

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) the necessity of the proposed collections for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Copies of these proposed collections plans can be obtained from the AHCPR Reports Clearance Officer (see above).

Dated: November 19, 1998.

John M. Eisenberg,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Suspension of Site Registration Fee for Facilities Transferring or Receiving Select Agents**

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is announcing the suspension of the site registration fee for facilities registered under (42 CFR 72.6). (Additional Requirements for Facilities Transferring or Receiving Select Agents; Final Rule).

DATES: Effective date is November 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laboratory Registration/Select Agent Transfer (LR/SAT) Program, Office of Health and Safety, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mail Stop F-05, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-4418, LR/SAT Program website at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/lrsat.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: "The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996," Pub. L. 104-132, (42 U.S.C. 262) note, enacted on April 24, 1996, established new provisions to

regulate transfer of certain biological agents and toxins (i.e., select agents), and required HHS to issue rules to implement these provisions. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 1996, and became effective April 15, 1997. To comply with the final rule, commercial suppliers of select agents, as well as government agencies, universities, research institutions, and private companies that transfer these agents, must register with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In return for the registration, facilities are responsible for paying a site registration fee. (42 CFR 72.6(a)(2)(iv)).

CDC calculated the direct costs to manage the program, and in a **Federal Register** Notice dated April 14, 1997, announced those fees. (**Federal Register** notice, April 14, 1997, Vol. 62, No. 71:18134-5). Many facilities wishing to register expressed concern that the fees were high and constituted a substantial burden, particularly for small facilities with limited and inflexible budgets. The CDC has reviewed the situation and has determined that for Fiscal Year 1999, funds are available within the agency budget to defray the site registration fee.

Suspension of Site Registration Fee for Facilities Transferring or Receiving Select Agents: Effective November 27, 1998, the site registration fee schedule for all facilities will be suspended. Facilities registered between April 15, 1997, and the effective date of this notice will be contacted by CDC with information regarding the refunding of the site registration fee. The decision as to whether to impose registration fees will be re-evaluated annually to determine whether appropriated funds may be used to cover registration costs.

The site registration will still cover a three year time period. All applications for registration of facilities under this regulation should be mailed to: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office of Health and Safety, Laboratory Registration/Select Agent Transfer Program, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mail Stop F-05, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

CDC will mail applications to all facilities that express an interest. Questions about this notice and requests for application packages should be faxed to CDC, Office of Health and Safety, telephone (404) 639-0880 or sent by e-mail (lrsat@cdc.gov).

Dated: November 20, 1998.

Joseph R. Carter,

Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance of Blood Lead Levels in Childhood Grantees**

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

Name: State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance of Blood Lead Levels in Children Grantees.

Times and Dates: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., February 1, 1999. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., February 2, 1999. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., February 3, 1999. 9 a.m.-12 noon, February 4, 1999.

Place: Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort and Conference Center, 715 South Gulfview Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, Florida, 33767, telephone 813/447-9566.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 140 people.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for childhood lead poisoning prevention coordinators and data administrators to review program progress and discuss prevention issues and concerns.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include screening issues; surveillance systems issues; alternative methods of surveillance; data release; coalition building; healthy homes; STELLAR; GIS; and program evaluation. There will be information presented regarding computer programming issues and how it is related to data analysis, and the use of data to make decisions.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Claudette Grant-Joseph, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F-42, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-7330.

Persons wishing to make written or oral comments at the meeting should notify the contact person in writing or by telephone no later than close of business January 20, 1999. Requests to make oral comments should contain the name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation of the presenter. Depending on the time available and the number of requests to make oral comments, it may be necessary to limit the time of each presenter.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated the

authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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John C. Burckhardt,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance of Blood Lead Levels in Children new and competing Grantees Pre-application Workshop

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

Name: State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance of Blood Lead Levels in Children new Grantees Pre-application workshop.

Time and Date: 2 p.m.-5 p.m., January 31, 1999.

Place: Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort and Conference Center, 715 South Gulfview Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, Florida, 33767, telephone 813-447-9566.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for childhood lead poisoning prevention coordinators to address issues and concerns relating to the FY99 program announcement and application process.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include FY99 program announcement and processes related to the completion of applications for FY99 funds.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Claudette Grant-Joseph, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F-42, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-7330.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Workshop on the Potential for Transfusion-Transmission of Tickborne Agents

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces an open meeting concerning the potential for transfusion-transmission of tickborne agents.

Name: Workshop on the Potential for Transfusion-Transmission of Tickborne Agents.

Times and Dates: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., January 14, 1999. 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., January 15, 1999.

Place: Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: The objectives of this meeting are to review current information on tickborne pathogens and their potential for transmission by blood transfusion; identify information gaps and research priorities; and identify approaches to reduce the risk of transfusion-related infections from tickborne agents.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items will include:

1. Epidemiology of Major Tickborne Diseases
2. Mechanics of Transmission to the Human Host
3. Pathogenesis, Clinical Disease, and Persistence of the Organism in Human Host
4. Persistence, Detection, Inactivation of Organisms in Blood and Blood Products
5. Studies in Donors and Recipients
7. Department of Defense Perspective/Special Studies
8. Blood Banking Perspective of Transfusion Transmission of Tickborne Agents
9. Panel Discussion

Other agenda items include announcements/introductions; question and answer sessions; and consideration of future directions, goals, and recommendations.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Written comments are welcome and should be received by the contact person listed below prior to the opening of the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Tanya Mercer, Viral & Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch, NCID, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, m/s G-13, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-1075, fax 404/639-4436.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Early Head Start Evaluation Father Study.

OMB No.: 0970-0169.

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 awarded grants to additional programs, totaling more than 290.

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 his new initiative be evaluated. To study the effect of the initiative, ACYF awarded a contract through a competitive