

credit and servicing loans, pursuant to 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 24, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than December 7, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *Mellon Bank Corporation*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Mellon Financial Markets, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in underwriting and dealing in all types of debt and equity securities on a limited basis, pursuant to the conditions set forth in 12 CFR 225.200; in agency transaction services for customer investments, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7) of Regulation Y; in investment transactions as principal, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(8) of Regulation Y; and in providing financial and investment advice, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Philippine Commercial International Bank*, Manila, Philippines; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, PCI Express Padala (Hawaii), Honolulu, Hawaii (in organization) in money remittance activities. See, *Philippine Commercial International Bank*, 77 Fed. Res. Bull. 270 (1991); *Bergen Bank A/S*, 76 Fed. Res. Bull. 457 (1990); and *Norwest Corporation*, 81 Fed. Res. Bull. 974 (1995).

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 7, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: November 27, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collection projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

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 the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information or respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and Description of Information Collection: Multi-site Evaluation of the Welfare-to-Work Grants Program—Baseline Forms—NEW—As required by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, DHHS is planning a four-year project to evaluate the effectiveness of welfare-to-work initiatives undertaken through competitive and formula grants awarded by the US Department of Labor. DHHS' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, in conjunction with DoL and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has designed an evaluation that will involve several rounds of data collection from grantees and grant program participants. The information collection instruments in this request for OMB approval consist of a sample intake form, a contact information form, and a study participation consent form to be used to gather baseline and administrative information on study participants.

Respondents: Individuals, State and Local Governments, Businesses or Other For-profit Organizations, Not-for-profit Institutions; Burden Information for the Intake Form—*Number of Respondents:* 10,000; *Number of Responses per*

Respondent: one; Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes; Total Burden for Intake Form: 830 hours—Burden Information for the Contact Information Form—Number of Respondents: 10,000; Number of Responses per Respondent: one; Average Burden per Response: 3 minutes; Total Burden for Contact Information Form: 500 hours—Burden Information for the Consent Form—Number of Respondents: 10,000; Number of Responses per Respondent: one; Average Burden per Response: 2 minutes; Total Burden for Consent Form: 330 hours. Total Burden: 1,660 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Health Impact of Chemical Exposure During the Gulf War: A Research Planning Conference

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in coordination with the Office of Public Health and Science (Department of Health and Human Services), the National Institutes of Health, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry announces the following meeting:

Name: The Health Impact of Chemical Exposures During the Gulf War: A Research Planning Conference.

Times and Dates: 8 a.m.–9 p.m., February 28, 1999. 8 a.m.–10 p.m., March 1, 1999. 8 a.m.–12 noon, March 2, 1999.

Place: Crowne Plaza Hotel—Atlanta Airport, 1325 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30344. Telephone 404/768-6660.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting space accommodates approximately 500 people.

Purpose: The purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for broad public input into the development of a multi-year research plan for investigating the relationship between chemical exposures during the Gulf War and illnesses affecting Gulf War veterans.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include a discussion of the current research

findings on the health impact of the Gulf War; a panel discussion of the experience of Gulf War veterans; possible health outcomes of low level chemical exposures; research and clinical findings regarding multiple chemical sensitivity among Gulf War veterans and civilian populations; possible mechanisms of action of chemical exposures; methodological considerations in studying the health impact of chemical exposures during the Gulf War.

Concurrent workgroups will be held to develop research recommendations in the areas of pathophysiology/etiology of illnesses among Gulf War veterans; the most appropriate methods for assessing and diagnosing the health impact of chemical exposures; the most appropriate treatment approaches; and the prevention of similar illnesses in future military deployments.

There will be a special Veterans Forum on Sunday, February 28, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. This will serve as an opportunity for veterans to provide input regarding research priorities. In addition, a social is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 1999. Additional information and registration material is available at our website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/meetings/1999/gulfwar/>.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Phillip M. Talbot, Deputy Chief, Veterans' Health Activity Working Group, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), m/s F-28, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724. Telephone 770/488-3546, e-mail, pmt0@cdc.gov.

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.

Dated: November 24, 1998.

Julia M. Fuller,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 84G-0218]

American Feed Industry Association; Withdrawal of Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a

future filing, of the petition (GRASP MF-3891) proposing affirmation that selenium (as sodium selenite or selenate) is generally recognized as safe (GRAS) when used in animal feeds as a nutritional supplement in accordance with current good manufacturing and feeding practices. The petition also proposes removal of the selenium food additive regulation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon A. Benz, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-228), Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301-827-6657.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of June 29, 1984 (49 FR 26814), FDA announced that a GRAS affirmation petition (GRASP MF-3891) had been filed by American Feed Manufacturers Association, Inc., 1701 North Fort Myer Dr., Arlington, VA 22209. The American Feed Manufacturers Association, Inc., has since changed its name and address to American Feed Industry Association, 1501 Wilson Blvd., suite 1100, Arlington, VA 22209. The petition proposed to: (1) Amend the regulations for affirmation of GRAS status in part 582 (21 CFR part 582) of Subpart F—Nutrients and/or Dietary Supplements to affirm that selenium (as sodium selenite or selenate) is GRAS when used in animal feeds as a nutritional supplement in accordance with current good manufacturing and feeding practices and (2) remove the selenium food additive regulation at 21 CFR 573.920. The American Feed Industry Association has withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing.

Dated: November 5, 1998.

Stephen F. Sundlof,

Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health; Office of the Director; Notice of Call for Nominations for the Director's Council of Public Representatives

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Federal government's primary agency for supporting and conducting medical research leading to the improvement in the nation's health, has established a new national advisory council—the Director's Council of Public Representatives (COPR). The Chair of the COPR is the Director of the National Institutes of Health. This notice lays out a process for the