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Dated: March 6, 1998.

Fred Hansen,

Deputy Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00526; FRL-5777-9]

Pesticides and A National Strategy for Health Care Providers; Open Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A coalition of Federal agencies has initiated a national effort to improve the education and training of health professionals in the prevention and management of health problems associated with pesticide related illness and injury. This initiative is sponsored by EPA, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Labor. The first national workshop for this effort will be held on April 23-24, 1998, in Arlington, VA. This notice announces the location and times for the meetings. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Thursday, April 23, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, April 24, 1998, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at: Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike and Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Kevin Keaney or Ameesha Mehta, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone number: (703) 305-7666, Fax number: (703) 308-2962, E-mail: mehta.ameesha@epamail.epa.gov.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 6, 1998.

Anne E. Lindsay,

Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER NUMBER: 5827.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday, March 10, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting closed to the public.

This meeting was canceled.

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2

U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C.

§ 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil

actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,

Telephone: (202) 219-4155.

Marjorie W. Emmons,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 6, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of

Richmond (A. Linwood Gill III, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *BOC Financial Corp.*, Landis, North Carolina; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of the Carolinas, the proposed successor by charter conversion to Landis Savings Bank, SSB, Landis, North Carolina.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

(Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *First Neighborhood Bancshares, Inc., Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Toledo, Illinois, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 31.19 percent of the voting shares of First Neighborhood Bancshares, Inc., Toledo, Illinois, and Greenup National Corporation, Greenup, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire First State Bank of Newman, Newman, Illinois, The First National Bank in Toledo, Toledo, Illinois, and The Greenup National Bank, Greenup, Illinois.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

(Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *S & C Holdings, Inc.*, Memphis, Tennessee; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Independent Bank (in organization), Memphis, Tennessee.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 9, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority

Part A (Office of the Secretary), Chapter AE (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (OASPE)), of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (most

recently amended at 58 FR 247 on May 8, 1996) is amended as follows:

I. Chapter AE, paragraph C. within "The Office of Health Policy," and paragraph 3, "Division of Health Delivery Systems."

3. The Division of Health Delivery Systems is responsible for policy coordination, longrange planning, formulating budget and legislation, economic analysis, program analysis, review of regulations, evaluation and information dissemination related to health services, and organization and delivery policy. Topics include consumer issues such as quality and consumer protections; private insurance; health care organization and financial issues. Functions include analyzing trends in the private health care sector; studying the interactions of the private and public health care sectors in terms of cost effectiveness, service levels and effects on consumers; analyzing alternative legislative and regulatory proposals; preparing short-term policy analyses and evaluations of existing and potential policies and programs particularly those that cut across the Department's program areas. The Division also coordinates work and plays a liaison role across the Department and with other Departments (including Treasury, Justice and Labor).

Dated: March 5, 1998.

John J. Callahan,

Assistant Secretary for Management & Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation: Request for Nominations for Public Members

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Request for nominations for public members.

SUMMARY: 42 U.S.C. 299c, section 921 of the Public Health Service (PHS Act), established a National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation (the Council). The Council is to advise the Secretary and the Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), on matters related to actions of the Agency to enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health care services,

and access to such services through scientific research, the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services.

Four current members' terms will expire in June 1998 and there are three other vacancies to be filled. We are seeking persons who are distinguished in the conduct of health services to research, persons distinguished in the practice of medicine, and persons to represent health care consumers' interests to fill these positions in accordance with the legislated mandate establishing the Council.

DATES: Nominations should be received on or before April 30.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Pat Longus, AHCPR, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 603, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Nominations also may be faxed to (301) 443-0251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Foster, AHCPR, at (301) 594-1349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 42 U.S.C. 299c, section 921 of the PHS Act, provides that the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation shall consist of 17 appropriately qualified representatives of the public appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and five ex officio representatives from Federal agencies conducting or supporting health care research. The Council meets in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area approximately three times a year to provide broad guidance to the Secretary and AHCPR's Administrator on the direction and programs for AHCPR.

To assure broad representation, individuals serving on AHCPR's Advisory Council reflects a variety of discipline and perspectives. Of the seven positions for which nominations are being sought, four require individuals distinguished in health services research, two require individuals distinguished in the practice of medicine, and one individual to represent the interests of health care consumers.

Members generally serve 3-year terms. Appointments are staggered to permit an orderly rotation of membership. Individuals selected by the Secretary to serve on the Council will be expected to attend their first meeting in the fall of this year.

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Council. Nominations shall include a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, and state that the nominee is willing to

serve as a member of the Council. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning their financial interests, consultant positions, and research grants and contracts, to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

The Department is seeking a broad geographic representation and has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically handicapped are adequately represented on advisory bodies and, therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, and/or physically handicapped candidates.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

John M. Eisenburg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

[Announcement Number 98030]

Occupational Radiation and Energy-Related Health Research Grants; Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1998

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for the acceptance of grant applications for research projects relating to occupational safety and health concerns associated with occupational exposures to radiation and other hazardous agents at nuclear facilities and in other energy-related industries. Studies in the nuclear power industry and deliberate exposure of human subjects in radiation experiments are outside the scope of this announcement.

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Occupational Safety and Health. (For ordering a copy of Healthy People 2000, see the section Where to Obtain Additional Information.)