

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Anthony C. Chung, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4138, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1213.

Name of Committee: Center or Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, MDCN-5.
Date: August 30, 1999.

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Syed Husain, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5216, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892-7850, (301) 435-1224.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 31, 1999.

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jo Pelham, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4106, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1786.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 13, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Clinical Center; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Board of Governors of the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center.

Date: September 17, 1999.

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Agenda: Financial and Planning Updates, Clinical Research—Presentation, Construction Update, and In-Patient Survey Results.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Clinical Center Medical Board Room, 2C116, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Maureen E. Gormley, Executive Secretary, Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, Building 10, Room 2C146, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/496-2897.

Dated: August 13, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Establishment by the National Institutes of Health of Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of establishment by the NIH of categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the categories of actions by the NIH that normally do not require the preparation of either an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act. This list has been prepared in accordance with the Council On Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations and with Chapter 30 of the DHHS General Administration Manual. These exclusions apply to all NIH organizations and activities.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Joseph G. Hugo, P.E., Chief, Pollution Control Section, Division of Safety, Office of Research Services, National Institutes of Health, Building 13, Room 2W64, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph G. Hugo, P.E., Chief, Pollution Control Section, Division of Safety, Office of Research Services, National Institutes of Health, Building 13, Room 2W64, Bethesda, Maryland 20892; telephone 301-496-7775; FAX 301-480-8056; E-mail Address: jhg@helix.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Environmental Policy Act of

1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, mandates that agencies perform environmental reviews of their actions. NEPA specifically requires that agencies prepare detailed environmental statements for major Federal actions that have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C). CEQ's regulations implementing NEPA require that Federal agencies revise their policies, procedures, and regulations to ensure full compliance with NEPA's purposes and provisions, 40 CFR 1500.6, 1507.3. CEQ's regulations also require agencies to establish procedures governing categories of actions normally excluded from NEPA review because they do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment, 40 CFR 1508.4.

DHHS adopted such procedures after giving notice in the **Federal Register** (45 FR 76519). These procedures were approved by CEQ on October 2, 1980, and they have been included in DHHS General Administration Manual (GAM) Chapter 30. These procedures require DHHS agencies to evaluate their actions in order to determine the potential environmental effects of the actions. DHHS agencies can exclude from further NEPA review the categories of actions they take that normally do not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Under these procedures, the categories of an agency's actions excluded from NEPA environmental review must be approved by the head of the DHHS agency and receive the concurrence of the DHHS Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget. On January 11, 1999, DHHS published notice of proposed revisions to DHHS GAM Chapter 30 (64 FR 1656).

The NIH's statutory mission is to conduct and support biomedical and behavioral research, training, the preparation and dissemination of health information, and related programs. In order to fulfill this mission, the NIH both performs research in its own facilities and supports research by other institutions through the awarding of grants and contracts.

The NIH has reviewed the types of actions taken by the agency that could have a foreseeable effect on the quality of the human environment. The NIH is providing notice of the actions taken by the agency that will normally be categorically excluded from further environmental review because individually and cumulatively they will not have a significant effect on the human environment. The categorical exclusions listed below are in addition to those listed in DHHS GAM Chapter 30. Additional, if a proposed action is

included in one of the categories but extraordinary circumstances as described in section D of this notice apply, an environmental review will be performed.

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A. General exclusions

Subject to a review for extraordinary circumstances, NIH will not perform an environmental review of actions excluded by regulation from NEPA review.

B. Functional Exclusions

The following actions are normally excluded from NEPA review, subject to a review for extraordinary circumstances.

1. Routine administrative and management support, including budget and finance, planning, procurement of supplies and services, management and oversight of grants and other funding instruments, legal counsel, public affairs, program evaluation, travel, and human resources management.
2. Maintenance, including repairs necessary to ensure the operation of existing facilities, grounds maintenance, and the decontamination of laboratory or other space and equipment.
3. Acquisition of space by lease and modifications of leases, when the use of the space will comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, including all environmental protection and zoning laws, and lease extensions and terminations.
4. Relocation of employees into existing Government-owned or Government-leased space.
5. Facility planning and design.
6. Construction, or construction pursuant to a lease, of 12,000 square feet or less of occupiable space.
7. Interior construction and renovation of NIH facilities.
8. The acquisition, sale, release, disposal, abandonment, closure, or transfer of real or personal property, provided that the action does not violate applicable Federal, State, or local laws, including historical preservation laws.
9. Acquisition of equipment and the repair or replacement of NIH-owned equipment.
10. Acquisition, installation, maintenance, and operation of utility and communications systems, data processing cables, and similar electronic equipment.
11. Packaging, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances, including low-level radioactive, medical, and chemical

waste materials generated by intramural research activities, provided that the waste is packed, stored, and disposed of in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

12. The identification, collection, testing, and distribution of substances and living organisms for research purposes.

13. Research and training activities that are conducted in DHHS facilities by or under the supervision of DHHS employees, conducted under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*, conducted in accordance with 45 CFR part 9.

14. The issuance of revocable licenses, use permits, and easements allowing outside parties to use NIH facilities.

15. Filing for, obtaining, licensing, enforcing, and protecting intellectual property rights arising from NIH-conducted or NIH-supported research or other activities.

16. Actions taken to comply with requirements of applicable legislation or regulations (e.g., meet emissions requirements established pursuant to Clean Air Act).

17. The preparation and submission of proposals for legislation, or major recommendations or reports to Congress on proposals for legislation, that, based on reasonable judgment, will not establish or modify programs that will have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

18. The awarding, renewal, suspension, termination, or discontinuance of collaborative research agreements, including Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) established under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*, contracts, cooperative agreements, grants, and interagency agreements entered into by the NIH pursuant to the Economy Act, 31 U.S.C. 1535. For those contracts, cooperative agreements, grants, and interagency agreements that involve construction of more than 12,000 square feet of occupiable space, recipients of NIH funds must certify that they are in compliance with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and must, as prescribed by NIH, perform all environmental reviews required by NEPA, including preparing environmental assessments and, if necessary, environmental impact statements, and submit these documents to the NIH for review, approval and adoption.

19. All actions undertaken in preparing for and conducting litigation.

20. The collection, processing, retention, evaluation and dissemination, including publication, of data and other information, including the acquisition and management of resources necessary to carry out those functions.

21. Proposing and adopting guidelines.

22. Traffic management measures, including the installation and operation of traffic control and safety devices and actions designed to control or reduce the number of motor vehicles coming onto the NIH Bethesda campus.

23. Actions taken to respond to public health emergencies.

C. Program Exclusions

The DHHS procedures on environmental review of agency actions authorize the establishment of a categorical exclusion for programs within an agency that will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Actions taken by the following NIH organizations and their components are normally excluded from NEPA review, subject to a review for extraordinary circumstances. Actions taken by any successor organizations to those listed will also be categorically excluded. Actions taken by organizations of NIH not listed in this category may be included in other categories of excluded actions.

1. Center for Information Technology
2. Center for Scientific Review
3. Fogarty International Center
4. Office of Administration
5. Office of Communications
6. Office of Equal Opportunity
7. Office of Education
8. Office of Community Liaison
9. Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship
10. Office of Human Resources Management
11. Office of Financial Management
12. Office of Technology Transfer
13. Office of Program Coordination
14. National Library of Medicine

D. Extraordinary Circumstances

Consistent with CEQ's regulations, environmental review is required for all NIH actions involving extraordinary circumstances. Following are examples of extraordinary circumstances that may apply to specific NIH actions.

1. Greater scope of size than other actions included within a category.
2. A threatened violation of a Federal, State, or local law established for protection of the environment or for public health and safety.
3. Potential effects of the action are unique or highly uncertain.
4. Potential effect on a protected or ecologically sensitive area of land, like a wetland or floodplain.

5. Possible impact on property that is listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or that is otherwise of scientific, cultural, or historic importance or interest.

6. Possible impact on an endangered or threatened species.

7. Use of especially hazardous substances or processes for which adequate and accepted controls and safeguards and unknown or not available.

8. Substantial and reasonable controversy exists about the environmental effects of the action.

Dated: August 11, 1999.

Ruth L. Kirschstein,

Acting Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4446-C-05]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request Welfare to Work: A Comprehensive Guide of Welfare to Work Resources and Services; Correction

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On August 12, 1999, HUD published a paperwork notice requiring employers in "eight cities" to provide helpful information on securing and training welfare recipients as workers instead of "six cities". This notice corrects the error.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maxine Wallace, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St., Washington DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2186, ext. 4385. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Accordingly, FR Doc. 98-20800, Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Welfare to Work: A Comprehensive Guide of Welfare to Work Resources and Services (FR-4446-N-04), published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 1999 (64 FR 44038), is corrected as follows:

On page 44039, first column, under the heading "*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:*" the sentence is revised to read as follows: Information collection is required to provide employers in six (6) cities (Baltimore, Miami, Cleveland, East Texas, Philadelphia, and San Francisco)

with helpful information on securing and training welfare recipients as workers.

Dated: August 16, 1999.

Camille E. Acevedo,

Assistant General Counsel for Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4298-N-06]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring, 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 date: October 19, 1999.

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: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ira G. Peppercorn, Director, Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance and Restructuring, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-3000 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting 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 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: Multifamily Housing Mortgage and Housing Assistance Restructuring Program (Mark to Market) Interim Program Regulations.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0533.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Permanent program to analyze and reduce rents and mortgages on multifamily properties with FHA insurance and Section 8 project-based assistance, whose Section 8 rents exceed market rents. The program reduces Section 8 rents to market and restructures debt as necessary.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: N/A.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated number of respondents is 1595, frequency of responses is 1, and the hours of response is 420.25 hours per response.

Status of the proposed information collection: Ongoing for the next 3 years.

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

Dated: August 8, 1999.

Ira G. Peppercorn,

Director, Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance and Restructuring.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4441-N-46]

Submission for OMB Review: Hispanic-serving Institutions Assisting Communities Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Provides for competitive grants to Hispanic-serving colleges and universities to undertake CDBG-eligible activities to expand their role and effectiveness in helping their communities with neighborhood