advantage of their existing statutory authority to promulgate and enforce standards and regulations that are responsive to the hazardous conditions identified by the Research Agenda developed by this Task Force. Agency responsiveness to the Agenda, however, depends largely on the means by which participation, coordination, and accountability among the agencies are effected. Revision of agency statutes to authorize specifically the prevention and remediation of take-home contamination, especially through revision of the factors used to establish the prioritization schemes used by EPA and ATSDR, should be considered by Congress only if the agencies find it difficult to respond effectively to the Research Agenda.

Response From the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

NIOSH supports the research agenda proposed by the Workers' Family Protection Task Force in this report. The recommended research priorities fit within the framework of the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) and particularly its priority area ''Special Populations at Risk.'' This plan, developed by NIOSH and more than 500 public and private partners and stakeholders, includes priorities for addressing allergic and irritant dermatitis; asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; fertility and pregnancy abnormalities; infectious diseases; control technology and personal protective equipment; and many other areas highlighted by the Task Force for consideration. NIOSH supports the recommendations of the Task Force and welcomes public comment on the proposed research agenda.

Dated: January 30, 1998.

Linda Rosenstock,

Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N–0264]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled ''Medical Devices: Substantial Equivalence 510(k) Summaries and 510(k) Statements Premarket Notification'' has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret R. Schlosburg, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–1223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of July 16, 1997 (62 FR 38098), the agency announced that the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under section 3507 of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3507). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910–0281. The approval expires on September 30, 2000.

Dated: January 30, 1998.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98D–0004]

Guidance for Reviewers on Repeal of Section 507 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a guidance document for reviewers entitled ''Repeal of Section 507 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.'' The guidance is intended to clarify the administrative processes that will be followed in implementing the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (the FDAMA).

DATES: General comments on the agency guidance documents are welcome at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of this guidance document entitled ''Repeal of Section 507 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act'' to the Drug Information Branch (HFD–210), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. Submit written comments on the guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (HFD–305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1–23, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Murray M. Lumpkin, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–20), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–594–5400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance document for reviewers entitled ''Repeal of Section 507 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.'' Section 125 of title I of the FDAMA (Pub. L. 105–115), signed into law by President Clinton on November 21, 1997, repealed section 507 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 357). As a result of the repeal of section 507 of the act, which took effect immediately, several of the agency's administrative processes for reviewing and approving antibiotic drug applications must be changed. This guidance document is intended to clarify several of the administrative processes that will be followed in implementing section 125 of the FDAMA.

This guidance document represents the agency's current thinking on the implementation of the repeal of section 507 of the act. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statute, regulations, or both.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the guidance document to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The guidance document and received comments may be seen in the office above between 9