

(e) Criterion V: Significant and Beneficial Impact (Maximum: 10 points)

(f) Criterion VI: Community Empowerment Consideration (Maximum: 5 points)

(g) Criterion VII: Management and Organization of Project (Maximum: 5 points)

(h) Criterion VIII: Project Evaluation (Maximum: 10 points)

*2. Program Elements, Review and Assessment Criteria for REACH Plans under Priority Area 2.0 (Tribes and Insular Areas other than Puerto Rico)*

(a) Criterion I: Organizational Experience and Capability (Maximum: 10 points)

(b) Criterion II: Project Theory, Design and Plan (Maximum: 50 points)

(c) Criterion III: Management and Organization of Project (Maximum: 10 points)

(d) Criterion IV: Budget Appropriateness (Maximum: 10 points)

(e) Criterion V: Significant and Beneficial Impact (Maximum: 10 points)

(f) Criterion VI: Project Evaluation (Maximum: 10 points)

*Additional Requirements:* Applicants for grants must also meet the following requirements:

**A. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 #0970-0062**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Department is required to submit to OMB for review and approval any reporting and record keeping requirements in regulations, including Program Announcements. 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. This Combined Program Announcement does not contain information collection requirements beyond those approved for ACF grant announcements/applications under OMB Control Number 0970-0062.

**B. Intergovernmental Review**

With the exception of the REACH program, the programs discussed in this Combined Program Announcement are covered under Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

NOTE: State/Territory participation in the Intergovernmental Review process does not signify applicant eligibility for financial assistance under a program. A potential applicant must meet the eligibility requirements of the program for which it is applying prior to submitting an application to its SPOC, if applicable, or to ACF.

As of September 1998, a number of jurisdictions have elected not to participate in the Executive Order process. Applicants from these jurisdictions or for projects administered by federally recognized Indian Tribes need take no action in regard to E.O. 12372. A list of these non-participating jurisdictions can be found in each Application Kit.

Although the non-participating jurisdictions no longer participate in the process, entities which have met the eligibility requirements of the program are still eligible to apply for a grant even if a State, Territory, Commonwealth, etc. does not have a SPOC. All remaining jurisdictions participate in the Executive Order process and have established SPOCs. Applicants from participating jurisdictions should contact their SPOCs as soon as possible to alert them of the prospective applications and receive instructions.

Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOCs as soon as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. The applicant must submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of this submittal (or the date of contact if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a. Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards. SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations.

Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations which may trigger the "accommodate or explain" rule. When comments are submitted directly to ACF, they should be addressed to: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants and Audit Resolution, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Mail Stop 6C-462, Washington, D.C. 20447.

Dated: December 18, 1998.

**Donald Sykes,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 98F-1201]

**GEO Specialty Chemicals; Filing of Food Additive Petition**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that GEO Specialty Chemicals has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of the salt of dimethylolpropionic acid and triisopropanolamine as a pigment dispersant.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen M. Waldron, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3089.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4636) has been filed by GEO Specialty Chemicals, c/o Keller and Heckman LLP, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3725 *Pigment dispersants* (21 CFR 178.3725) to provide for the safe use of the salt of dimethylolpropionic acid and triisopropanolamine as a dispersant for pigments intended for food-contact applications.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: December 7, 1998.

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