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Where To Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Ms. Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Office of Human Services Policy, ASPE, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Room 404E, Washington, DC, 20201 or telephone: 202 690-6808.

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Margaret A. Hamburg,
Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Contract Review Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. This TRC's charge is to review contract proposals and to provide recommendations to the Administrator, AHCPR, regarding the technical merit of proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFPs) regarding "Computer Decision Support Tools for Evidence Based Medicine", issued on April 28, 1999. The contract will constitute part of AHCPR's participation in the Small Business Innovation Research program.

The upcoming TRC meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, implementing regulations, and procurement regulations, 41 CFR 101-6.1023 and 48 CFR 315.604(d). The discussions at this meeting of contract proposals are likely to reveal proprietary and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. Such information is exempt from disclosure under the above-cited FACA provision that protects the free exchange of candid views, and under the procurement rules that prevent undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

Name of TRC: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research SBIR Topic 3000—"Computer Decision Support Tools for Evidence Based Medicine".

Date: July 27, 1999 (Closed to the public).

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Conference Center, Conference Room B, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Kate Rickard, Center for Practice and Technology Assessment, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 6010 Executive Boulevard, Suite 300, Rockville, Maryland 20852, 301-594-2431.

Dated: June 28, 1999.

John M. Eisenberg,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Contract Review Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. This TRC's charge is to review contract proposals and to provide recommendations to the Administrator, AHCPR, regarding the technical merit of proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFPs) regarding "Development and Implementation of the National Measurements Clearinghouse (NMC). The RFP was published in the Commerce Business Daily on April 15, 1999.

The upcoming TRC meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, implementing regulations, and procurement regulations, 41 CFR 101-6.1023 and 48 CFR 315.604(d). The discussions at this meeting of contract proposals are likely to reveal proprietary and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. Such information is exempt from disclosure under the above-cited FACA provision that protects the free exchange of candid views, and under the procurement rules that prevent undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

Name of TRC: The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research—"Development and Implementation of

the National Measures Clearinghouse (NMC)".

Date: July 27, 1999 (Closed to the public).

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Conference Room 2, 2101 East Jefferson Street, 6th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Marge Keyes, Center for Quality Measurement and Improvement, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 Executive Boulevard, Suite 502, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, 301-594-1824.

Dated: June 28, 1999.

John M. Eisenberg,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry

Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service (PHS) Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites; Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announce the following meeting.

Name: Citizens Advisory Committee on PHS Activities and Research at DOE Sites Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee (HHES).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., July 22, 1999. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., July 23, 1999.

Place: DoubleTree Hotel Spokane City Center, North 322 Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington 99201, telephone 509/455-6285.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Background: Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities

such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

In addition, under an MOU signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in 1996, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE facilities, and other persons potentially exposed to radiation or to potential hazards from non-nuclear energy production and use. HHS has delegated program responsibility to CDC.

Purpose: This subcommittee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Director, CDC, and the Administrator, ATSDR, regarding community, American Indian Tribes, and labor concerns pertaining to CDC's and ATSDR's public health activities and research at this DOE site. The purpose of this meeting is to receive an update from the Inter-tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects; to review and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting; to receive updates from ATSDR/NCEH and NIOSH; to receive reports from the Outreach, Public Health Assessment, Public Health Activities, and the Studies Workgroups; and to address other issues and topics, as necessary.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include a presentation and discussion on the health effects subcommittee evaluations, Federal Task Order and request for proposal process, the National Academy of Science June 19th meeting, and agency updates. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Persons for More Information: Leslie C. Campbell, Executive Secretary HHES, or Marilyn Palmer, Committee Management Specialist, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road, NE M/S E-56, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 1-888/42-ATSDR (28737), fax 404/639-6075.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: June 29, 1999.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Service Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-2080]

Engelhard Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Engelhard Corp. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of a solution of 1-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 2-[(2-hydroxy-6-sulfo-1-naphthalenyl)azo]-, strontium salt (1:1) and 2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 5-[4-chloro-5-ethyl-2-sulfophenyl]azo]-6-hydroxy-, strontium salt (1:1) (C.I. Pigment Red 277) as a colorant for polymers intended for use in contact with food.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julius Smith, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3091.

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 9B4667) has been filed by Engelhard Corp., 3400 Bank St., Louisville, KY 40212. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3297 *Colorants for polymers* (21 CFR 178.3297) to provide for the safe use of a solution of 1-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 2-[(2-hydroxy-6-sulfo-1-naphthalenyl)azo]-, strontium salt (1:1) and 2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 5-[4-chloro-5-ethyl-2-sulfophenyl]azo]-6-hydroxy-, strontium salt (1:1) (C.I. Pigment Red 277) as a colorant for polymers intended for use in contact with 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: June 11, 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

Food and Drug Administration

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is being restructured to create a more streamlined and efficient Office of the Commissioner that will provide leadership without compromising programmatic effectiveness. More specifically, the goals of this reorganization are to: Create an Office of the Commissioner (OC) for which the principal focus is to provide leadership in building effective, two-way communication between the agency and all of our stakeholders, including patients, consumers, Congress, the Administration, the regulated industry, health care professionals, and other scientific advisors and between agency management and employees; enable FDA to implement agency priorities and to develop agency policy with primary input from the Center Directors and the Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs, and with legal advice from the Chief Counsel; streamline the OC to make the overall agency more effective and efficient with roles and responsibilities clearly delineated; and retain in OC only those staff functions which cannot be reasonably and more effectively performed in the Centers or the Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA).

The new agency structure will consist of one Deputy Commissioner rather than the current four deputy structure. The Deputy Commissioner position will be established within the immediate OC. The Office of Operations will be abolished and the Center Directors and Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs will report directly to the Commissioner. In addition, the Office of the Chief Counsel, Office of the Administrative Law Judge, and the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) (formerly titled the Office of Equal Employment and Civil Rights) will remain in OC. The OEO will assume the agency wide diversity program functions.

A new position will be established in the OC titled the Senior Associate Commissioner. The incumbent will head a new Office of the Senior