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Dated: April 30, 1998.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Contract Review Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), announcement is made of the following technical review committee to meet during the month of May 1998:

Name: Technical Review Committee on the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research SBIR Topic 2000—Assisting Chronic Care Management.

Date and Time: May 15, 1998, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Place: DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Conference Room: TBA, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

This meeting will be closed to the public.

Purpose: The Technical Review Committee's charge is to provide, on behalf of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) Contracts Review Committee, recommendations to the Administrator, AHCPR, regarding the technical merit of contract proposals submitted in response to a specific Request for Proposals regarding the AHCRP Research Topic 2000, SBIR—Assisting Chronic Care Management, that was published in the Commerce Business Daily on January 20, 1998.

The purpose of these contracts is to study and determine factors important in self care of chronic disease, and the role these factors play in determining the categories of skills and information needed for chronic care management and whether the kinds of information needed differs by population groups. In Phase I of the SBIR program, contractors are to examine, evaluate, and report on the scientific,technical and commercial merit and feasibility of a proposed research or R&D plan related to the above-described topic. Reported findings under Phase I will be considered in determining the availability of funds for the proposed research or research and development as Phase II.

Agenda: The Committee meeting will be devoted entirely to the technical review and evaluation of contract proposals submitted in response to the above-reference Request for Proposals.

The Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this meeting will not be open to the public. This action is necessary to safeguard confidential proprietary information and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals that may be revealed during this meeting, and to protect the free exchange of views, and avoid undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

This is in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, implementing regulations, 41 CFR 101–6.1023 and procurement regulations, 48 CFR 315.604(d).

Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Sandra Robinson, Center for Quality Measurement & Improvement, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 501, Rockville, Maryland 20852, telephone (301) 594–1349.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Project: Early Head Start Evaluation.

OMB No: New Request.

Description: The Head Start Reauthorization Act of 1994 established a special initiative creating funding for services for families with infants and toddlers. In response the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) designed the Early Head Start (EHS) program. In September 1995, ACYF awarded grants to 68 local programs to serve families with infants and toddlers. ACYF has subsequently awarded grants to an additional 107 local programs, for a total of 175 EHS programs.

EHS programs are designed to produce outcomes in four domains: (1) Child development, (2) family development, (3) staff development, and (4) community development. The Reauthorization required that this new initiative be evaluated. To study the effect of the initiative, ACYF awarded a contract through a competitive procurement to Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (MPR) with a subcontract to Columbia University's Center for Young Children and Families. The evaluation will be carried out from October 1, 1995 through September 30, 2000. Data collection activities that are the subject of this **Federal Register** notice are intended for the third and final phase of the EHS evaluation.

The sample for the child and family assessments will be approximately 3,000 families who include a pregnant woman or a child under 12 months of age, in 17 EHS study sites. Each family will be randomly assigned to a treatment group or a control group. The sample for the child care assessments will include the primary child care provider for the focal child in each of the 3,000 study sample families. The surveys and assessments will be conducted through computer-assisted telephone and personal interviewing, pencil and paper self-administered questionnaires, structured observations and videotaping. All data collection instruments have been designed to minimize the burden on respondents by minimizing interviewing and assessment time. Participation in the study is voluntary and confidential.

The information will be used by government managers, Congress and others to identify the features and evaluate the effectiveness of the EHS program.

Respondents: Applicants to the Early Head Start program and child care providers for Early Head Start families and control group families.

Annual Burden Estimates:

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
36-Month Parent Interview, Child Assessment, and Videotaping Protocol	576	1	2.0	1,152
Child Care Provider Interview:				
Child Care Centers:				
Center Directors	161	1	.25	40
Direct Provider	161	1	.17	27
Classroom Staff	161	1	.17	27
Family Child Care Providers	40	1	.5	20

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Family Provider Assistants	9	1	.17	1
Relative Care Providers	113	1	.5	57
Relative Provider Assistants	25	1	.17	4
Child Care Provider Observation Protocol:				
Child Care Centers:				
Family Child Care Providers	161	1	2	321
Relative Care Providers	40	1	2	79
	113	1	2	227
Staff Questionnaire	190	1	1	190
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours	.....	.....	.....	2,146

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained by writing to The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20047, Attn.: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by title.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance to quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted on or before July 6, 1998.

Dated April 30, 1998.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98F–0291]

Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the expanded safe use of sodium 2,2′-methylenebis(4,6-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphate as a clarifying agent in olefin polymers intended for use in contact with food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 8B4592) has been filed by Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K., 5–2–13, Shirahata, Urawa City, Saitama 336, Japan. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3295 *Clarifying agents for polymers* (21 CFR 178.3295) to provide for the expanded safe use of sodium 2,2′-methylenebis(4,6-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphate as a clarifying agent in olefin polymers intended for use in contact with food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of the type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: April 24, 1998.

Laura M. Tarantino,

Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98F–0290]

The Dow Chemical Company; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that The Dow Chemical Co., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of certain olefin basic copolymers, derived from ethylene and alpha monomers with eight or fewer carbon atoms, as articles or as components of articles intended for use in contact with food.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1–23, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hortense S. Macon, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–205), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 8B4586) has been filed by the Dow Chemical Co., 2030 Dow Center, Midland, MI 48674. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 177.1520 Olefin polymers (21 CFR 177.1520) to provide for the safe use of certain olefin basic copolymers derived from ethylene and alpha olefin monomers with eight or fewer carbon atoms, as articles or as