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TO: NIFA Partners

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SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice

A Federal Register notice of interest was published on Thursday, September 1, 2011 (76 FR 54408) by the Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in coordination with the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). The Notice extends the opportunity to comment on how current regulations for protecting human subjects who participate in research might be modernized and revised to be more effective. Further, comments are requested on how to better protect human subjects who are involved in research, while facilitating valuable research and reducing burden, delay, and ambiguity for investigators.

45 CFR Part 46 is the Federal Policy for Human Subjects which is implemented by the Department of Agriculture at 7 CFR Part 1c and applicable to awards issued by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

Written comments on the notice must be received by October 26, 2011. For more information about the notice including the instructions for the submission of comments, see the attached FR notice.

Attachment