

phthalates as well as nominations for future evaluations.

### Background

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences have established the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (63 FR 68782, No 239). The purpose of the Center is to provide timely and unbiased, scientifically sound evaluations of human and experimental evidence for adverse effects on reproduction, including development, caused by agents to which humans may be exposed. The goals of the individual assessments are to (1) Interpret for and provide to the general public information about the strength of scientific evidence that a given exposure or exposure circumstance poses a hazard to reproduction and the health and welfare of children; (2) provide regulatory agencies with objective and scientifically credible assessments of reproductive/development health effects associated with exposure to specific chemicals or classes of chemicals, including descriptions of any uncertainties associated with the assessment of risks; and (3) identify knowledge gaps to help establish research and testing priorities.

### Review of Phthalates

Several phthalate esters were selected for the initial evaluation by the Center. These were selected based on their high production volume, extent of human exposures, use in children's products, or published evidence of reproductive or developmental toxicity. The seven phthalates to be evaluated are listed below with their chemical Abstract Service registry numbers.

butyl benzyl phthalate (85-68-7)  
di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (117-81-7)  
di-isodecyl phthalate (26761-40-0)  
di-isononyl phthalate (28553-12-0)  
di-n-butyl phthalate (84-74-2)  
di-n-butyl phthalate (84-75-3)  
di-n-octyl phthalate (117-84-0)

It is anticipated that the evaluation of these chemicals will be conducted during August 1999 in the Washington, DC area. An expert panel of 12-15 scientists selected for their expertise in various aspects of reproductive toxicology and other relevant areas will conduct the review. The review will be open to the public with an opportunity scheduled for oral public comment. For further information regarding the review, including the time and place, please contact: Dr. John Moore, CERHR, 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314-2808, Phone: (703) 838-9440.

### Request for Public Comment on Phthalates

The Center invites public comment on the phthalates listed above, including toxicology information from completed or ongoing studies, and information on planned studies, as well as current production data, human exposure information, use patterns, and environmental occurrence. Written comments received by June 30 will be considered in the review. Comments should be forwarded to CERHR at the above address. An opportunity for oral public comments to the panel will be provided at the review meeting itself.

### Request for Nominations for Future Reviews

Nominations of chemicals for future evaluations are also encouraged. Any individual or organization may nominate. Nominations should include the chemical name, Chemical Abstract Service registry number (if known), reason for the nomination, and references or articles on the chemical, when possible. The nominator's name, address, telephone number and e-mail address should be included with the nomination.

Nominations can be made through the Center's web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or by mail to Dr. John Moore at the address listed above.

Further information about the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction and nominated chemicals can be obtained through the Center's web site.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

**Kenneth Olden,**

*Director, NIEHS.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

### Grant Award to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, State of Alaska

**AGENCIES:** Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Availability of grant funds for the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, State of Alaska.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to inform the public that CSAT and CMHS are making available approximately \$5,000,000 for an award in FY 1999 to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, State of Alaska to support development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive, seamless system of care for persons with co-occurring substance abuse (including alcohol and other drugs) and mental health disorders in Anchorage, Alaska, and its environs. CSAT and CMHS will make this award if the application is recommended for approval by the Initial Review Group and the CSAT and CMHS National Advisory Councils. This is not a formal request for applications; assistance will be provided only to the Alaska Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Eligibility for this program is limited to the State of Alaska, as specified in Congressional report language, in recognition of the primacy of its responsibility for, and interest in, providing for the needs of its citizens, and because the success of the program will depend upon the authority and ability to broadly coordinate the variety of resources essential for full program success. The State has committed itself to moving certain mental health services from their extant institutional bases to community bases, and, simultaneously, changing from parallel systems of service delivery—for substance abuse and mental health problems—to an approach designed to deliver services seamlessly to persons with comorbidity. Alaska needs a high level of systemic competence in delivering these services due, in great part, to its climate (resulting in deaths of homeless comorbid persons), and to the requirements of its proposed systems changes. The proposed project presents a unique opportunity for SAMHSA and its Centers to learn, first hand, how the transition from parallel systems to a seamless system of care can be accomplished in a small city in a rural/frontier State, and at what costs. The project promises to yield learnings on the factors and circumstances that facilitate and/or retard systemic change in complex treatment systems. This "Anchorage Comorbidity Services" project is also part of SAMHSA's commitment to improving services, and relates directly to the resolution unanimously adopted by its National Advisory Council earlier this year.

Funding from CSAT and CMHS will support some services to persons with co-occurring disorders; continuing planning, review, management, and infrastructure development for the

effort; and a tripartite evaluation of the project, including process, outcome, and impact evaluations. This is a unique opportunity to evaluate significant change in a State system of care for persons with co-occurring disorders.

**Authority:** The award will be made under the authority of Section 501(d)(5) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 290aa). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 93.230.

**CONTACT:** Edith Jungblut, Public Health Advisor, Division of Practice and Systems Development, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA, Rockwall II, 7th floor, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-6669; or Dr. Lawrence Rickards, Public Health Advisor, Division of Knowledge Development and Systems Change, Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA, Parklawn Building 11C-05, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-3707.

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**Richard Kopanda,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4444-N-03]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comments date: June 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposals by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Gail N. Ward, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Levitt, (202) 755-1785 ext. 156.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments for members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

**Title of the Proposal:** Requirements for Notification, Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federally Owned Housing and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance.

**OMB Control Number:** 2539-0009.

**Need for Information and Proposed Use:** Sections 1012 and 1013 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, which is Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, require amendment of HUD regulations promulgated under the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1971. HUD published proposed regulations implementing section 1012 and 1013 on June 7, 1996 and is now requesting OMB approval of final regulations.

The final rule retains the following proposed-rule requirements that pertain to paperwork burden: provision of a pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention to tenants and purchasers, provision of a notice to occupants on the results of hazard evaluation and hazard reduction actions, and special reporting requirements if there is a child with an environmental intervention blood lead level residing in a dwelling unit assisted by certain HUD programs. These requirements were approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). Also approved by OMB was the proposed-rule requirement for owners of project-based assisted units to develop and submit a hazard reduction plan. That requirement has been eliminated in the final rule. The final rule contains one requirement that was not included in the proposed rule: the keeping of notices and reports pertaining to

evaluation and hazard reduction for a minimum of three years.

HUD has prepared a revised estimate of respondent burden, based on the final-rule requirements and data developed for the Regulatory Impact Analysis for the final rule, and is requesting approval of this revision from OMB.

### 1. Lead Hazard Information Pamphlet

As in the proposed rule, the final rule requires that a designated party (i.e. residential property owner, housing agency (HA), Federal grantee, CILP recipient, tribally designated housing entity (TDHE) or participating jurisdiction) distribute the lead hazard information pamphlet entitled "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home." developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in cooperation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to all purchasers and occupants of pre-1978 housing receiving Federal assistance. This is a statutory requirement (§ 302(a)(1)(A) of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act). A pamphlet developed by a State government may be used if it is approved by EPA under § 406(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act. The provider and recipient of the pamphlet are stipulated in the relevant subpart of the rule, based upon the type assistant provided. Existing HUD lead-based paint regulations have long required notification of tenants and purchasers regarding the possibility that housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint hazards. The main difference between the existing and new requirement is that the EPA pamphlet must now be used instead of a HUD brochure. The rule does not require that the pamphlet be provided if one has already been provided in compliance with the lead-based paint disclosure rule (at 24 CFR part 35), subpart H), issued jointly by HUD and EPA in 1996.

### 2. Notice of Evaluation, Hazard Reduction, and Clearance Activities

As in the proposed rule, the final rule requires the provision of notice to occupants of pre-1978 housing receiving Federal assistance describing the nature and scope of any evaluation or hazard reduction activities undertaken, including available information on the location of any remaining lead-based paint on a surface-by-surface basis. This is a statutory requirement (§ 302(a)(1)(F) of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act). As in the proposed rule, HUD is requiring that there be separate notices for evaluation and for