

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
New Hire Survey	54	4	.5	108

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 108.

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer.

OMB Comment: OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street, N.W., Attn: Ms. Wendy Taylor.

Dated: September 25, 1998.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Children's Bureau; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Children's Bureau.

NAME: Kinship Care Advisory Panel.

DATE AND TIME: October 5, 1998, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; October 6, 1998, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland, University College, University Boulevard at Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20742.

SUMMARY: The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-89) signed into law on November 19, 1997, includes a section requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services to prepare a report to the Congress on children in foster care who are placed in the care of a relative. Section 303 of Pub. L. 105-89 requires the Secretary, in consultation with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of

Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate, to convene an advisory panel on kinship care to review an initial report and advise the Secretary on the extent to which children in foster care are placed in the care of a relative.

The reports will be based on the comments submitted by the advisory panel and will include policy recommendations from the Secretary. The Secretary shall present the report to the Congress by June 1, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are open to the public and are barrier free. Meeting records will also be open to the public and will be kept at the Switzer Building located at 330 "C" Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447.

This meeting notice is late due to the problems in identifying a meeting location.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Geneva Ware-Rice, Switzer Building, 330 "C" Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447, 202-205-8305.

Dated: September 25, 1998.

Carol W. Williams,

Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98N-0776]

Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997; Allergenic Patch Test Kits; Request for Comments or Data

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting any comments, information, or data regarding topically applied allergenic products used for the diagnosis of Type IV allergies (also referred to as delayed hypersensitivity or cell-mediated immune reactions). FDA is gathering this information in response to a House Report, which accompanied the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (FDAMA), requesting the

Secretary, Health and Human Services (HHS), in consultation with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), FDA, medical experts, and manufacturers to conduct a study of topically applied allergenic products (patch tests) used for the diagnosis of Type IV allergies. The results of this study will be submitted to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

DATES: Submit any written comments or data by November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit any written comments or data to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen M. Ripley, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-17), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-1448, 301-827-6210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On November 21, 1997, the President signed FDAMA into law (Pub. L. 105-115). The H. Rept. 105-307, section 17. Reports, which accompanied FDAMA, requested, in part, that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) in consultation with NIOSH, FDA, medical experts, and manufacturers, conduct a study of topically applied allergenic products used for the diagnosis of Type IV allergies (patch tests) and submit a report on the results of the study to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources. It was requested to the extent feasible, that the report should: (1) Examine the extent of allergic skin reactions and contact dermatitis in the workplace; (2) assess the current availability of topically applied allergic products used for the diagnosis of Type IV allergies (patch tests), compared with their availability in the 1980's and with their availability in other countries; and (3) list by year, since 1970, the number of adverse reaction reports filed with FDA resulting from the use of topically applied allergenic products used for the diagnosis of Type IV allergies and describe, to the extent possible, whether those adverse reactions resulted from

commercial allergens or allergens that were individually prepared by a patient, physician, pharmacist, or other person. The report is to be submitted within 1 year of the enactment of FDAMA.

II. Discussion

Contact dermatitis is the most common, nontrauma-related, occupational illness in the United States. Occupational contact dermatitis results from skin contact with an agent found in a workplace setting. The dermatitis can be clinically evident as an acute, subacute, or chronic condition. It can be further classified as an irritant contact dermatitis or as an allergic contact dermatitis, a Type IV, delayed or cell-mediated, immune reaction. The principal diagnostic tools for dermatologists, allergists, and other physicians attempting to diagnose and determine the cause(s) of allergic dermatitis are the patch test kits, which are regulated by FDA as biological products.

In recent years, the licensing of allergenic patch test kits by FDA has been the subject of discussion. One of the issues that has been discussed, and is part of the study, includes the availability or supply of patch test kits and of specific allergens in those kits. In response to the House Report, FDA is working with NIOSH to conduct the requested study and gather any information on patch test kits. FDA is also seeking public input from the medical community, manufacturers, and other experts via this **Federal Register** notice. FDA will consider this information in preparation of the report.

III. Submissions

Interested persons may submit by November 2, 1998, any comments, information, or data responsive to the above content of the report to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of any comments, information, or data are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments and data should be identified with the docket number found in the brackets in the heading of this document. All information submitted will be placed on public display and will be subject to public disclosure. Trade secrets and confidential information, as well as information that could be used to identify persons, such as individual patients whose privacy should be maintained, should be deleted before the information is submitted. All received comments and data are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9

a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: September 23, 1998.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Notice of Availability and Opening of Comment Period for an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for the 160-Acre Lazy K Bar Ranch in Pima County, AZ

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice: Issuance of an incidental take permit for a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice of the availability of an EA/HCP for the Lazy K Bar Ranch in Pima County, Arizona. LKB, LLC (Applicant) has applied to the Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE 2796-0. The requested permit, which is in perpetuity, would authorize incidental take in the form of habitat loss and harassment of the endangered cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*). The proposed take on 160-acres of private land would occur from resort/guest ranch and/or residential land uses on the Lazy K Bar Ranch, Pima County, Arizona.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Tom Gatz, Acting Field Supervisor, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021, (602-640-2720; Fax 602-640-2730). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Phoenix, Arizona. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Phoenix, Arizona (see address above). Please refer to permit number TE 2796-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Gatz or Angela Brooks at the above Arizona Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of threatened and endangered species such as the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened or endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of two alternatives, including the proposed action. Two other alternatives were explored, but were rejected as unworkable. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the incidental take permit and implementation of the HCP as submitted by the Applicant. The HCP provides conservation measures to minimize take and conserve Plan Species habitats within the project area. The HCP also provides funding for monitoring of Plan Species populations and habitats and for its implementation.

APPLICANT: LKB, LLC proposes to purchase the Lazy K Bar Ranch from its current owner and develop 50 residential lots on the 160-acre . The anticipated incidental take will be limited to harassment of up to two adult cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (and their young) that may be associated with any construction activities within the subject property and loss of approximately 31 acres of potential habitat from proposed residential development. The Lazy K Bar Ranch is located in Pima County, northwest of Tucson, Arizona.