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Question 1

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Question 2

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Question 4

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Question 5

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Question 8

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Question 9

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ERS Security Staff Signature and Date:

Approved: Yes No

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your responses will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws. Response is voluntary.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB number is 0536-xxxx. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 60 minutes per project, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Question 1

Which statement(s) makes the sentence true?

USDA confidential information seen during work activities is protected...

- a. While employed at ERS or while using ERS protected data
- b. Unless subject to a FOIA request
- c. For life

Question 2

Protecting confidential information includes never sharing or discussing it with anyone who is not authorized to have access to the information.

- a. True
- b. False

Question 3

Which statement(s) makes the sentence true? Confidential information includes

- a. Direct identifiers, such as name, address or social security number
- b. Indirect identifiers, such as race, occupation and education
- c. Biometric records, such as fingerprints or DNA
- d. All of the above

Question 4

The protection of USDA confidential information is required by

- a. The Privacy Act
- b. Title 7 U.S.C. 2276: Confidentiality of Information collected by USDA
- c. CIPSEA (Title V of the E-Government Act of 2002)
- d. All of the above

Question 5

If a breach of confidentiality occurs, which one of the following individuals should be notified within one hour?

- A) The Survey Manager.
- B) The ERS Confidentiality Officer.
- C) Both of the above.

Question 6

Which of the following is a requirement of USDA for CIPSEA-protected data?

- a. Ensure the information is used only for statistical purposes.
- b. Supervise and monitor all agents who have access to the information.
- c. Ensure annual training and recertification of Agents.
- d. All of the above

Question 7

Which of the following are possible penalties for willful disclosure of confidential information?

- a. Up to five years in prison
- b. A fine of up to \$250,000
- c. Both

Question 8

The CIPSEA pledge states that:

- a. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only.
- b. Your responses will be kept confidential
- c. By law, every ERS employee as well as every agent has taken the pledge of confidentiality.
- d. If an ERS employee or Agent discloses any identifiable information, he or she is subject to 5 years in jail and or a fine up to \$250,000.
- e. All of the above

Question 9

Which is true about Designated Agents?

- a. ERS/USDA decides whether to enter into an agreement.
- b. Contractors collecting data must be Designated Agents.
- c. Non-ERS researchers using confidential data must be Designated Agents.
- d. All of the above