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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; 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 meetings.

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

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel SBIR Topic 52—Better Nitron Spin Trap for Oxygen Centered Radicals.

*Date:* July 16, 1998.

*Time:* 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* NIEHS, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Conference Room 3446, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* David Brown, MPH, Nat'l Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-4964.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel SBIR Topic 54—Device/Capability for Quantitative Assessment of Bone Strength in Rodents.

*Date:* July 17, 1998.

*Time:* 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIEHS, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Conference Room 3446, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* David Brown, MPH, Nat'l Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-4964.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk

Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4281-N-05]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**SUMMARY:** For the Federal Empowerment Zone Initiative (Round One and Round Two), the proposed information collection requirements described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval by September 1, 1998 for a three year period, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments due date:* August 31, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties 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: Sheila Jones, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 7232, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Selvaggi, (202) 708-3773, ext 4647 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collections to OMB for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). OMB has previously extended its approval of control number 2506-0148 through August 31, 1998; that extension covers

information collections for the Round Two 1998 application process as well as for periodic reporting and responses to warning letters for Round One (1994) and Round Two (1998) programs.

This Notice solicits comments concerning the proposed collection for information for both the Round Two (1998) Urban Empowerment Zone Initiative (including the application process, periodic reporting, and responding to warning letters) and the Round One (1994) Urban Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Initiative (including periodic reporting, and responding to warning letters), during the three year period starting September 1, 1998. Commenters may wish to: (1) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper management of the Urban Empowerment Zone Initiative by the agency, including whether or not the information has practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of HUD'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. This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* 1998 Urban Empowerment Zone Program (Round Two)/1994 Urban Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program (Round One).

*OMB Control Number:* 2506-0148.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 amended the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to authorize the Secretary of HUD to designate 15 more urban empowerment zones. These statutes together require three sets of data. First, applicants for EZ designates must submit data (a) demonstrating their eligibility to apply, (b) addressing problems/needs in the proposed zone area and described in their proposed strategic plan, (c) determined by the applicant to be related to measuring success of the proposed implementation plan, measuring any lack of progress in achieving the activities in the proposed implementation plan, and justifying any boundary changes for the zone. Second, the statutes require HUD to review, periodically, the progress of designated urban communities (both Round 1 of 1994 and Round 2 of 1998) in carrying out their implementation programs and achieving the goals of their strategic plans. The Secretary is directed to collect such periodic and other data as deemed necessary for the review of the designees' progress. A third set of data