

biology, recombinant DNA research, or other scientific fields. At least 4 members of the RAC shall be persons knowledgeable in applicable law, standards of professional conduct and practice, public attitudes, the environment, public health, occupational health, or related fields. Representatives from Federal agencies shall serve as non-voting members. Nominations for the RAC may be submitted to the Office of Recombinant DNA Activities, National Institutes of Health/MS-7010, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Suite 302, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7010, (301) 496-9838.

OMB's "Mandatory Information Requirements for Federal Assistance Program Announcements" (45 FR 39592, June 11, 1980) requires a statement concerning the official government programs contained in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. Normally, NIH lists in its announcements the number and title of affected individual programs for the guidance of the public. Because the guidance in this notice covers not only virtually every NIH program but also essentially every Federal research program in which DNA recombinant molecule techniques could be used, it has been determined not to be cost effective or in the public interest to attempt to list these programs. Such a list would likely require several additional pages. In addition, NIH could not be certain that every Federal program would be included as many Federal agencies, as well as private organizations, both national and international, have elected to follow the NIH Guidelines. In lieu of the individual program listing, NIH invites readers to direct questions to the information address above about whether individual programs listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance are affected.

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Harold Varmus,

Director, National Institutes of Health.

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Public Health Service

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; National Toxicology Program; Fiscal Year 1996 Annual Plan Now Available

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) announces the availability of National Toxicology Program; Fiscal Year 1996 Annual Plan, solicits comments on it, and urges all interested

persons to propose chemicals for possible toxicological evaluation.

The eighteenth edition consists of two parts. First, the National Toxicology Program; Fiscal Year 1996 Annual Plan describes FY 1996 NTP plans in research, applied studies, methods development and validation efforts, as well as resources and FY 1995 program accomplishments. Second, the Review of Current DHHS, DOE, and EPA Research Related to Toxicology FY 1996 lists chemicals being studied by the various Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) agencies, the Department of Energy (DOE), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and describes toxicology research and toxicology methods currently being developed by these agencies.

The format for the FY 1996 Annual Plan differs somewhat from previous years in that there are two versions. New is the Fiscal Year 1996 Annual Plan Summary which was prepared in response to a perceived need for a briefer and simpler version. The summary version is being sent to the larger mailing list and in response to general requests for information about the National Toxicology Program. The full version is similar to previous Annual Plans in length and detail and will be sent with the companion document, the Review of Current DHHS, DOE, and EPA Research Related to Toxicology FY 1996.

Background

The National Toxicology Program was established within the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services in November 1978. The continuing broad goals of the NTP are to coordinate and strengthen DHHS basic and applied toxicology research and methods development and validation, and to provide toxicological information for use by health research and regulatory agencies and others in protecting the public health. Overall objectives are to:

- broaden the spectrum of toxicological information obtained on selected chemicals;
- develop and validate more sensitive and specific test methods;
- develop improved strategies for generating scientific data that strengthen the scientific foundation for risk assessments; and
- communicate NTP plans and results to government agencies, the medical and scientific communities, and the public.

To achieve these objectives, a balanced program, which uses chronic bioassays, short-term tests, collection

and application of mechanistic information, model development, alternative methods, and human studies, has been created.

The NTP coordinates selected toxicology activities of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health; the National Center for Toxicological Research, Food and Drug Administration; and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Director of the NTP is also the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Primary program oversight is provided by the NTP Executive Committee, which links DHHS health research institutes and centers with Federal health regulatory agencies to ensure that the basic and applied toxicology research and development activities are responsive to regulatory and public health needs. Agencies represented on the Executive Committee are:

- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
- Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Food and Drug Administration
- National Cancer Institute
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
- National Institutes of Health
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors provides scientific oversight, advising the NTP Director and the NTP Executive Committee on scientific content and evaluating the scientific merit and overall quality of NTP science. The Board has two standing Subcommittees, the Biennial Report on Carcinogens Subcommittee and the Technical Reports Review Subcommittee. The members are appointed by the Secretary, DHHS.

Scientific activities are divided into several major program areas: Carcinogenesis; genetic toxicology; risk assessment research; alternative methods; and toxicology. The latter area covers activities in immunologic, neurobehavioral, and respiratory toxicologies, as well as reproductive and developmental toxicology. There are special projects on studying toxicities of AIDS therapeutics and toxicity of Superfund chemicals. Program and project leaders, along with addresses and telephone numbers, are identified in the Annual Plan.

The chemical nomination and selection process is integral to the effective long-term operation of the NTP with respect to toxicological studies of chemicals using modern techniques and to the development and validation of new assay methods. Thus, the NTP welcomes nominations of chemicals for study from everyone. At a minimum, the nominator should give the name of the chemical or substance, the rationale for the nomination, and recommend the type study(s) to be considered. In addition, it is desirable, but not essential, to supplement each nomination with the following information, if known:

- chemical and physical properties;
- production, use, occurrence, and analysis data;
- toxicology information, including human data;
- chemical disposition and structure-activity relationships; and
- planned, ongoing, or recently completed toxicological and environmental studies.

To receive the National Toxicology Program Fiscal Year 1996 Annual Plan and the accompanying Review of Current DHHS, DOE, and EPA Research Related to Toxicology FY 1996, or the Fiscal Year 1996 Annual Plan Summary version, please contact the NTP Central Data Management, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD E1-02, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (telephone 919/541-3419, fax 919/541-3687, Internet e-mail CDM@NIEHS.NIH.GOV.

Comments on the above documents are requested and welcomed and should be addressed to Dr. Larry Hart, NTP, P.O. Box 12233, MD A3-07, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (telephone 919/541-3971, fax 919/541-0295, Internet e-mail hart@niehs.nih.gov). Kenneth Olden,

Director, National Toxicology Program.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4200-N-15]

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Administration, HUD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due date: March 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay F. Weaver, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0050. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Weaver.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval

number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: January 22, 1997.

David S. Cristy,
Acting Director, Information Resources Management Policy and Management Division.

Title of Proposal: Pet Ownership in Assisted Rental Housing for the Elderly or Handicapped.

Office: Housing.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0342.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: Section 227 of the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 provides that no owner or manager of Federally assisted rental housing for the elderly or handicapped may prohibit a tenant from having common household pets in the tenant's dwelling unit, or discriminate against any person regarding admission to such housing because of ownership or presence of a pet in the person's dwelling unit.

Form Number: None.

Respondents: Individuals or Households, State, Local, or Tribal Government, Business or Other For-Profit, and Not-For Profit Institutions.

Frequency of Submission: On Occasion.

Reporting burden:	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Notice of Tenants	6,000		1		.167		1,004
Registration of Pets	20,000		1		.25		5,000
Consultation	500		1		1.63		815
Violation/Removals	2,000		1		.167		334

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 7,153.
Status: Reinstatement, without changes.

Contact: Barbara D. Hunter, HUD, (202) 708-3944, Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.

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Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Administration, HUD.