

advice and recommendations to CDC and ATSDR.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include presentations from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and ATSDR on updates regarding the progress of current studies.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Persons for More Information: Steven A. Adams, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F-35, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-7040, FAX 770/488-7044.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Allergenic Products Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committee: Allergenic Products Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on March 24, 1998, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. by teleconference.

Location: Food and Drug Administration, Bldg. 29, conference room 121, 8800 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD. This meeting will be held by telephone conference call. A speaker phone will be provided in the conference room to allow public participation in the meeting.

Contact Person: William Freas or Sheila D. Langford, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-21), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-827-0314 or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the

Washington, DC area), code 12388. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will receive an update on the status of standardized grasses and discuss how candidate allergens for future standardization should be identified.

Procedure: On March 24, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by March 18, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before March 18, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On March 24, 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)). This portion of the meeting will be closed to hear and review trade secret and/or confidential information on pending investigational new drugs.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: February 20, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 92F-0392]

Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft; Withdrawal of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a food additive petition (FAP 2B4344) proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of polyhydric

alcohol esters and calcium salts of oxidatively refined (Gersthofen process) montan wax acids as lubricants for all polymers intended for use in contact with food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of January 7, 1993 (58 FR 3027), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 2B4344) had been filed by Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft, c/o 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3770 *Polyhydric alcohol esters of oxidatively refined (Gersthofen process) montan wax acids* (21 CFR 178.3770) to provide for the safe use of polyhydric alcohol esters and calcium salts of oxidatively refined (Gersthofen process) montan wax acids as lubricants for all polymers intended for use in contact with food. Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

Dated: February 12, 1998.

Alan M. Rulis,

Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

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

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: The Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program: Physicians's Certification of Borrower's Total and Permanent Disability Form (OMB No. 0915-0204)

—Extension and Revision—The Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) program provides federally-insured loans to students in schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatric medicine, pharmacy, public health, allied health, or chiropractic, and graduate students in health administration or clinical psychology. Eligible lenders, such as banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, pension funds, State agencies, HEAL schools, and insurance companies, make HEAL loans which are insured by the Federal Government against loss due to borrower's death, disability, bankruptcy, and default. The basic purpose of the program is to assure the availability of funds for loans to eligible

students who need to borrow money to pay for their educational loans.

The HEAL borrower, the borrower's physician, and the holder of the loan completes the Physician's Certification form to certify that the HEAL borrower meets the total and permanent disability provisions.

The HEAL program is being phased out and no new loans will be made after September 30, 1998 unless reauthorization is enacted. We are, however, requesting a 3-year extension of the OMB approval of the HEAL Physician's Certification of Borrower's Total and Permanent Disability Form, HRSA-539 because this form will be used throughout the repayment period for existing loans. The Department uses this form to obtain information about disability claims which includes the following: (1) the borrower's consent to

release medical records to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the holder of the borrower's HEAL loans, (2) pertinent information supplied by the certifying physician, (3) the physician's certification that the borrower is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity because of a medically determinable impairment that is expected to continue for a long and indefinite period of time or to result in death, and (4) information from the lender on the unpaid balance. Failure to submit the required documentation will result in disapproval of a disability claim. The form is being revised to make submission of medical documentation mandatory rather than optional.

The estimate of burden for the Physician's Certification form is as follows:

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Number of responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Borrower	100	1	100	5 minutes	8
Physician	100	1	100	90 minutes ...	150
Loan Holder	32	3.1	100	10 minutes ...	17
Total	232	300	175

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent on or before March 30, 1998 to: Laura Oliven, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

Jane Harrison,

Acting Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Availability of the HRSA Competitive Grants Preview; Correction

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: General notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: On October 9, 1997 (62 FR 52892), HRSA published a general notice announcing the Availability of the HRSA Competitive Grants Preview. This notice corrects information on new grant awards which appeared in that

general notice, FR Doc. 97-26645, on page 52907. In the sections on the Rural Outreach Grant Program and Rural Network Development Grant Program, under the headings "Estimated Number of Awards", it was indicated that approximately 10-12 new Rural Health Outreach Grants and approximately 10-15 New Rural Network Developments Grants would be awarded in FY 1998. The revised estimate is that no more than 6-10 new competing grants will be funded in FY 1998 for these two programs combined.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

Claude Earl Fox,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 meeting of the National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel:

Agenda Purpose: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Committee Name: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: February 23, 1998.

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: Parklawn Building, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Contact Person: Jean Speas, Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-1340.

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

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

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers 93.242, 93.281, 93.282)

Dated: February 20, 1998.

LaVeen Ponds,

Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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