

assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than May 20, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Philippine National Bank Metro Manila*, The Philippines, and Century Holding Corporation, Beverly Hills, California; to acquire PNB Remittance Centers, Inc., Los Angeles, California, and thereby engage in money remittance activities, as previously approved by Board order; See *Philippine Commercial International Bank*, 77 Fed. Res. Bull. 270, (1991); *Bergen Bank A/S*, 76 Fed. Res. Bull. 457 (1990); and *Norwest Corporation*, 81 Fed. Res. Bull. 974 (1995).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 30, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History

AGENCY: General Services Administration.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History will hold an open meeting from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 1999, at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC), Florida, Visitor Complex, Center

for Space Education, Pad-A. The telephone number for the KSC Visitors Center is 407-452-2121. Inquiries may be emailed to www.ksc.nasa.gov.

PURPOSE: To discuss the report to the President, the recommendation related to the "How to Guide", and to solicit input from the community on implementation plans for this and other recommendations for celebrating women in American history.

Under 41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)(2) less than 15 days notice of the meeting is provided due to delays in organizing schedules.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha Davis (202) 501-0705, Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Communications, General Services Administration. Also, inquiries may be sent to martha.davis@gsa.gov.

Dated: April 30, 1999.

Beth Newburger,

Associate Administrator for Communications.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is providing opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall 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 through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports

Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received with 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Projects

1. Diffusion of Needle-stick Prevention Strategies—NEW—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)—Occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens (including the hepatitis B and C viruses and the human immunodeficiency virus) poses a risk to workers in the health care industry and related occupations. The primary route of exposure to bloodborne pathogens is accidental percutaneous injury by a needle or similar sharp object.

In 1991 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) enacted the final Bloodborne Pathogen Standard. Although the OSHA standard has increased compliance and awareness of needle-stick injury prevention strategies, needle-stick injuries are still occurring.

Studies have demonstrated that the use of safer needle-stick prevention devices can reduce the incidence of needle-stick injuries and resulting costs. Little is known however, about how many hospitals have adopted devices such as, safer blood collection needles (SBCN) designed to prevent percutaneous injuries, and the variables that can influence their adoption by hospitals.

This study will conduct a random sample national survey of 960 infection control practitioners to evaluate how widespread the adoption of SBCN and other needle-stick prevention devices is in hospitals; and some of the internal and external environmental variables that can influence their adoption. The survey data may be used to indicate a hospital's readiness to adopt SBCN, to assess the extent of the diffusion of SBCN, and to cluster hospitals according to their stage of adoption for SBCN.

The goal of this study is to (1) inform future NIOSH communication/dissemination strategies to promote safer blood collection and related medical devices in hospitals, (2) inform policy makers about variables that can influence the adoption of safer blood collection devices, and (3) provide data that reveals national trends for the adoption of safer needles-tick prevention devices in hospitals. There cost to the respondents is \$0.00.