FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice of a Matter To Be Withdrawn From Consideration at an Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the ''Government in the Sunshine Act'' (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the following matter will be withdrawn from the ''Discussion Agenda'' at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors open meeting scheduled to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 1998:

Memorandum re: General Counsel Opinion Regarding Interest Charges by Interstate State Banks.

Dated: April 22, 1998.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Teleconference meetings

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

Name: Teleconference meetings of the Ad Hoc Group for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI).

Times and Dates: 2 p.m.–3 p.m., May 5, 1998; 2 p.m.–3 p.m., July 7, 1998; 2 p.m.–3 p.m., September 1, 1998; 2 p.m.–3 p.m., November 3, 1998; 2 p.m.–3 p.m., January 5, 1999' 2 p.m.–3 p.m., March 2, 1999.

Place: National Center for Environmental Health, Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Room 2103A, Building 101, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, telephone 770/488–7400.

Status: Open for participation by anyone with an interest in EHDI. All participants in the bi-monthly conference calls are, by definition, members of the Ad Hoc Group for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention. Persons wishing to participate must e-mail (ehdi@cdc.gov) or fax (770/488–7361) their request. Within one week of each teleconference, participants will be notified of the toll-free teleconference phone number, a caller code and the agenda. Each participant will have the responsibility to call in to connect to the conference call.

Purpose: This meeting will provide a forum for persons associated with EHDI programs to report and review relevant activities. Each conference call will be comprised of a series of scheduled presentations. Each presentation will be followed by a brief question and answer period. The agenda for the conference call will be determined by the Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities in collaboration with the Office on Disability and Health, NCEH; the National Institute on Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health; the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, Health Resources and Services Administration; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education; and others interested in early hearing detection programs. Suggestions and feedback are invited by the conference call planners. Participants requesting to be on the agenda or to make written comments can send their requests or comments to the e-mail address or fax numbers noted above.

Matters to be Discussed: Topics to be discussed during the meetings include progress on State and National activities to implement EHDI programs; progress on establishing State and National data systems on EHDI; and guidelines for establishing screening, diagnosis, and intervention protocols.

Contact Person for More Information: June Holstrum, Ph.D., Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F–15, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, telephone 770/488–7401, e-mail ehdi@cdc.gov, fax 770/488–7361.

Dated: April 21, 1998.

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

Food and Drug Administration

Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on May 28 and 29, 1998, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Versailles Ballrooms I and II, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Joan C. Standaert, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–110), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857, 419–259–6211, or John B. Schupp (HFD–21), 301–443–5455, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12538. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On May 28, 1998, the committee will discuss biologics license application, 98–0012, Centocor, Inc.'s, *Avakine*™ (Infliximab), for treatment of patients with Crohn's disease. An indication is sought to: (1) Reduce signs and symptoms in patients with moderate to severe disease activity in whom conventional therapies are inadequate, and (2) close entercutaneous fistulas. On May 29, 1998, the committee will hold a general discussion on guidance for the study of drugs to treat Crohn's disease.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by May 21, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., on May 28, 1998. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before May 21, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: April 17, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042098F]

Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a scientific research permit (1144).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Bruce D. Peery, Micheal J. Bresette, and Jonathan C. Gorham have applied in due form for a scientific research permit (1144) to take listed sea turtles.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before May 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226 (301–713–1401); and

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702–2432 (813–893–3141).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Bruce D. Peery, Micheal J. Bresette, and Jonathan C. Gorham request a scientific research permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217–227).

The applicants request a one-year scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles. Up to 100 green (*Chelonia mydas*) and 50 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) turtles will be taken in large mesh tangle nets for the purposes of assessing the population densities and dynamics, and to attain growth rates of sea turtles that utilize the southern Indian River Lagoon System, Florida. Captured turtles will be weighed, photographed, measured, tagged, and released.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: April 21, 1998.

Patricia A. Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA–379]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* The Financial Statement of Debtor and Supporting regulation 42 CFR 405.376; *Form No.:* HCFA–379, OMB #0938–0270; *Use:* This form is used to collect financial information which is needed to evaluate requests from physician/suppliers to pay indebtness under extended repayment schedule, or to compromise a debt for less than the full amount. *Frequency:* As needed; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 500; *Total Annual Responses:* 500; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, or any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: John Rudolph, Room C2–26–17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA–R–118]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Peer Review Organization Contracts; Solicitation Statements of Interest from In-State Organizations, General Notice; *Form No.:* HCFA–R–118; *Use:* This notice is a solicitation of sources sought for the procurement of medical review services. This information is required for potential contractors to demonstrate that they meet the statutory requirements as a Peer Review Organization; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Total Annual Hours:* 1.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, or E-mail your request, including your address