

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) the necessity of the proposed collections for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Copies of these proposed collections plans can be obtained from the AHCP Reports Clearance Officer (see above).

Dated: November 19, 1998.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Suspension of Site Registration Fee for Facilities Transferring or Receiving Select Agents**

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is announcing the suspension of the site registration fee for facilities registered under (42 CFR 72.6). (Additional Requirements for Facilities Transferring or Receiving Select Agents; Final Rule).

DATES: Effective date is November 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laboratory Registration/Select Agent Transfer (LR/SAT) Program, Office of Health and Safety, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mail Stop F-05, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-4418, LR/SAT Program website at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/lrsat.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: "The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996," Pub. L. 104-132, (42 U.S.C. 262) note, enacted on April 24, 1996, established new provisions to

regulate transfer of certain biological agents and toxins (i.e., select agents), and required HHS to issue rules to implement these provisions. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 1996, and became effective April 15, 1997. To comply with the final rule, commercial suppliers of select agents, as well as government agencies, universities, research institutions, and private companies that transfer these agents, must register with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In return for the registration, facilities are responsible for paying a site registration fee. (42 CFR 72.6(a)(2)(iv)).

CDC calculated the direct costs to manage the program, and in a **Federal Register** Notice dated April 14, 1997, announced those fees. (**Federal Register** notice, April 14, 1997, Vol. 62, No. 71:18134-5). Many facilities wishing to register expressed concern that the fees were high and constituted a substantial burden, particularly for small facilities with limited and inflexible budgets. The CDC has reviewed the situation and has determined that for Fiscal Year 1999, funds are available within the agency budget to defray the site registration fee.

Suspension of Site Registration Fee for Facilities Transferring or Receiving Select Agents: Effective November 27, 1998, the site registration fee schedule for all facilities will be suspended. Facilities registered between April 15, 1997, and the effective date of this notice will be contacted by CDC with information regarding the refunding of the site registration fee. The decision as to whether to impose registration fees will be re-evaluated annually to determine whether appropriated funds may be used to cover registration costs.

The site registration will still cover a three year time period. All applications for registration of facilities under this regulation should be mailed to: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of Health and Safety, Laboratory Registration/Select Agent Transfer Program, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mail Stop F-05, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

CDC will mail applications to all facilities that express an interest. Questions about this notice and requests for application packages should be faxed to CDC, Office of Health and Safety, telephone (404) 639-0880 or sent by e-mail (lrsat@cdc.gov).

Dated: November 20, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance of Blood Lead Levels in Childhood Grantees**

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

Name: State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance of Blood Lead Levels in Children Grantees.

Times and Dates: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., February 1, 1999. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., February 2, 1999. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., February 3, 1999. 9 a.m.-12 noon, February 4, 1999.

Place: Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort and Conference Center, 715 South Gulfview Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, Florida, 33767, telephone 813/447-9566.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 140 people.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for childhood lead poisoning prevention coordinators and data administrators to review program progress and discuss prevention issues and concerns.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include screening issues; surveillance systems issues; alternative methods of surveillance; data release; coalition building; healthy homes; STELLAR; GIS; and program evaluation. There will be information presented regarding computer programming issues and how it is related to data analysis, and the use of data to make decisions.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Claudette Grant-Joseph, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F-42, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-7330.

Persons wishing to make written or oral comments at the meeting should notify the contact person in writing or by telephone no later than close of business January 20, 1999. Requests to make oral comments should contain the name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation of the presenter. Depending on the time available and the number of requests to make oral comments, it may be necessary to limit the time of each presenter.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated the