Availability of Expert Panel Report, Proposed List of Substances for Future Validation, and Final Background Review Documents

Copies of the expert panel report, the EDWG proposed list of substances for validation, and each BRD may be obtained on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site at *http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov*, or by contacting NICEATM, NIEHS, PO Box 12233, MD EC–17, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709, (phone) (919) 541–3398, (fax) (919) 541–0947, (email) *niceatm@niehs.nih.gov.*

Request for Comments

NICEATM invites the submission of written comments on the expert panel report and the proposed list of substances for validation of *in vitro* endocrine disruptor methods. When submitting written comments please include appropriate contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, email and sponsoring organization, if applicable). Written comments and additional information should be sent by mail, fax, or email to Dr. William S. Stokes, Director of NICEATM, at the address listed above by noon, December 6, 2002. All written comments received before this deadline will be posted on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site and made available to ICCVAM agency representatives for their consideration prior to the development by ICCVAM of final recommendations on these test methods and the proposed list of substances for validation.

The expert panel report, the final list of proposed substances for validation, and the ICCVAM recommendations will be compiled into a report and forwarded to the Director of the NIEHS and the heads of appropriate Federal agencies and posted on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site. The NIEHS and the Federal agencies will consider these recommendations and comments to determine if and how (chemicals and laboratories) additional validation studies will be conducted. If a decision is made to conduct validation studies on *in vitro* ER and AR assays, an independent peer review panel will be convened to review the results of these studies and to propose minimum performance criteria.

Background on the Evaluation of *In Vitro* Endocrine Disruptor Screening Methods and Development of the Proposed List of Substances for Future Validation

A request for data supporting the performance and reliability of endocrine disruptor screening methods and for the nomination of expert scientists for an independent scientific review panel was previously published (**Federal Register**, Vol. 66, No. 57, pp. 16278–16279, March 23, 2001, available at *http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine.htm*). This notice also announced that NICEATM in collaboration with the ICCVAM would hold an independent peer review panel meeting to assess the current validation status of *in vitro* estrogen receptor (ER) and androgen receptor (AR) binding and transcriptional activation assays, and to review proposed minimum performance criteria for defining an acceptable screening assay. During development of Background Review Documents (BRDs) for *in vitro* ER and AR assays, ICCVAM and NICEATM determined that no validation studies using standardized protocols had been completed. As a result, NICEATM in collaboration with the ICCVAM held an expert panel meeting on May 21–22, 2002, to evaluate the current status of ER and AR binding and transcriptional activation assays and to develop recommendations for their future validation (**Federal Register**, Vol. 67, No. 66, pp. 16415–16416, April 5, 2002, available at *http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/endocrine.htm*). At this meeting, the panel reviewed each of four BRDs (Estrogen and Androgen Receptor Binding and Transcriptional Activation Assays) and developed conclusions and recommendations on the following:

- The relative priority that should be given to specific assays recommended for further evaluation in validation studies.
- The adequacy of the specific protocols recommended for validation studies.
- The adequacy of the minimum procedural standards recommended for each type of assay.
- The adequacy and appropriateness of substances recommended for validation studies.

The expert panel's conclusions and recommendations are included in the report described above.

Based on the recommendations of the expert panel and in consultation with the EDWG, a combined list of proposed substances for future validation was developed. This list is proposed by the EDWG to facilitate future validation of *in vitro* endocrine disruptor screening methods and is available as described in this notice.

Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM

ICCVAM was authorized as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS, under the NICEATM, on December 19, 2000, by the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (P.L. 106–545, available at *http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/about/PL106545.htm*). ICCVAM is composed of representatives from fifteen Federal regulatory and research agencies that use or generate toxicological information. P.L. 106–545 directs the ICCVAM to coordinate the technical review of new, revised, and alternative test methods of interagency interest. The committee also coordinates cross-agency issues relating to the validation, acceptance, and national/international harmonization of toxicological testing methods. ICCVAM promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that enhance agencies' ability to make decisions on health risks, while refining, reducing, and replacing animal use wherever possible. NICEATM provides operational and scientific support for ICCVAM and collaborates with ICCVAM to evaluate new and alternative test methods applicable to the needs of Federal agencies. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found at the following Web site: *http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov*.

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Samuel H. Wilson,

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4734–N–62]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Capital Advance Program Submission Requirements for Section 202 Housing for the Elderly and Section 811 Housing for Persons With Disabilities

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* November 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to

the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2502–0470) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395–6974; e-mail *Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail *Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov*; telephone (202) 708–2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Capital Advance Program Submission Requirements for Section 202 Housing for the Elderly and Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0470.

Form Numbers: HUD–90163–CA, 90164–CA, 90165–CA, 90166–CA, 90167–CA, 90170–CA, 90171–CA, 90176–CA, 90177–CA, 91732A–CA, & 92476–A–CA, 92004–F.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: This information collection facilitates processing of all Sections 202 and 811 capital advance projects that have not yet been finally closed. The requirements include the processing of the applications for firm commitments to final closing of the capital advance. It is needed for HUD to determine the Owner's eligibility and capacity to finalize the development of a housing project under the Section 202 and Section 811 Capital Advance Programs. A thorough evaluation of an Owner's capabilities is critical to protect the Government's financial interest and to mitigate any possibility of fraud, waste, and mismanagement of public funds.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

	Number of respondents	×	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	260		9		1.5		3,485

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 3,485

Status: Reinstatement, with change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: October 11, 2002.

Wayne Eddins,

Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4734–N–61]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Grant Applications for Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Programs (Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Programs, Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant Program, the Operation Lead Elimination Action Program, and the Healthy Homes and Lead Technical Studies Grant Program)

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* November 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2539–0015) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395–6974; E-mail *Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.*

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