All COLA accredited laboratories are currently required to meet these CLIA standards. We have, therefore, found the COLA personnel requirements to be equal to the CLIA personnel requirements.

Subpart P—Quality Assurance for Moderate or High Complexity Testing or Both

We have determined that COLA's requirements for immunohematology are equal to the CLIA requirements of this subpart. COLA also makes educational materials available to its accredited laboratories, which provide further information on quality assurance in the office laboratory.

Subpart Q—Inspections

The COLA inspection process, which is announced and performed on-site on a biennial basis, is equal to the applicable CLIA requirements at §§ 493.1777. Therefore, we have determined that COLA's requirements are equal to the requirements of this subpart.

Subpart R—Enforcement Procedures for Laboratories

COLA meets the requirements of subpart R to the extent it applies to accreditation organizations. COLA policy stipulates the action it takes when laboratories it accredits do not comply with its essential standards pertaining to immunohematology. When appropriate, COLA will deny accreditation to a laboratory and report the denial to HCFA within 30 days. COLA also provides an appeals process for laboratories that have had accreditation denied.

We have determined that COLA's laboratory enforcement and appeal policies are essentially equivalent to the requirements of this subpart as they apply to accreditation organizations.

IV. Federal Validation Inspections and Continuing Oversight

The Federal validation inspections of COLA accredited laboratories, as specified in § 493.507, may be conducted on a representative sample basis or in response to substantial allegations of noncompliance, ''complaint inspections''. The outcome of those validation inspections, performed by HCFA, the State survey agency, or a HCFA agent, will be HCFA's principal means for verifying that the laboratories accredited by COLA remain in compliance with CLIA requirements. This Federal monitoring is an on-going process.

V. Removal of Approval as an Accrediting Organization

Our regulations at § 493.511 provide that the approval of an accreditation organization, such as that of COLA, may be removed by HCFA for cause, prior to the end of the effective date of approval. If validation inspection outcomes and the comparability or validation review produce findings as described at § 493.509(a), HCFA will conduct a review of the accreditation organization's program. A review is also conducted when the validation review findings, irrespective of the rate of disparity (as defined in § 493.2), indicate widespread or systematic problems in the organization's processes. These findings provide evidence that the organization's requirements are no longer equivalent to the CLIA requirements.

If it is determined that COLA has failed to adopt requirements that are equal to or more stringent than the CLIA requirements, or widespread systemic problems exist in its inspection process, a probationary period, not to exceed one year, may be given to allow COLA to adopt comparable requirements. Based on an evaluation of any of the items stipulated at § 493.511(d), a determination will be made as to whether or not COLA retains its approved status as an accreditation organization under CLIA. If approved status is denied, an accreditation organization such as COLA may resubmit its application when it: (1) Has revised its program to address the rationale for the denial; (2) demonstrated that it can reasonably assure that its accredited laboratories meet CLIA condition level requirements; and (3) resubmits its application for approval as an accreditation organization in its entirety. If, however, an accrediting organization requests reconsideration of an adverse determination in accordance with subpart D of part 488 of our regulations, it may not submit a new application until a final reconsideration determination is issued.

Should circumstances result in COLA having its approval withdrawn, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** explaining the basis for removing its approval.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this notice was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Authority: Section 353 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a).

Dated: March 16, 1997.

Bruce C. Vladeck,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92–463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH, June 5, 1997, Conference Room 10, Building 31, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

The entire meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment. The topics proposed for discussion may include (1) the future of research careers in biology and medicine; (2) clinical research; (3) further implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the NIH AIDS Research Program Evaluation Task Force, particularly in regard to the development of an HIV vaccine; (4) activities related to research misconduct; and (5) infectious diseases in Africa. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

Ms. Janice Ramsden, Program Specialist, Office of the Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health, 1 Center Drive MSC 0159, Bethesda, Maryland 20892–0159, telephone (301) 496–0959, fax (301) 496–7451, will furnish the meeting agenda, roster of committee members, and substantive program information upon request. Any individual who requires special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Ramsden no later than May 30, 1997.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

LaVeen Ponds,

Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute on Drug Abuse

(NIDA) Initial Review Group and Special Emphasis Panel meetings.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and contract proposals.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Contract Review).
Date: May 29, 1997.
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Mr. Lyle Furr, Contract Review Specialist, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–42, Telephone (301) 443–1644.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Chemical Neurobiology Research Subcommittee.
Date: June 3–5, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20818.
Contact Person: Rita Liu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–9042.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Molecular, Cellular and Chemical Neurobiology).
Date: June 5, 1997.
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20818.
Contact Person: Khursheed Asghar, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–42, Telephone (301) 443–2620.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meetings due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Neuropharmacology Research Subcommittee.
Date: June 9–10, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Syed Husain, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–2620.

Name of Committee: Basic Behavioral Science Research Subcommittee.
Date: June 9–11, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209.
Contact Person: William C. Grace, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–42, Telephone (301) 443–2755.

Name of Committee: Neurophysiology and Neuroanatomy Research Subcommittee.
Date: June 9–11, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 2209.
Contact Person: Gamil Debbas, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–2620.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Human Development).
Date: June 10, 1997.
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Gamil Debbas, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–2620.

Name of Committee: Human Development Research Subcommittee.
Date: June 10–11, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Kesinee Nimit, M.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–9042.

Name of Committee: Epidemiology and Prevention Research Subcommittee.
Date: June 10–12, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Raquel Crider, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–9042.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Contract Review).
Date: June 24, 1997.
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Mr. Lyle Furr, Contract Review Specialist, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–42, Telephone (301) 443–1644.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Clinical Neuroscience).
Date: July 1, 1997.
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: William C. Grace, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–42, Telephone (301) 443–2755.

Name of Committee: Health Service Research Subcommittee.
Date: July 8–9, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Raquel Crider, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–9042.

Name of Committee: Treatment Research Subcommittee.
Date: July 8–10, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Kesinee Nimit, M.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–9042.

Name of Committee: NIDA special Emphasis Panel (Treatment).
Date: July 9, 1997.
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Rita Liu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–9042.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Centers).
Date: July 14–15, 1997.
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.
Contact Person: Mary C. Custer, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–2620.

Name of Committee: AIDS Behavioral Research Subcommittee.
Date: July 15–16, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20818.
Contact Person: William C. Grace, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–42, Telephone (301) 443–2755.

Name of Committee: AIDS Biomedical and Clinical Research Subcommittee.
Date: July 15–16, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.
Contact Person: Gamil Debbas, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–2620.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (RFA DA–97–003—Request of Pharmacotherapies for Cocaine Dependence).
Date: July 24–25, 1997.
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.
Contact Person: Kesinee Nimit, M.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Telephone (301) 443–9042.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. The applications and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications, disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers: 93.277, Drug Abuse Research Scientist Development and

Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs.)

Dated: May 14, 1997.

LaVeen Ponds,

Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4200–N–64]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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: July 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Oliver Walker, Housing, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451—7th Street, SW, Room 9116, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph McCloskey, Servicing Division (HSIS), Telephone number (202) 708–1672 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed form and other available documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

The notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Reporting Requirements Associated with 24 CFR 203.508b and 235.1001—Providing Information.

OMB Control Number: 2502–0235.

Description of the need for the information and the proposed use: This notice requests to extend the use of 24 CFR 203.508b and 24 CFR 203.1001. 24 CFR 203.508b outlines the requirements and the means for mortgagors to provide needed information to lenders regarding their mortgages. 24 CFR 203.1001 outlines the criteria for mortgages to use in providing interest and/or tax information to mortgagors so that program funds are accounted for properly.

Agency form numbers: N/A.

Members of affected public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response, the number of respondents is 12,000, frequency of response is annually and the total hours is 3,000.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

Nicolas P. Retsinas,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Administration

[Docket No. FR–4200–N–63]

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: June 18, 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) the 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.