

programs; (2) provides continuous program monitoring of HRSA health service grants and contracts for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies; and performance standards; (3) assists in the implementation of, and monitors policies related to National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs; (4) provides for development, implementation and monitoring of the annual field work plan related to assigned program areas, including setting objectives responsive to national and field priorities based on guidance provided by appropriate HRSA bureau components and assigns division resources required to attain these objectives; (5) coordinates with other field office staff and headquarters staff to develop and consolidate objectives crossing program and division lines; (6) serves as source of expertise on health resources and services development, primary health care, maternal and child health, rural health, and HIV/AIDS, and other HRSA programs; (7) establishes effective communication and working relationships with health-related organizations of States and other jurisdictions; and (8) serves as a focal point for information on health resource programs and related efforts, including voluntary, professional, academic and other private sector activities. The States within the Northern Operations Division include Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Eastern Operations Division (RF36)

Directs and coordinates field development and implementation of HRSA programs and activities in three states within the Midwest Field Cluster designed to increase access, capacity and capabilities of local and state health systems and programs serving the underserved populations in the states served by the Division, including primary care programs, maternal and child health,

HIV/AIDS, health facilities construction under the Hill-Burton Program, Title XVI, and other programs, rural health, and other health related programs; (2) provides continuous program monitoring of HRSA health service grants and contracts for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, and performance standards; (3) assists in the implementation of, and monitors policies related to National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs; (4) provides for development, implementation and monitoring of the annual field work plan related to assigned program areas,

including setting objectives responsive to national and field priorities based on guidance provided by appropriate HRSA bureau components and assigns division resources required to attain these objectives; (5) coordinates with other field office staff and headquarters staff to develop and consolidate objectives crossing program and division lines; (6) serves as source of expertise on health resources and services development, primary health care, maternal and child health, rural health, and HIV/AIDS, and other HRSA programs; (7) establishes effective communication and working relationships with health-related organizations of States and other jurisdictions; and (8) serves as a focal point for information on health resource programs and related efforts, including voluntary, professional, academic and other private sector activities. The States within the Eastern Operations Division include Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

Western Operations Division (RF37)

Directs and coordinates field development and implementation of HRSA programs and activities in four states within the Midwest Field Cluster designed to increase access, capacity, and capabilities of local and state health systems and programs serving the underserved populations in the states served by the Division, including primary care programs, maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, health facilities construction under the Hill-Burton Program, Title XVI, and other programs, rural health, and other health related programs; (2) provides continuous program monitoring of HRSA health service grants and contracts for compliance with applicable laws, regulations policies and performance standards; (3) assists in the implementation or/and monitors policies related to National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs; (4) provides for development, implementation, and monitoring of the annual field work plan related to assigned program areas, including setting objectives responsive to national and field priorities based on guidance provided by appropriate HRSA bureau components and assigns division resources required to attain these objectives; (5) coordinates with other field staff and headquarters staff to develop and consolidate objectives crossing program and division lines; (6) serves as source of expertise on health resources and services development, primary health care, maternal and child health, rural health, and HIV/AIDS, and other HRSA programs; (7) establishes effective communication and working

relationships with health-related organizations of States and other jurisdictions; and (8) serves as a focal point for information on health resource programs and related efforts, including voluntary, professional, academic and other private sector activities. The States within the Western Operations Division include Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

Claude Earl Fox, M.D., M.P.H.,
Administrators.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: State Treatment and Needs Assessment Program Studies—New

Beginning in Fiscal Year 1999, SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), as part of its State Treatment Needs Assessment Program (STNAP), awards grants to States to conduct studies for the purpose of determining the need and demand for substance abuse treatment within each State. In order to receive funds from the

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, States must submit in their annual block grant applications an assessment of service needs Statewide, at the sub-state level, and for specified population groups (as required by Section 1929 of the Public Health Service Act).

Most States receiving these grants will conduct an adult telephone household

survey to collect information on needed treatment for substance abuse/dependence. In addition, many States will conduct a variety of more focused studies which will collect data on treatment need in special populations, including adolescents, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients, transients, arrestees and other criminal justice populations.

States are required to use core protocols comprised of basic study design, data collection methods, and a core set of questions for these data collections. Previous STNAP activities under contract awards were approved under OMB Control Number 0930-0186.

The estimated annualized burden for the State needs assessment studies over the next three years is presented below.

| | No. of respondents | No. of responses/ respondent | Hours/ response | Total burden hours | Annual burden hours |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sub-State Prevalence Surveys | 47,537 | 1 | 0.55 | 26,145 | 8,715 |
| Criminal justice populations | 63,240 | 1 | 0.22 | 13,913 | 4,638 |
| Total | 110,777 | | | 40,058 | 13,353 |

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: December 8, 1999.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications; Notice of Receipt of Applications

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit No. TE-19805

Applicant: Angela M.D. Barclay, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Arizona.

Permit No. TE-800052

Applicant: Southern Nevada Environmental Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in various counties in Arizona.

Permit No. TE-819451

Applicant: Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following karst invertebrates in Texas:

Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta myopica*)
Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddelli*)
Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*)
Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*)
Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (*Texamauropis reddelli*)
Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagris texana*)

Permit No. TE-819451

Applicant: Janine Spencer, Prescott, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) in Arizona.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before January 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, PO Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of

Endangered Species/Permits, PO Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Susan MacMullin,

Acting Programmatic Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for Incidental Take Permit for Houston Toad During Construction of a Single Family Residence on 0.5 Acre of the 6.517-acre Lot 7 in the Overlook Subdivision in Bastrop County, Texas

SUMMARY: Tamera Smith (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-020079-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of a single family residence on Lot 7 of the