an amount appropriated for FY 1998. As FY 1998 funds, they will be subject to all of the requirements of the Act, including section 2607(b)(2), which requires that a grantee must obligate 90 percent of its total block grant allocation for a fiscal year by the end of the fiscal year for which the funds are appropriated, that is, by September 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Fox, Director, Division of Energy Assistance, Office of Community Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447; telephone (202) 401–9351.

Dated: September 18, 1998.

Donald Sykes,

Director, Office of Community Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Food Safety Risk Assessment Clearinghouse; Postponement of Open Technical Workshop

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) are announcing postponement of an open technical workshop on the formation of a Food Safety Risk Assessment Clearinghouse originally scheduled for October 5 and 6, 1998 (63 FR 40530, July 29, 1998). The workshop is being postponed due to scheduling conflicts as well as the need for further research to assure that the technical workshop will be effective at soliciting input into the clearinghouse framework document.

Date and Time: The technical workshop will be rescheduled for early 1999.

Registration: Notification of postponement and the new workshop date will be sent to all preregistered parties. To be automatically notified of the new workshop date, please contact Jacqueline M. Williams, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–315), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–205–4224, FAX 202–205–4422, or monitor on-line at ''http://www.life.umd.edu/jifsan/chouse.html''.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valerie M. Davis (FDA) or Roberta Morales, VA–MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 20742–3711, 301–935–6083, ext. 158, FAX 301–935–0149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The May 1997 Report to the President on the National Food Safety Initiative described the need to establish a clearinghouse that would collect and catalogue available data and methodology pertinent to microbial risk-assessment offered by the private sector, trade associations, Federal and State agencies, and international sources. The goals of the clearinghouse would be to consolidate research data and methodology from public and proprietary sources, assist in coordinating research activities, identify gaps in needed research, and assist in the development of microbial risk assessment models.

An open meeting was held on August 7, 1998, which provided an overview of risk assessment, introduced the concept of a risk assessment clearinghouse, and identified and solicited the needs of potential users. Input of potential users from Federal and local government, academia, private industry, and consumer groups in attendance at the meeting are still being evaluated but several general observations are evident: (1) There is widespread interest and support for the clearinghouse among all groups; (2) it is critical to involve interested parties at every stage in the development of the clearinghouse; (3) educational efforts to explain the role of risk assessment in food safety decisionmaking should continue; and (4) the risk assessment clearinghouse must provide access to information in areas of risk management and food safety that would be useful to a broad cross section of users.

Summaries from focus group discussions and raw data collected from the participants in the August 7, 1998, open meeting entitled ''Risk Assessment Clearinghouse: Users and Needs'' will be posted on the World Wide Web (WWW) at ''http://www.life.umd.edu/jifsan/chouse.html''. Those accessing the website will be able to submit further input directly on the website. In addition, the draft clearinghouse framework document, intended to be the focal point of the upcoming technical workshop, will be posted on the WWW at ''http://www.life.umd.edu/jifsan/chouse.html''. Comments are encouraged and input will be accepted directly on the website. The new date and location of this workshop will be announced on the previously mentioned WWW address.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committee: Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on October 8, 1998, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and October 9, 1998, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Corporate Bldg., conference room 020B, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Hany W. Demian, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ–410), Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850, 301–594–2036, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12521. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On October 8, 1998, the committee will consider issues relating to the study and evaluation of spinal device assemblies. In the context of a preliminary background document entitled ''Guidance Document for the Preparation of IDE's for Spinal Assemblies,'' the committee will be asked to address scientific issues pertaining to the development of investigational device exemptions (IDE's) applications for spinal device assemblies. This will include inclusion/exclusion criteria, type of control(s), study endpoints, and length of followup. Single copies of the preliminary background document are available to the public by contacting the Division of Small Manufacturers

Assistance (DSMA), Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 1–800–638–2041 or 301–443–6597, or by FAX 301–443–8818 and requesting by shelf number 2250.

On October 9, 1998, the committee will discuss, make recommendations, and vote on a premarket approval application for a cancellous bone cement.

Procedure: On October 8, 1998, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on October 9, 1998, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by October 1, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on October 8, 1998, and between approximately 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. on October 9, 1998. Near the end of committee deliberations on both days, a 30-minute open public hearing will be conducted for interested persons to address issues specific to the submission before the committee. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person by October 1, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Closed Presentation of Data: On October 8, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the meeting will be closed to the public to permit the committee to hear and review trade secret and/or confidential commercial information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)) on IDE's.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On October 8, 1998, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the meeting will be closed to the public to permit FDA to present to the committee trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)) regarding present and future FDA issues.

FDA regrets that it was unable to publish this notice 15 days prior to the October 8 and 9, 1998, Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring these issues to public discussion and qualified members of the Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: September 22, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Minerals Management Advisory Board; Notice of Renewal Revision

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Minerals Management Advisory Board notice of renewal/revision.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix). Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior is renewing the Minerals Management Advisory Board Charter and revising it to reflect minor membership changes in the Royalty Policy Committee and the Alaska Outer Continental Shelf Region Offshore Advisory Committee. The charter for the OCS Scientific Committee is expanded to include the OCS Sand and Gravel Program.

The purpose of the Minerals Management Advisory Board is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior and other officers of the Department in the performance of discretionary functions of the OCS Lands Act, as amended, including all aspects of leasing, exploration, development, and protection of the resources of the OCS. The Board also advises the Department on discretionary functions under the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982, the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, the mineral leasing laws for coal and other solid mineral leases.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information regarding the Committee may be obtained from Terry Holman, Program Management Officer, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

Certification of Statement

I hereby certify that the renewal and revision of the Minerals Management Advisory Board Charter is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by 43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq., 30 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., and 30 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has completed a Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment and associated Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness, Ajo, Arizona. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued consequent to the issuance of the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA). The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy: (1) to advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the documents, and (2) to obtain input, comments, and suggestions with respect to the Service's proposed management objectives and strategies detailed in the draft CCP document.

Approval of the Programmatic EA constitutes the definition of appropriate management approaches leading to the achievement of the refuge's purposes and mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. It is out of this basic approach that draft CCP objectives and strategies were developed and attached to the Programmatic EA. The proposed management changes include, but are not necessarily limited to the following approaches:

- A continuation of access to refuge lands by permit only;
- Reclamation of Childs Mountain Summit resulting in the net reduction of development footprint from 5 acres to less than 1 acre (400% reduction) as part of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ARSR–4 Radar Construction project. [FAA FONSI /Record of Decision (ROD) dated Jan. 22,