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SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Clearance

In February 2014, Congress passed the Agriculture Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79). This Act directs the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of Tribal administration of Federal food assistance programs, services, functions, and activities, in lieu of State agencies or other administering entities. It also directs FNS to submit a report to Congress no later than August 2015. FNS will not be able to obtain the data necessary for this report by the August 2015 deadline if this Information Collection Request is submitted for review and approval through the regular Paperwork Reduction Act approval cycle. Therefore, FNS is requesting an emergency review to meet the statutory deadline.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact Lynnette Thomas at Lynnette.Thomas@fns.usda.gov.