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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[DEA #179IR]

Controlled Substances: 1999 Aggregate Production Quotas

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Justice.

ACTION: Interim notice establishing revised 1999 aggregate production quotas and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This interim notice establishes revised 1999 aggregate production quotas for amphetamine, codeine (for conversion), hydrocodone (for sale), hydrocodone (for conversion), morphine (for conversion), oxycodone (for sale) and thebaine, all of which are Schedule II controlled substances in the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

DATES: This is effective on August 27, 1999. Comments or objections must be received on or before September 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments or objections to the Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, D.C. 20537, Attn.: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank L. Sapienza, Chief, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, D.C. 20537, Telephone: (202) 307-7183.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 306 of the CSA (21 U.S.C. 826) requires that the Attorney General establish aggregate production quotas for each basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedules I and II each year. This responsibility has been delegated to the Administrator of the DEA by Section 0.100 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Administrator, in turn, has redelegated this function to the Deputy Administrator of the DEA pursuant to Section 0.104 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

On December 23, 1998, the DEA published a notice of established initial 1999 aggregate production quotas for certain controlled substances in Schedules I and II (63 FR 71160). This notice stipulated that the Deputy Administrator of the DEA would adjust

the quotas in early 1999 as provided for in Section 1303 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

In a recently published **Federal Register** Notice, the DEA has proposed revised aggregate production quotas for controlled substances in Schedules I and II, including amphetamine, codeine (for conversion), hydrocodone (for sale), hydrocodone (for conversion), morphine (for conversion), oxycodone (for sale) and thebaine. However, due to the unforeseen and dramatic increase in sales of amphetamine, oxycodone and hydrocodone, the quotas for these three substances and four of the controlled substances used in their manufacture must be increased immediately. Without this immediate increase, bulk manufacturers will not be able to produce the material needed by the dosage form manufacturers. This could, in turn, impact the supply of products to distributors and retail pharmacies. In order to avoid this situation, an interim notice is being published. This interim notice will establish revised 1999 aggregate production quotas for amphetamine, codeine (for conversion), hydrocodone (for conversion), morphine (for conversion), oxycodone (for sale) and thebaine effective immediately.

Therefore, under the authority vested in the Attorney General by Section 306 of the authority vested in the Attorney General by Section 306 of the CSA (21 U.S.C. 826), delegated to the Administrator of the DEA by Section 0.100 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and redelegated to the Deputy Administrator, pursuant to Section 0.104 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Deputy Administrator hereby establishes the following revised 1999 aggregate production quotas for the listed controlled substances, expressed in grams of anhydrous base:

Basic class	Revised 1999 quota
Amphetamine	9,007,000
Codeine (for conversion)	45,780,000
Hydrocodone (for sale)	20,208,000
Hydrocodone (for conversion) ..	12,100,000
Morphine (for conversion)	94,900,000
Oxycodone (for sale)	18,517,000
Thebaine	31,117,000

All interested persons are invited to submit their comments in writing regarding this interim notice.

The Office of Management and Budget has determined that notices of aggregate production quotas are not subject to centralized review under Executive Order 12866. This action has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in

Executive Order 12612, and it has been determined that this matter does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

The Deputy Administrator hereby certifies that this action will have no significant impact upon small entities whose interests must be considered under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.* The establishment of aggregate production quotas for Schedules I and II controlled substances is mandated by law and by international treaty obligations. Aggregate production quotas apply to approximately 200 DEA registered bulk and dosage form manufacturers of Schedules I and II controlled substances. The quotas are necessary to provide for the estimated medical, scientific, research and industrial needs of the United States, for export requirements and the establishment and maintenance of reserve stocks. While aggregate production quotas are of primary importance to large manufacturers, their impact upon small entities is neither negative nor beneficial. Accordingly, the Deputy Administrator has determined that this action does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

Donnie R. Marshall,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Prisons

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Construction and Operation of a Contractor-Owned/Contractor-Operated Correctional Facility for 1,000 Inmates

AGENCY: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft environmental assessment.

SUMMARY:

Proposed Action

The U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons has determined that, in order to meet the National Capital Revitalization and Self Government Improvement Act of 1997, which requires that the Federal Bureau of Prisons house, in private contract facilities, at least 2,000 District of Columbia sentenced felony inmates by December 31, 1999, that additional contractor-owned bed-space is needed.

The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) studies potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a contractor-owned/contractor-operated correctional facility to house approximately 1,000 inmates. The proposed action is based on a need to house felons, mostly from the Washington, DC, area, due to the impending closure of correctional facilities in Lorton, Virginia.

The Draft EA considers potential impacts to the natural and manmade environments including topography, geology and soils, cultural, aesthetic, hydrological and biological resources, land use, socio-economics, air quality, noise, transportation, and utility services, among other topics at each proposed site. The Draft EA will be the subject of a 30-day review period which begins August 17, 1999 and ends September 17, 1999. Comments concerning the Draft EA and the proposed action must be received during this time to be assured of consideration.

All written comments received during this review period will be taken into consideration by the Bureau. Copies of the Draft EA are available for public viewing at:

Holt Memorial Library, Moshannon Valley Partnership Corp. Building, 200 Shady Lane, Philipsburg, PA
Shaw Public Library, 1 South Front Street, Clearfield, PA
Terra Alta Public Library, 120 East Washington Ave., Terra Alta, WV
Anacostia Public Library, Good Hope Road and 18th Street, SE., Washington, DC

Alternatives: In developing the Draft EA, the options of "no action" and "take action" for the proposed facility have been fully and thoroughly examined.

Public Hearing Process:

Representatives of the Bureau will also conduct a Public Hearing to which all interested persons are invited to attend. The Public Hearing is being held to provide for timely public comments on the Draft EA consistent with the goals of NEPA. The Public Hearing will be held at 7 P.M., September 9, 1999 at the Philipsburg Jr. High School, Philipsburg, PA. The meeting is being held to allow interested persons to formally offer comments and express their views concerning the proposed action and the Draft EA. The Bureau reserves the right to impose a time limit for those speakers in order to accommodate all persons interested in commenting on the Draft EA. Written comments concerning the Draft EA will also be accepted at the meeting.

ADDRESS: Questions concerning the proposed action and the Draft Environmental Assessment can be answered by: David J. Dorworth, Chief, Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch, Administration Division, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, N.W, Washington, DC 20534, Telephone: (202) 514-6470, Telefacsimile: (202) 616-6024, E-mail: siteselection@bop.gov

Dated: August 13, 1999.

David J. Dorworth,

Chief, Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB review; comment request

August 23, 1999.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following information collection requests (ICRs) (see below) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Ira Mills (202) 219-5096, ext. 143 or E-Mail to Mills-Ira@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316, by September 27, 1999.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemical (29 CFR 1910.119).

OMB Number: 1218-0200.

Frequency: Varies (on occasion, annually).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not for-profit institutions; Federal Government, State, local or tribal.

Number of Respondents: 192,865.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varies from 5 minutes (0.08 hr.) To 146.5 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 73,111,180.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). In this regard, the information collection requirements in the Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals Standards (29 CFR 1910.119) prevent or minimize the consequences of accidents involving highly hazardous chemicals.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) (29 CFR 1910.120).

OMB Number: 1218-0202.

Frequency: Varies (on occasion, annually).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not for-profit institutions; Federal Government, State, local or tribal.

Number of Respondents: 38,363.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varies from 5 minutes (0.08 hr.) To 64 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 1,592,338.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$5,045,430.00.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The standard on Hazardous Waste and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) (29 CFR 1910.120) regulates the safety and