

Trans #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
Transactions Granted Early Termination—05/20/1999			
19992584	CHRISTUS Health	Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation	Highland Hospital.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—05/21/1999			
19992065	E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company	Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc	Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra M. Peay or Parcellena P. Fielding, contact representatives, Federal Trade Commission, Premerger Notification Office, Bureau of Competition, Room 303 Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-3100.

By Direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

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 or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project 1. Baseline Survey of Youth for the Federal Evaluation of Initiatives Funded Under Section 510 of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program—The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity

Reconciliation Act (P.L. 104-193) established Section 510 of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program, the purpose of which is to support state efforts promoting abstinence only education. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33) established a requirement to "evaluate programs under Section 510." This proposed information collection will gather baseline information for the evaluation—NEW—Respondents: Individuals; Number of Respondents: 7,000; Average Burden per Response: .75 hours; Burden: 5,250 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: June 11, 1999.

William Beldon,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration; Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), all authorities vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Public Law 105-369, the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998. This delegation excludes the authority to issue regulations and to submit reports to Congress. This authority may be redelegated.

In addition, I hereby ratify and affirm any actions taken by the HRSA Administration or other HRSA officials which involved the exercise of this authority. This delegation is effective upon date of signature.

Dated: June 8, 1999.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

Robert P. Liburdy, Ph.D., Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory: Based on an investigation report by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) dated July 7, 1995, and an analysis of the data and information from Dr. Liburdy obtained by ORI during its oversight review, ORI found that Dr. Liburdy, former staff biochemist at LBNL, engaged in scientific misconduct in biomedical research by intentionally falsifying and fabricating data and claims about the purported cellular effects of electric and magnetic fields (EMF) that were reported in two scientific papers: (1) Liburdy, R.P. "Biological interactions of cellular systems with time-varying magnetic fields. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 649:74-95, 1992 ("ANYAS paper"); and (2) Liburdy, R.P. "Calcium signaling in lymphocytes and ELF fields." *FEBS Letters* 301:53-59, 1992 (the "FEBS Letters paper"). The ANYAS and FEBS Letters papers were supported by a National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grant.

The ANYAS and FEBS Letters papers reported data indicating that EMF exert a biological effect by altering the entry of calcium across a cell's surface membrane. EMF, which are ubiquitous forms of radiation that arise from diverse sources such as power lines, home wiring, and household appliances, have been of public concern for potential health effects. Dr. Liburdy's claims were potentially very important when published in 1992 because they purported to link EMF and calcium signaling, a fundamental cell process governing many important cellular functions.