require State agencies to submit a final closeout report on a form prescribed by FNS on a date specified by FNS. The attached Form FNS-683a for clearance was developed for use by SFMNP State agencies in reporting this data. The FNS-683a was modeled after the FNS-683 and the FNS-203, both of which are currently being used by State agencies participating in the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

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In addition to the financial data, the FNS-683a will be used to collect the information required by 7 CFR 249.23(b)(1): the number of participants served with Federal SFMNP funds; the value of coupons issued and/or eligible foods ordered under CSA programs; the value of coupons redeemed and/or eligible foods provided to participants under CSA programs; and the number of authorized outlets by type; i.e., farmers, farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs.

The Information Collection Burden package originally submitted as part of the SFMNP final rule included the reporting and recordkeeping requirements for the information to be reported on Form FNS-683a. (See attached sheet)

Attachments