DELBERT HOSEMANN
Secretary of State

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A PDF document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

AGENCY NAME	CONTACT PERSON		TELEPHONE NUMBER
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EMAIL	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE		
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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: *Miss. Code Ann.*§69-15-3	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Subpart 2, Ch. 13, §105.09

SIGNATURE	TITLE
X	State Veterinarian
DATE 9/22/15	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 11/19/15

1. Describe the need for the proposed action:
   Response: Proper disposal of carcasses is an important part of disease control efforts. In preparation for a possible Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak, it is important to be prepared to properly dispose of potentially large numbers of carcasses from impacted farms.
2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action:
   Response: It is important that a proper site be selected for burial of animal carcasses to prevent environmental contamination from run-off or ground water contamination due to burial in improper soil types or where the water table is too high.
3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:
   Response: Ground water and environmental protection.
4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues:
   Response: None
5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action:
   Response: There is no cost to preparing a mass mortality event plan, the site selection will be performed by USDA NRCS.
6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: None

a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation:
   Response:1400 poultry farms
b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record:
   Response: Record keeping will be handled by NRCS
c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses:
   Response: none
d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:
   i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
   ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
   iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
   iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
   v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations:
      Response: N/A

7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule:
   Response: Waiting until an incident occurs to perform the site selection could cause delays that could increase the possibility of spread of disease.
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law:
   Response: NA
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency:
   Response: NA
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above:
    Response: NA
11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection:
    Response: NA