from the hospital, often 6 to 8 weeks after birth), and a postdischarge stage (from discharge home to approximately 1 year). Is there scientific evidence to support more than one set of micronutrient requirements for infant formulas to support healthy growth and development of the preterm infant at the different stages of development? Are the micronutrient requirements for term infant formulas sufficient for thriving postdischarge preterm infants?

(3) What is the scientific evidence to support a dietary recommendation for a minimum and a maximum quantitative nutrient concentration for selenium, chromium, molybdenum, and fluoride in preterm infant formulas? What limits of intake would ensure safe and adequate exposure to these nutrients? Is there a need to specify the chemical form or other characteristics of these nutrients or their sources to ensure safety and adequacy?

(4) Certain micronutrient interactions, such as vitamin E:linoleic acid, vitamin B6:protein, and calcium:phosphorus, have been identified for full-term infants which have helped to ensure the adequacy of full-term formulas. Are there micronutrient interactions that can be identified for preterm infants that will help to ensure the nutrient adequacy of infant formulas for this population? Are there recommended ratios for metal cations? Is the evidence of interaction between these minerals sufficiently strong to suggest that the ratios should be ensured for the health of preterm infants?

(5) In an earlier task under this contract (61 FR 58566, November 15, 1996), LSRO/ASNS agreed to investigate whether there is evidence of a benefit to preterm infants from ingestion of taurine and carnitine, as well as whether there is evidence that would provide a basis for a requirement for minimal intakes of each of these substances. Is there adequate evidence of benefit of other substances not listed in this notice to support a requirement for their inclusion in preterm infant formulas?

LSRO/ASNS will use these questions as a guide in its investigation. ASNS will prepare a comprehensive final report that documents and summarizes the results of its evaluation.

FDA and ASNS are announcing that the LSRO/ASNS expects to hold a public meeting on this topic on Friday, March 27, 1998. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. It is anticipated that the public meeting will be up to 1 day, depending on the number of requests to make oral presentations. Requests to make oral presentations at the open meeting must be submitted in writing and received by Friday, February 13, 1998. Written requests to make oral presentations of scientific data, information, and views at the open meeting should be submitted both to Daniel J. Raiten (address above) and to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of the material to be presented must be submitted to each office on or before March 20, 1998. The open meeting will be held in the Chen Auditorium, Lee Bldg., ASNS (address above).

FDA and ASNS are also inviting submission of written presentations of scientific data, information, and views. These materials should be submitted on or before July 1, 1998. Two copies of the written materials must be submitted to each office.

In accordance with its contract with FDA, ASNS will provide the agency with a scientific report on or about September 30, 1998.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 1—Chapter 27, Section 2721, 2722 and 2725, Request for Exception to ESRD Composite Rates and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 413.170; *Form No.:* HCFA–9044 (OMB# 0938–0296); *Use:* Sections 2721, 2722 and 2525 of the Provider Reimbursement Manual describe the information ESRD facilities must submit in justifying an exception request to their composite rate for outpatient dialysis services.; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions and Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 275; *Total Annual Responses:* 275; *Total Annual Hours:* 13,200.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

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HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of