

a total of 90 days to submit data, analyses, and other relevant information.

Although the agency has reviewed the requests asking for extensions of the comment period, the longest of which is for an additional 1 year, FDA does not believe that such a lengthy delay is in the best interest of the public health. FDA believes that delaying the receipt of comments for more than an additional 45 days (for a total of 90 days) is too long given the public health concerns at issue.

II. How to Submit Comments

Interested persons may, on or before July 3, 2000, submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). You may also send comments to the Dockets Management Branch via e-mail to "FDADockets@oc.fda.gov". You should annotate and organize your comments to identify the specific issues to which they refer. You must submit two copies of comments, identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document, except that you may submit one copy if you are an individual. You may review received comments in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

Margaret M. Dotzel,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Blood Products Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Blood Products Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on June 15, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on June 16, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD.

Contact Person: Linda A. Smallwood, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-302), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-1448, 301-827-3514, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 19516. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On June 15, 2000, the committee will hear updates on summaries of the Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability meeting, April 25 and 26, 2000; FDA's Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee meeting, June 1 and 2, 2000; the FDA-sponsored workshop on plasticizers, October 18, 1999; and a briefing on blood supply monitoring. The committee will also hear presentations and provide recommendations on plasma pool screening by nucleic acid tests for Hepatitis A virus and, in the afternoon, the committee will hear presentations and provide recommendations on the development of rapid human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) tests. On June 16, 2000, the committee will hear updates on the requirements for syphilis testing, the risk of Hepatitis C virus to sexual partners, and relative sensitivity of Hepatitis B surface antigen and Hepatitis B virus nucleic acid tests. Also, the committee will hear and discuss presentations on the proposed document entitled "FDA Guidance on Universal Leukoreduction: Current Thinking."

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by Friday, June 2, 2000. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 15, 2000, and between approximately 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on June 16, 2000. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before Friday, June 9, 2000, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: May 11, 2000.

Linda A. Suydam,

Senior Associate Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: The Black Lung Clinic Program Guidelines (42 CFR 55a) (OMB No. 0915-0081) Extension

The purpose of the Black Lung Clinics Program (BLCP) is to stimulate and encourage local public and private agencies to improve the health status of coal workers and to increase coordination with other programs to assist the coal worker population. The goal of the BLCP is to provide services to minimize the effects of respiratory and pulmonary impairments of coal miners. Grantees provide specific diagnostic and treatment procedures required in the management of problems associated with black lung disease which improve the functional status, i.e., "quality of life", of the miner and reduces economic costs associated with morbidity and mortality arising from pulmonary diseases.

This request is for approval of the application requirements which are included in the program guidelines and the program regulation (42 CFR 55a.201 and 55a.301). Grantees must submit applications annually for continued grant support. The regulations outline the requirements for grant applications for States (55a.201) and entities other than States (55a.301). The program guidelines further elaborate on these requirements.

The grant application form is cleared under another OMB approval (OMB No.