

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Milliken & Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of silver sodium hydrogen zirconium phosphate as an antimicrobial additive for polymers intended to contact food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Hepp, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3098.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4662) has been filed by Milliken & Co., c/o Keller and Heckman, LLP, 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in 21 CFR part 178—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers to provide for the safe use of silver sodium hydrogen zirconium phosphate as an antimicrobial additive for polymers intended to contact food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: May 7, 1999.

Alan M. Rulis,

Director, Office of Premarket Approval,
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; The NIH Consultant Information File System

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Center for Scientific Review (CSR), The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: The NIH Consultant Information File System. **Type of Information Collection Request:** Extension **Form Number:** OMB 0925-0358 (expiration 10/31/99) NIH 2668-1; 2668-3. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** This system directly supports the recruitment and appointment of scientific experts. These experts provide evaluative advice on the merit and program relevance of the research grant applications and research contract proposals submitted to the NIH. The primary objective of this system is to support the NIH Peer Review system, but other PHS review administrative staff use the system to identify experts to support their advisory committees. **Frequency of Response:** Intake established record on file, candidate can initiate the updating of their information at any time, formal information update requested every 24 months. **Affected Public:** Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit; Federal Government. **Type of Respondents:** Adult scientific professionals, Individuals or household. The annual reporting burden is as follows: **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 9,741; **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1; **Average Burden Hours Per Response:** 0.308; and **Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:** 2,998. The estimated annualized cost to respondents is \$148,665 (Using a \$55 physician/professor hourly wage rate.) There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data

collection plans and instruments, contact CAPT Edward C. Farley, USPHS, Project Clearance Liaison Officer, CSR, NIH, Rockledge II Building, Room 3028, 6701 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20892-7760, or call non-toll-free number (301) 594-0601 or E-mail your request, including your address to: farleye@csr.nih.gov

COMMENTS DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before July 23, 1999.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

Chris Wisdom,

Executive Officer, CSR.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Training Tomorrow's Scientists: Linking Minorities and Mentors Through the Web

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: Training Tomorrow's Scientists: Linking Minorities and Mentors through the Web. **Type of Information Collection Request:** NEW. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** This activity will increase the visibility of the National Institutes of Health's Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities program. The primary objective is to ensure in the coming decades a concentration of minority researchers who will address behavioral and social factors important in improving the public health and eliminating racial disparities. The Office will design a web site that will link promising minorities at the high school through junior faculty levels with senior NIH-funded researchers who are willing to mentor. The activity is consistent with the Congressional mandate for the Office to enhance behavioral and social science training opportunities at NIH, especially for minorities. **Frequency of Response:** On occasion. **Affected Pubic:**