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TO: Andrew Perraut, Desk Officer
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SUBJECT: Emergency clearance for request of a new information collection for
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP).

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture is requesting an emergency clearance for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program. By requiring NIFA to issue regulations for the VMLRP within 270 days of enactment of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, it is the expectation of Congress that NIFA would be able to make its first VMLRP agreements in FY 2009 or shortly thereafter. NIFA is requesting an emergency clearance in order to collect information on shortage situations. This is the first step in the process that will allow NIFA to execute its first agreements prior to September 30, 2010.

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