

wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. The study is being prepared by the Environmental Finance Center at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University at the direction of EPA's Office of Wastewater Management (OWM), in response to a congressional request for an evaluation of alternative financing options for water and wastewater projects in EPA's FY 95 appropriations legislation.

The first three meetings have focused primarily on options for a wide variety of fee systems. This meeting will consider other financing options that include encouraging increased investments by the private sector in public purpose water infrastructure, and examining ways to lower the costs of public borrowing for water infrastructure.

Following a discussion among invited panel members, interested parties who wish to speak at the meeting will be allowed to do so. These parties are encouraged to notify the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center by calling Ms. Ronda Garlow at (315) 443-5612. There will also be a sign-in list for speakers at the meeting. Ten minutes will be available for each presentation. Written comments in advance are encouraged. Please send all written material to: Victoria Kennedy, Syracuse University, Environmental Finance Center, 219 Maxwell Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244-1090.

Dated: September 13, 1995.

Michael B. Cook,

Director, Office of Wastewater Management.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee; Procedures for Contacts

AGENCIES: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Reed E. Hundt, Chairman.

ACTION: Notice of Establishment of Procedures for Oral or Written Contacts with the Chairman of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) or with any of its members.

SUMMARY: The NTIA and the FCC have established a Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee to prepare a final report to advise the NTIA and the FCC

on operational, technical and spectrum requirements of federal, state and local Public Safety entities through the year 2010. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, requires public notice of all meetings of the PSWAC. This is to assure full public participation in the discussion of all matters of substance before the PSWAC.

We wish to assure that all contacts regarding the merits or substance of any PSWAC consideration which occur outside the scope of formal meetings are a matter of record. Therefore, the PSWAC will require that any person or entity that makes an oral or written presentation to the Chairman of the PSWAC (Philip L. Verveer) or any of the members of the PSWAC (Louis J. Freeh, Ronald K. Noble, Alan D. Bersin, William Bratton, Michael Freeman, Steven Proctor, Dennis C. Connors, and Fred Kuznik) must provide a document which summarizes that presentation. In the case of an oral communication, the document must be a memorandum reflecting who initiated the contact, which PSWAC officials were involved, and the substance of the conversation. In the case of a written contact, the document must be a copy of the letter or pleading constituting the written contact. The document must be labelled WTB-1.

DATES: This requirement is effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Documents provided to the PSWAC for the public file should be sent to: John J. Borkowski, Designated Federal Official, Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee, Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All submissions concerning such contacts will be available for public inspection in a file designated WTB-1 maintained in the Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, in Room 8010, 2025 M Street NW.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Donald Speights, NTIA (202-482-1652), or John J. Borkowski, FCC (202-418-0680), Co-Designated Federal Officials of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee. You may also obtain more information about the PSWAC from the Internet at the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee homepage (<http://pswac.ntia.doc.gov>).

Federal Communications Commission.

Robert H. McNamara,

Chief, Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Designation of Geographic Shortage Areas for Waiver of Two-Year Home-Country Physical Presence Requirement, International Medical Graduates, Exchange Visitor Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability of information about areas with shortages of health care professionals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Evan R. Arrindell, Acting Director, Division of Shortage Designation, Bureau of Primary Health Care, 4350 East-West Highway, Room 9-1D-1, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, (301) 594-0816.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 220 of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-416) amended the Immigration and Nationality Act ("the Act") (8 U.S.C. 1182(e)) to add a new subsection (k) to Section 214 of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1184) concerning waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement for international medical graduates ("IMGs"). IMGs who were admitted to the United States on a J-1 visa in the exchange visitor program, or who acquired this status after admission to the United States, are subject to a 2-year home country residence and physical presence requirement. This means that they must reside and be physically present in their country of nationality or last residence abroad for an aggregate of at least 2 years following departure from the United States prior to acquiring lawful permanent resident status, unless they have been granted a waiver of this requirement.

Under section 212(e) of the Act, a waiver of the 2-year requirement may be granted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service ("INS") upon favorable recommendation of the Director of the United States Information Agency (USIA) on the basis of: (a) Exceptional hardship to the applicant's U.S. citizen or permanent resident spouse or children; (b) persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion; (c) a "no objection" statement issued by the applicant's

“home” country; or (d) a request made to USIA by an interested U.S. Government agency to recommend a waiver to USIA because the applicant’s work is important to the public interest.

The Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act provided an additional basis for waiver of the 2-year requirement. A State Department of Public Health or its equivalent can request the Director of USIA to recommend that INS grant up to 20 waivers a year. Conditions for these requests are that: (a) in the case of an alien who is otherwise contractually obligated to return to a foreign country, the government of that country provides USIA with a written statement that it has no objection to the waiver; (b) the IMG demonstrates that he or she has a bona fide offer of full-time employment and will begin this employment within 90 days of receipt of a waiver, for a period totaling not less than 3 years; (c) the employment is in an area designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as having a shortage of health care professionals. Both INS and USIA have published in the Federal Register interim-final regulations, with requests for comments, setting forth procedures and requirements for obtaining State-requested waiver requests. 60 F.R. 26676 (May 18, 1995) and 60 F.R. 16785 (April 3, 1995).

Section 214(k)(1) of the Act (8 U.S.C. 1184) authorizes the Secretary of HHS to designate “geographic area or areas * * * as having a shortage of health care professionals” for purposes of the State-requested waiver. Notice is hereby given that both Health Professional Shortage Areas (“HPSAs”) and Medically Underserved Areas/Medically Underserved Populations (“MUAs/MUPs”), determined under Sections 332 and 330 of the Public Health Service Act, respectively, (42 U.S.C. 254e and 254c) are designated by the Secretary of HHS for purposes of 2-year home residency waiver requests by States under Section 214(k)(1) of the Act. HPSAs can be geographic areas, population groups, and health care facilities meeting regulatory criteria set forth at 42 CFR Part 5. Only physicians specialized in *primary care* (family practice, general internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology) are considered for physician shortage areas.

MUAs/MUPs are shortage areas and population groups designated pursuant to criteria set forth at 42 CFR § 51c.102(e) based on weighted values related to primary care physician ratios, infant mortality rates, the percentage of the population age 65 and over, and the percentage of the population below the

poverty level. Whole counties and groups of contiguous counties can be designated.

The Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources Services Administration publishes periodically a list of HPSAs in the Federal Register. The latest list was published on January 21, 1994 (59 F.R. 3412). This office also issues a list of MUAs/MUPs. Persons interested in obtaining this list or other information concerning HPSAs and MUAs/MUPs should contact: Dr. Evan R. Arrindell, Acting Director, Division of Shortage Designation, Bureau of Primary Health Care, 4350 East-West Highway, Room 9-1D-1 Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (phone: (301) 594-0816).

Dated: September 1, 1995.
Donna E. Shalala,
Secretary.
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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 93N-0293]

Guide to Food Labeling Regulations Implementing the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990; Questions and Answers; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a document entitled “Food Labeling, Questions and Answers Volume II; A Guide for Restaurants and Other Retail Establishments” that addresses various questions concerning the regulations that FDA issued to implement the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990 (the 1990 amendments). The agency has received a large number of inquiries about how these final rules are being implemented in restaurants and other retail establishments, and it has prepared “Food Labeling, Questions and Answers Volume II; A Guide for Restaurants and Other Retail Establishments” to respond generally to many of the questions that it has received. Answers to some of the most frequently asked questions are included as an appendix to this notice. This document is intended to facilitate compliance with the new rules.

DATES: Written comments may be submitted at anytime.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the document “Food Labeling, Questions and Answers Volume II; A Guide for Restaurants and Other Retail Establishments” will be

available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, 202-512-1800. Please request order No. 017-012-00374-5. Submit written comments on “Food Labeling, Questions and Answers Volume II; A Guide for Restaurants and Other Retail Establishments” to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857. Comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. “Food Labeling, Questions and Answers Volume II; A Guide for Restaurants and Other Retail Establishments” and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle A. Smith, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-158), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-5099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA has received a number of inquiries from industry, consumers, and others concerning how the regulations it has adopted, implementing the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990 (the 1990 amendments) apply to retail Food establishments, including restaurants. FDA has prepared a document entitled “Food Labeling, Questions and Answers Volume II; A Guide for Restaurants and Other Retail Establishments” to serve as general guidance on the regulations. This document provides answers to many of the questions that the agency has received. Answers to some of the most frequently asked questions are included as an appendix to this notice.

“Food Labeling, Questions and Answers Volume II; A Guide for Restaurants and Other Retail Establishments” is intended only to be guidance to facilitate compliance with the regulations. It does not bind the agency, nor does it create or confer any rights, privileges, or benefits for or on any person. While “Food Labeling, Questions and Answers Volume II; A Guide for Restaurants and Other Retail Establishments” represents the best advice of FDA, it does not have the force and effect of law. The interpretations presented herein are obviously subject to the requirements of law both in the statute and in the regulations.

Interested persons may, submit written comments on “Food Labeling, Questions and Answers Volume II; A Guide for Restaurants and Other Retail