

Mexico. This report identifies and evaluates methods to reduce nutrient loads to surface water, ground water, and the Gulf of Mexico.

TOPIC 6—Evaluation of economic costs and benefits of methods for reducing nutrient loads to the Gulf of Mexico. In addition to evaluating the social and economic costs and benefits of the methods identified in topic 5, this analysis includes an assessment of various incentive programs and any anticipated fiscal benefits generated for those attempting to reduce sources.

The reports may be reached via either the EPA or NOS websites: at <<http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/>>; <[http://www.nos.noaa.gov/Products/pubs\\_online.html](http://www.nos.noaa.gov/Products/pubs_online.html)>; or contact those listed above for information on how to obtain the reports.

Dated: April 29, 1999

**Robert Wayland,**

*Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notice of Proposed Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675, notice is hereby given that a proposed purchaser agreement ("Purchaser Agreement") associated with the McAdoo Associates Superfund Site, Blaine Street Location in the Borough of McAdoo, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was executed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice and is now subject to public comment, after which the United States may modify or withdraw its consent if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the Purchaser Agreement is inappropriate, improper,

or inadequate. The Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential EPA claims under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, against Albert P. Mertz, More Mobility Inc. and Mobility Distributing, Inc. ("Purchasers"). The settlement would require the Purchasers to, among other things, pay \$500.00 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Purchaser Agreement to the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund and provide access to EPA and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and all other persons performing response actions under EPA or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania oversight.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed Purchaser Agreement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 3, 1999.

**AVAILABILITY:** The proposed Purchaser Agreement and additional background information relating to the proposed Purchaser Agreement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. A copy of the proposed Purchaser Agreement may be obtained from Suzanne Canning, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Docket Clerk (3RC00), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Comments should reference the "McAdoo Associates Superfund Site, Blaine Street Location Proposed Purchaser Agreement" and "EPA Docket No. III-98-080-DC," and should be forwarded to Suzanne Canning at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lydia Isales (3RC00), Sr. Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Phone: (215) 814-2648.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

**Stanley L. Laskowski,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Center of Excellence for Information Technology (CEIT)

**AGENCY:** Office of Information Technology, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for approval of a new information collection entitled Center of Excellence for Information Technology (CEIT).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a new information collection concerning Center of Excellence for Information Technology (CEIT).

**DATES:** Comment Due Date: June 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, Room 3235, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503 and also may be submitted to Marjorie Ashby, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pat Smith, Office of Information Technology, (202) 501-0837.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Purpose

The GSA is requesting the Office of Management and Budget to approve a new information collection concerning Center of Excellence for Information Technology (CEIT). The Center of Excellence for Information Technology (CEIT) will serve as a clearinghouse for best practices in information technology applications in both the public and private sectors. Current plans are to partner with leading Information Technology (IT) industry companies to establish a Center that provides innovative demonstrations of technology at work. Initial IT applications featured in the CEIT will focus on the use of web-enabled technologies to perform administrative functions and to deliver interagency transaction-based services through an Access America Seniors website.

#### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 400; annual responses: 400; average hours per response: .15; burden hours: 60.

**COPY OF PROPOSAL:** A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501-3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-3341.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

**Ida M. Ustad,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

**Name:** National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality.

**Time and Date:** 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., May 19, 1999; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., May 20, 1999.

**Place:** Room 405A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20201.

**Status:** Open.

**Purpose:** At this meeting, the Subcommittee will hear panel presentations on selected confidentiality issues. On the first day, a panel discussion is planned on the flow of health information between employers and insurers and related issues of data access and confidentiality. A second panel of privacy advocates will discuss their views on these topics. On the second day, the Subcommittee will hear a panel discussion of pharmacy benefit management firms and their information practices.

**Notice:** In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card will need to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Gail Horlick, M.S.W., J.D., Lead Staff Person for the NCVHS Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality, Office of Research and Demonstrations, Health Care Financing Administration, MS-C4-13-01, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850, telephone (410)-786-6620; or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 436-7050. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>, where an

agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

Dated: April 28, 1999.

**James Scanlon,**

*Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

*Chang-Fen Huang, Ph.D., State University of New York at Stony Brook (SUNY-SB):* Based on an investigation conducted by SUNY-SB dated December 18, 1997, ORI finds that Dr. Huang, former graduate student, Department of Biochemistry, SUNY-SB, engaged in scientific misconduct in the reporting and conducting of research supported by a grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Specifically, ORI finds that:

(1) Dr. Huang falsely mislabeled and relabeled six autoradiographs of Northern blots (ARG) that she had obtained from earlier unrelated experiments to make them appear to have come from several different and separate experiments.

(2) For one of the sets noted in (1) above, Dr. Huang falsified and misrepresented portions of the ARG in panel B of figure 1, in C.F. Huang et al. "Depolarization-transcription signals in skeletal muscle use calcium flux through L channels, but bypass the sarcoplasmic reticulum." *Neuron* 13:167-177, 1994. Figure 1B purported to show the effect of electrical activity on the expression of genes for subunits of the acetyl choline receptor, but actually used data derived from a separate and unrelated experiment showing the effect of phorbol esters on the expression of the myogenin gene that had been previously reported in an unrelated publication. The publication was retracted at *Neuron* 13(1):1294, 1998.

(3) For one of the sets noted in (1) above, Dr. Huang falsified and misrepresented Figure VII/7, an aggregate ARG, on page 159 of her

dissertation, "Studies of the Signaling Pathway Coupling Membrane Depolarization and AchR Gene Inactivation in Chick Skeletal Muscle," December 1993. The figure reported the effect of a set of calcium-active agents on the sarcoplasmic reticulum that were different from those studied for the original ARG.

Dr. Huang has accepted the ORI finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in which she has voluntarily agreed, for the three (3) year period beginning April 20, 1999:

(1) To exclude herself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76 (Debarment Regulations); and

(2) to exclude herself from serving in any advisory capacity to the Public Health Service (PHS), including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research Integrity 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330.

**Chris B. Pascal,**

*Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

#### Nomination of Topics for Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs)

The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) invites a third round of nominations of topics for evidence reports and technology assessments relating to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of common diseases and clinical conditions. AHCPR's first request for topic nominations was published in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 1996. AHCPR's second request was published in the **Federal Register** on November 28, 1997.

With this third round of nominations, AHCPR is expanding the range of topics that may be submitted. In addition to nominations of topics for assessments and evidence reports on specific health care technologies and medical