

from the hospital, often 6 to 8 weeks after birth), and a postdischarge stage (from discharge home to approximately 1 year). Is there scientific evidence to support more than one set of micronutrient requirements for infant formulas to support healthy growth and development of the preterm infant at the different stages of development? Are the micronutrient requirements for term infant formulas sufficient for thriving postdischarge preterm infants?

(3) What is the scientific evidence to support a dietary recommendation for a minimum and a maximum quantitative nutrient concentration for selenium, chromium, molybdenum, and fluoride in preterm infant formulas? What limits of intake would ensure safe and adequate exposure to these nutrients? Is there a need to specify the chemical form or other characteristics of these nutrients or their sources to ensure safety and adequacy?

(4) Certain micronutrient interactions, such as vitamin E:linoleic acid, vitamin B6:protein, and calcium:phosphorus, have been identified for full-term infants which have helped to ensure the adequacy of full-term formulas. Are there micronutrient interactions that can be identified for preterm infants that will help to ensure the nutrient adequacy of infant formulas for this population? Are there recommended ratios for metal cations? Is the evidence of interaction between these minerals sufficiently strong to suggest that the ratios should be ensured for the health of preterm infants?

(5) In an earlier task under this contract (61 FR 58566, November 15, 1996), LSRO/ASNS agreed to investigate whether there is evidence of a benefit to preterm infants from ingestion of taurine and carnitine, as well as whether there is evidence that would provide a basis for a requirement for minimal intakes of each of these substances. Is there adequate evidence of benefit of other substances not listed in this notice to support a requirement for their inclusion in preterm infant formulas?

LSRO/ASNS will use these questions as a guide in its investigation. ASNS will prepare a comprehensive final report that documents and summarizes the results of its evaluation.

FDA and ASNS are announcing that the LSRO/ASNS expects to hold a public meeting on this topic on Friday, March 27, 1998. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. It is anticipated that the public meeting will be up to 1 day, depending on the number of requests to make oral presentations. Requests to make oral presentations at the open meeting must be submitted in writing and received by

Friday, February 13, 1998. Written requests to make oral presentations of scientific data, information, and views at the open meeting should be submitted both to Daniel J. Raiten (address above) and to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of the material to be presented must be submitted to each office on or before March 20, 1998. The open meeting will be held in the Chen Auditorium, Lee Bldg., ASNS (address above).

FDA and ASNS are also inviting submission of written presentations of scientific data, information, and views. These materials should be submitted on or before July 1, 1998. Two copies of the written materials must be submitted to each office.

In accordance with its contract with FDA, ASNS will provide the agency with a scientific report on or about September 30, 1998.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

**William K. Hubbard,**  
Associate Commissioner for Policy  
Coordination.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

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

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 1—Chapter 27, Section 2721, 2722 and 2725, Request for Exception to ESRD Composite Rates and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 413.170; *Form No.:* HCFA-9044 (OMB# 0938-0296); *Use:* Sections 2721, 2722 and 2525 of the Provider Reimbursement Manual describe the information ESRD facilities must submit in justifying an exception request to their composite rate for outpatient dialysis services.; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions and Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 275; *Total Annual Responses:* 275; *Total Annual Hours:* 13,200.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/reg/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

**John P. Burke III,**  
HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of

1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

**PRT-838053**

*Applicant:* Ohio Division of Wildlife, Columbus, Ohio; Michael J. Budzik, Chief.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and breed in captivity) Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*). Capture will occur in Allegan County, Michigan, and captive breeding will occur at The Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, Ohio. Activities are proposed for the purpose of preparation for future reestablishment of populations in historical areas of the species' range for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

**PRT-838055**

*Applicant:* Ecological Specialists, Inc., St. Peters, Missouri; Heidi L. Dunn, President.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release; relocate) Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*) and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin in the Mississippi River and all its tributary rivers. Activities are proposed for the purpose of presence/absence surveys and relocation aimed at survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

**PRT-838056**

*Applicant:* Joseph R. Holomuzki, Ohio State University—Mansfield, Mansfield, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Hungerford's crawling water beetle (*Brychius hungerfordi*) in the Cheyobogan River watershed, Michigan. Activities are proposed for the purpose of scientific research aimed at survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

**PRT-838058**

*Applicant:* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Analysis Branch, Memphis, Tennessee; Kristin J. Pelizza, principal investigator.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) fat pocketbook [*Potamilus (=Proptera) capax*], pink mucket pearlymussel [*Lampsilis abrupta (=orbiculata)*], and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) in the following counties in Missouri: Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, New Madrid, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne. Activities are proposed to document presence or absence of the species for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

**PRT-838059**

*Applicant:* David E. Kamms, Parma, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (salvage dead shells) of the following species: clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), cracking pearlymussel [*Hemistena (=Lastena) lata*], Curtis' pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (Dysnomia) florentina curtisii*], fanshell [*Cyprogenia stegaria (=irrorata)*], fat pocketbook [*Potamilus (=Proptera) plenum*], Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*), northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*), orange-foot pimple back pearlymussel (*Plethobasus cooperianus*), pink mucket pearlymussel [*Lampsilis abrupta (=orbiculata)*], purple cat's paw pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (=Dysnomia) obliquata obliquata (=sulcata sulcata)*], ring pink (=golf stick pearly) mussel (*Obovaria retusa*), rough pigtoe (*Pleurobema plenum*), tubercled-blossom pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (=Dysnomia) torulosa torulosa*], turgid-blossom pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (=Dysnomia) turgidula*], white cat's paw pearlymussel [*Epioblasma (=Dysnomia) obliquata perobliqua*], white wartyback pearlymussel (*Plethobasus cicatricosus*), and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) in the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Activities are proposed for the purpose of scientific research aimed at survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

**PRT-838062**

*Applicant:* Paul R. Burton, Ephraim, Wisconsin.

The applicant requests a permit to take (salvage dead specimens; capture, harass by holding and examination, and release of live specimens) Hine's emerald dragonfly (*Somatochlora hineana*) in Door County, Wisconsin. Activities are proposed to document the morphology of the species for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations,

1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/725-3536 x224); FAX: (612/725-3526).

Dated: January 8, 1998.

**Matthias A. Kerschbaum,**

*Acting Assistant Regional Director, IL, IN, MO (Ecological Services), Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit**

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

*Applicant:* The Field Museum, Chicago, IL, PRT-838179.

The applicant requests a permit to import tissue samples from Cuban solenodon (*Solenodon cubanus*) and Haitian solenodon (*Solenodon paradoxus*) from the collection of the Academia de Ciencias de Cuba for the purpose of scientific research. This notice covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of five years.

*Applicant:* The Field Museum, Chicago, IL, PRT-838206.

The applicant requests a permit to re-export scientific specimens of the red uakari (*Cacajao calvus*) borrowed from the Swedish Museum of Natural History for purpose of scientific research.

*Applicant:* College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, PRT-838219.

The applicant requests a permit to import plasma samples taken from captive-hatched Galapagos tortoise (*Geochelone nigra*) at the Charles Darwin Research Station, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador for the purpose of scientific research.

*Applicant:* Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, PRT-838246.

The applicant requests a permit to import skin and skeletal material from eight mouse lemurs (*Microcebus sp.*) collected from the wild for the purpose of scientific research related to taxonomic studies.

*Applicant:* John M. La Sala, Seaford, NY PRT-838205.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus*