

Neurotrophic Factor" filed August 29, 1995 by Gerald J. Chader, Joyce Tombran-Tink, Sofia P. Becerra, Ignacio R. Rodriguez and Fintan R. Steele.

**DATES:** Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by NIH on or before January 26, 1998 will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patent applications, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated licenses should be directed to: Jaconda Wagner, Esq., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804; *Telephone:* (301) 496-7735 ext. 284; *Facsimile:* (301) 402-0220. A signed Confidentiality Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Cultured retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) cells secrete pigment epithelium-derived factor (PEDF) into the photoreceptor matrix. This protein, with a molecular weight of approximately 50 kD, has trophic activity which induces neuronal cell differentiation, survival of mature neurons and a gliastatic effect. This technology can be used to develop therapeutics for the treatment of inflammatory, vascular, degenerative and dystrophic diseases of the retina and central nervous system (CNS) as well as to treat cancers of the CNS and conditions resulting from the activity of serine proteases.

The various patent applications encompassing this invention contain claims to a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a gene encoding the PEDF; an organism transformed with the recombinant DNA molecule; a method of treating tumors ocular diseases, nerve injuries and conditions resulting from the activity of serine proteases using the PEDF; the PEDF protein and its biological activity, specifically a method of enhancing neuron cell survival and inhibiting glial cell proliferation; purified antibodies to PEDF; a method for purifying the PEDF; and immunoassay for detecting the level of PEDF in a sample.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within sixty (60) days from the date of this published notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Applications for a license in the field of use filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated licenses. Comments and objections submitted to this notice will not be made available for public inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: November 14, 1997.

**Barbara M. McGarey,**  
*Deputy Director, Office of Technology Transfer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4263-N-58]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed 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: January 26, 1998.

**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: Reports Liaison Officer, Policy Development & Research, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451—7th Street, SW, Room 8228, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan Rothman, Social Science Research Analyst, Office of Policy Development and Research—telephone (202) 708-4370, x139 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**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).

The office 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:* Assessment and Analysis of Multifamily Building's Conformity with Fair Housing Guidelines Provisions

*OMB Control Number:* None.

*Description of the Need for Information and the Proposed Use:* The Fair Housing Amendment Act (the Act) of 1988 requires that newly constructed multifamily dwellings covered under the Act, available for first occupancy after March 13, 1991, be designated and constructed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. The purpose of this project is to assess the extent of conformity with the accessibility provisions and examine reasons for, as well as explanations, for different patterns of conformity/non-conformity.

*Agency Form Numbers:* Not applicable.

*Members of the Affected Public:* Property owners, property management personnel, occupants, local code officials, architects, engineers, and builders.

*Estimation of the Total Number of Hours Needed to Prepare the Information Collection Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response:* Grand total hours for all personnel is 11,936 labor hours over ninety (90) weeks. Total hours for contractor personnel is estimated at 10,900 hours. The total hours for voluntary one-time responses, from management/owners/project representatives and residents, is 1,036 hours for the 386 projects to be considered in the statistical model. The hour breakdown for the survey respondents is 128 hours during the mobilization phase, 803 hours during Phase I—survey/data gathering efforts, and 105 hours for Phase II—assessment and analysis effort.

*Status of the Proposed Information Collection:* Pending OMB approval.

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

Dated: November 13, 1997.

**Paul A. Leonard,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico Region, Proposed Central Gulf Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the final multisale Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on proposed central Gulf of Mexico (GOM) sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182.

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a final multisale EIS on five proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas lease sales in the Central GOM. We will conduct a planning process for one sale each year from 1998 through 2002. Although this EIS addresses five proposed lease sales, it is a decision document only for proposed Sale 169. We will consult with other Federal Agencies and the affected States for each of the yearly proposed sales. We will perform a National Environmental Policy Act review, and give the public an opportunity to participate in each sale.

You may obtain single copies of the final multisale EIS from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS-5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

You may look at copies of the draft EIS in the following libraries:

#### Texas

Abilene Christian University, Margaret and Herman Brown Library, 1600 Campus Court, Abilene;  
Alma M. Carpenter Public Library, 330 South Ann, Sourlake;  
Aransas Pass Public Library, 110 North Lamont Street, Aransas Pass;  
Austin Public Library, 402 West Ninth Street, Austin;  
Bay City Public Library, 1900 Fifth Street, Bay City;  
Baylor University, 13125 Third Street, Waco;  
Brazoria County Library, 410 Brazoport Boulevard, Freeport;  
Calhoun County Library, 301 South Ann, Port Lavaca;

Chambers County Library System, 202 Cummings Street, Anahuac;  
Comfort Public Library, Seventh & High Streets, Comfort;  
Corpus Christi Central Library, 805 Comanche Street, Corpus Christi;  
Dallas Public Library, 1513 Young Street, Dallas;  
East Texas State University Library, 2600 Neal Street, Commerce;  
Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney Street, Houston;  
Jackson County Library, 411 North Wells Street, Edna;  
Lamar University, Gray Library, Virginia Avenue, Beaumont;  
LaRatama Library, 505 Mesquite Street, Corpus Christi;  
Liberty Municipal Library, 1710 Sam Houston Avenue, Liberty;  
Orange Public Library, 220 North Fifth Street, Orange;  
Port Arthur Public Library, 3601 Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur;  
Port Isabel Public Library, 213 Yturria Street, Port Isabel;  
R.J. Kleberg Public Library, Fourth and Henrietta, Kingsville;  
Reber Memorial Library, 193 North Fourth, Raymondville;  
Refugio County Public Library, 815 South Commerce Street, Refugio;  
Rice University, Fondren Library, 6100 South Main Street, Houston;  
Rockwall County Library, 105 South First Street, Rockwall;  
Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston;  
Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center, FM 1011 Governors Road, Liberty;  
Stephen F. Austin State University, Steen Library, Wilson Drive, Nacogdoches;  
Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi Library, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi;  
Texas A & M University, Evans Library, Spence and Lubbock Streets, College Station;  
Texas Southmost College Library, 1825 May Street, Brownsville;  
Texas State Library, 1200 Brazos Street, Austin;  
Texas Tech University Library, 18th and Boston Avenue, Lubbock;  
University of Houston Library, 4800 Calhoun Boulevard, Houston;  
University of Texas at Arlington, Library, 701 South Cooper Street, Arlington;  
University of Texas at Austin, Library, 21st and Speedway Streets, Austin;  
University of Texas at Brownsville, Oliveria Memorial Library, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville;  
University of Texas at Dallas, McDermott Library, 2601 North Floyd Road, Richardson;

University of Texas at El Paso, Library, Wiggins Road and University Avenue, El Paso;  
University of Texas at San Antonio, Library, 6900 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio;  
University of Texas Law School, Tarlton Law Library, 727 East 26th Street, Austin;  
University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin;  
Victoria Public Library, 320 North Main, Victoria;

#### Louisiana

Calcasieu Parish Library, 327 Broad Street, Lake Charles;  
Cameron Parish Library, Marshall Street, Cameron;  
Grand Isle Branch Library, Highway 1, Grand Isle;  
Government Documents Library, Loyola University, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans;  
Iberville Parish Library, 24605 J. Gerald Berret Boulevard, Plaquemine;  
Jefferson Parish Regional Branch Library, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie;  
Jefferson Parish West Bank Outreach Branch Library, 2751 Manhattan Boulevard, Harvey;  
Lafayette Public Library, 301 W. Congress Street, Lafayette;  
Lafitte Branch Library, Route 1, Box 2, Lafitte;  
Lafourche Parish Library, 303 West 5th Street, Thibodaux;  
Louisiana State University Library, 760 Riverside Road, Baton Rouge;  
Louisiana Tech University, Prescott Memorial Library, Everet Street, Ruston;  
LUMCON, Library, Star Route 541, Chauvin;  
McNeese State University, Luther E. Frazar Memorial Library, Ryan Street, Lake Charles;  
New Orleans Public Library, 219 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans;  
Nicholls State University, Nicholls State Library, Leighton Drive, Thibodaux;  
Plaquemines Parish Library, 203 Highway 11, South, Buras;  
St. Bernard Parish Library, 1125 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette;  
St. Charles Parish Library, 105 Lakewood Drive, Luling;  
St. John The Baptist Parish Library, 1334 West Airline Highway, LaPlace;  
St. Mary Parish Library, 206 Iberia Street, Franklin;  
St. Tammany Parish Library, Covington Branch, 310 West 21st Street, Covington;  
St. Tammany Parish Library, Slidell Branch, 555 Robert Boulevard, Slidell;  
Terrebonne Parish Library, 424 Roussell Street, Houma;