

Nonsubstantive Change Request
SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Animals Reporting Activities
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0579-0476 is an emergency information collection request (ICR) related to the testing of animals for SARS-COVID-2. The ICR includes a worksheet, NVSL 201, for reporting testing data from testing laboratories. APHIS added a column requiring a “Y” or “N” input to identify when a sample has been referred to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory for further testing in order to accurately count the number of confirmed and presumptive positive SARS-CoV-2 animal cases in the United States. Veterinary Services is required to submit these counts to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). The additional burden for making the entry on the worksheet is negligible.

The ICR expires May 31, 2021 and the renewal packet will include the revised NVSL-201. However, the program would like to begin using the revised worksheet on March 1, 2021, thus requiring this nonsubstantive change request.