

1994, requesting interested individuals and organizations to provide information for consideration by the Committee (Appendix G), (3) presentations from various government scientists, (4) review of pertinent available literature, and (5) comments and suggestions from Federal agencies.

An NTP Workshop on Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Alternative Test Methods was held on December 11–12, 1995, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. The purpose of the workshop was to review the criteria and processes set forth in the draft report and accept comments and recommendations from workshop registrants and invited panelists, including representatives from industry, academe, public interest groups, and the international community. Written comments were also submitted in response to the Federal Register notice announcing availability of the draft report for public comment.

The draft report was also presented to participants at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Workshop on Harmonization of Validation Criteria for Alternative Test Methods held in Stockholm, Sweden, on January 22–24, 1996. Comments and recommendations generated by scientists from the 26 OECD member countries were considered by the Committee. The Committee prepared a revised draft report that was distributed to participating agencies for comment and concurrence prior to publication of the final Report.

Summary of the Report

The report totals 105 pages, and consists of four chapters. Chapter one is an introduction that provides a general overview of the need for toxicological test methods, how they are used, and the driving forces for the development and validation of new methods. Chapter two discusses the concept of validation and the criteria that should be met for a new or revised test method to be considered for regulatory risk assessment purposes. Chapter three discusses the criteria that should be used in considering the acceptability of a test method proposed for regulatory use. It also discusses the processes involved in achieving regulatory acceptance of a test method. A series of recommendations for developing a consistent and efficient process for evaluating new methods for regulatory acceptance is provided. Recommendations address development and validation, regulatory review of new methods, intra- and interagency coordination and harmonization,

communication, and international harmonization. Chapter four discusses an implementation plan to facilitate the review and consideration of new test methods proposed for regulatory acceptance.

A standing interagency committee will be established to coordinate the development, validation, acceptance, and national/international harmonization of toxicological test methods. The committee will be designated as the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM), and will replace the ad hoc ICCVAM. The ICCVAM will seek to promote sound toxicological test methods that (1) enhance agencies' ability to assess risks and make decisions, and (2) reduce animal use, refine procedures involving animals to make them less stressful, and replace animals in toxicological tests, where scientifically feasible and practical. The Committee anticipates that this effort will help to better evaluate risks to human and animal health and the environment, reduce costs necessary to establish the safety of agents in commerce, and facilitate international trade.

Obtaining the Report

Retrieval instructions and the anticipated date for availability on the internet can be found at the NTP website:

<<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>>. To receive a copy of the report, please contact the NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office, NIEHS, PO Box 12233, MD A3-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, or by FAX to: (919) 541-0295.

For further information about the Report, please contact one of the ICCVAM co-chairs—Dr. William Stokes at NIEHS, PO Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, telephone 919-541-7997, FAX (919) 541-0947, or internet email at stokes@niehs.nih.gov or Dr. Richard Hill at EPA, Mail Code 7101, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-2897, FAX (202) 260-1847, or internet email at hill.richard@epamail.epa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4123-N-04]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comments

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due: May 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Mildred M. Hamman, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, S.W., Room 4238, Washington, D.C. 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-3642, extension 4128, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Public Housing/Section 8 Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration.

OMB Control Number: 2577-0217.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD is authorized to select up to 30 Public Housing Agencies that administer the public housing and Section 8 programs to participate in MTW. HUD will select PHAs for MTW through a merit-based process using specified selection criteria. Application requirements will include the submission of a MTW plan, including comments from a public hearing, other public comments, and comments from current and prospective residents, assurances of established reasonable rent policy, compliance with the Housing Quality Standards (HQS) (24 CFR 982.401) for housing assisted under MTW, and other reporting requirements. HUD will use the information for approving/disapproving applicants for participation in MTW.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: None.

Members of affected public: State or Local Governments, Non-profit institutions (Public Housing Agencies).

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: 50 respondents, one-time response, 15 hour average per response, 4400 total reporting burden hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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[Docket No. FR-4200-N-39]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due: May 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Mildred M. Hamman, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, S.W., Room 4238, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-3642, extension 4128, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Campus of Learners Semi-Annual Report.

OMB Control Number: 2577-.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) that were designated to participate in the Campus of Learners (COL) program will report semi-annually on the program. The COL program provides residents with education, job training, and employment opportunities involving computer and telecommunications technology through a college campus-style setting. The report will provide HUD with information on the number of families included in COL, Federal dollars supporting COL, number of residents in classes/training and other opportunities made available to residents. The information will enable HUD to ensure that Federal dollars for this program are spent according to the PHA's strategic plan.

Agency form numbers: HUD-52350.

Members of affected public: PHAs.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: On a semi-annual basis, 25 respondents, two responses per respondent, 50 total responses, 1800 total burden hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: New.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

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