will be issued at a later date. Gibson Dam Hydroelectric will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Gibson Dam Hydroelectric issued an initial consultation document describing the proposed project on February 15, 2005. Agency and public meetings and a site visit for the project were conducted during the week of March 28, 2005.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 2005–31]

Filing Dates for the California Special Election in the 50th Congressional District

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Notice of filing dates for special election.

SUMMARY: California has scheduled a special general election on April 11, 2006, to fill the U.S. House of Representatives seat in the Fiftieth Congressional District vacated by Representative Randy ''Duke'' Cunningham. Under California law, a majority winner in a special election is declared elected. Should no candidate achieve a majority vote, a special runoff election will be held on June 6, 2006, among the top vote-getters of each qualified political party, including qualified independent candidates.

Committees participating in the California special elections are required to file pre- and post-election reports. Filing dates for these reports are affected by whether one or two elections are held.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kevin R. Salley, Information Division, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463; Telephone: (202) 694–1100; Toll Free (800) 424–9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Principal Campaign Committees

All principal campaign committees of candidates who participate in the California Special General and Special Runoff Elections shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report on March 30, 2006; a Pre-Runoff Report on May 25, 2006; and a consolidated Post-Runoff & July Quarterly Report on July 15, 2006. (See chart below for the closing date for each report).

If only one election is held, all principal campaign committees of candidates in the Special General Election shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report on March 30, 2006; and a Post-General Report on May 11, 2006. (See chart below for the closing date for each report).

Unauthorized Committees (PACs and Party Committees)

Political committees filing on a quarterly basis in 2006 are subject to special election reporting if they make previously undisclosed contributions or expenditures in connection with the California Special General or Special Runoff Elections by the close of books for the applicable report(s). (See chart below for the closing date for each report).

Committees filing monthly that support candidates in the California Special General or Special Runoff Election should continue to file according to the monthly reporting schedule.

Disclosure of Electioneering Communications (Individuals and Other Unregistered Organizations)

As required by the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, the Federal Election Commission promulgated new electioneering communications rules governing television and radio communications that refer to a clearly identified federal candidate and are distributed within 60 days prior to a special general election (including a special general runoff). 11 CFR 100.29. The statute and regulations require, among other things, that individuals and other groups not registered with the FEC who make electioneering communications costing more than $10,000 in the aggregate in a calendar year disclose that activity to the Commission within 24 hours of the distribution of the communication. See 11 CFR 104.20.

The 60-day electioneering communications period in connection with the California Special General runs from February 10, 2006 through April 11, 2006. The 60-day electioneering communications period in connection with the California Special Runoff runs from April 7, 2006 through June 6, 2006.

CALENDAR OF REPORTING DATES FOR CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ELECTION

Report	Close of books [1]	Reg./Cert. & overnight mailing date	Filing date
If *Only* The Special General Is Held (04/11/06), Committees Involved Must File:			
Pre-General	03/22/06	03/27/06	03/30/06
April Quarterly	03/31/06	04/15/06	04/15/06 [2]
Post-General	05/01/06	05/11/06	05/11/06
July Quarterly	06/30/06	07/15/06	07/15/06 [2]
If Two Elections Are Held, Committees Involved *Only* In The Special General (04/11/06) Must File:			
Pre-General	03/22/06	03/27/06	03/30/06
April Quarterly	03/31/06	04/15/06	04/15/06 [2]
Committees Involved In The Special General (04/11/06) And Special Runoff (06/06/06) Must File:			
Pre-General	03/22/06	03/27/06	03/31/06
April Quarterly	03/31/06	04/15/06	04/15/06 [2]
Pre-Runoff	05/17/06	05/22/06	05/25/06

CALENDAR OF REPORTING DATES FOR CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ELECTION—Continued

Report	Close of books [1]	Reg./Cert. & overnight mailing date	Filing date
Post-Runoff & July Quarterly [3]	06/30/06	07/15/06	07/15/06 [2]
Committees Involved *Only* In The Special Runoff (06/06/06) Must File:			
Pre-Runoff	05/17/06	05/22/06	05/25/06
Post-Runoff & July Quarterly [3]	06/30/06	07/15/06	07/15/06 [2]

[1] The period begins with the close of books of the last report filed by the committee. If the committee has filed no previous reports, the period begins with the date of the committee's first activity.
[2] Notice that this deadline falls on a holiday or a weekend. Filing dates are not extended when they fall on nonworking days.
[3] Committees should file a consolidated Post-Runoff and July Quarterly Report by the filing date of the July Quarterly Report.

Dated: December 29, 2005.

Scott E. Thomas,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2005N–0508]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Healthcare Practitioners Regarding Their Preferences for Public Health Notifications

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on a survey of healthcare practitioners' preferences regarding public health notifications (PHNs).

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by March 10, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: *http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments*. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denver Presley, Office of Management Programs (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–1472.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. ''Collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on these topics: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA'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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Survey of Healthcare Practitioners Regarding Their Preferences for PHNs

The PHN is one of the tools that the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) uses to get an important message to the user community about risks associated with use of medical devices. This particular tool is meant to serve a specific purpose not served by the other communication tools at our disposal—to be a source of information for healthcare practitioners, immediately recognizable as a statement from FDA, about a device risk with information on how to avoid or mitigate the risk. The purpose of this project is to evaluate the current notification format and distribution process for CDRH, with the goal of determining what is necessary to assure that the notifications reach, and are acted upon by, the target audience. The center needs to know that it is using the most effective approach to formatting and to disseminating PHNs to assure that they are received, recognized, understood, and acted upon quickly and effectively by medical practitioners and institutions. Considerations include, but are not limited to, design, terminology, nomenclature, distribution, utility of standardization, relationship with other medical product notifications (e.g., recalls), use of electronic transmission, and use of plain language.

The intent of this project is to determine the preferences of the healthcare community for learning from FDA about risks associated with medical devices and to compare the current process against the approach identified by the research to be ''preferred'' with the intent of improving our format and process.

CDRH will conduct a survey of a sample of healthcare providers who receive a new PHN from FDA. Most recently, FDA has been using intermediary organizations, such as professional associations, to help us distribute notifications to the appropriate target audiences and we are