

asked to provide a personal judgment of the applicant's achievement. Health Professions applicants with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 are not eligible to apply.

### 3. Faculty/Employer

Recommendations. Applicants are rated according to evaluations by faculty members and current and/or former employers regarding the applicant's potential in the chosen health related professions.

4. Stated Reasons for Asking for the Scholarship and Stated Career Goals. Applicants must provide a brief written explanation of reasons for asking for the scholarship and of career goals. The applicant's narrative will be judged on how well it is written and content.

5. Applicants who are closest to graduation or completion are awarded first. For example, senior and junior applicants under the Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarship receive funding before freshmen and sophomores.

E. *Priority Categories*: Regulations at 42 CFR part 36.304 provide that the IHS shall, from time to time, publish a list of health professions eligible for consideration for the award of Indian Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate scholarships and Indian Health Scholarships (Professions). Section 104(b)(1) of the IHCA, as amended by the Indian Health Care Amendment of 1988, Pub. L. 100-713, authorizes the IHS to determine specific health professions for which Indian Health Scholarships will be awarded. The list of priority health professions that follow, by scholarship program, and based upon the needs of the IHS as well as upon the needs of the American Indians and Alaska Natives for additional service by specific health profession.

1. Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Scholarships. (Below is the list of disciplines to be supported and priority is based on academic level.)

- A. Pre-Dietetics.
- B. Pre-Engineering.
- C. Pre-Medical Technology.
- D. Pre-Nursing.
- E. Pre-Pharmacy.

F. Pre-Physical Therapy (Jr and Sr undergraduate years).

G. Pre-Social Work (Jr and Sr undergraduate years).

2. Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarships. (Below is the list of disciplines to be supported and priority is based on academic level: Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman.)

- A. Pre-Dentistry.
- B. Pre-Medicine.

3. Indian Health Scholarships (Professions). (Below is a list of disciplines to be supported and priority

is based on academic level, unless specified: Graduate, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman.)

A. Associate Degree Nurse.

B. *Chemical Dependency Counseling*: Baccalaureate and Masters level.

C. *Clinical Psychology*: Ph.D. only

D. *Coding Specialist*: Certificate

E. *Counseling Psychology*: Ph.D. only

F. *Dental Hygiene*: B.S.

G. *Dentistry*: B.S. and M.S.

H. *Diagnostic Radiology Technology*: Certificate, Associate, and B.S.

I. *Dietitian*: B.S.

J. *Engineering (Civil and Environmental)*: B.S.

K. *Environmental Health (Sanitarian)*: B.S.

L. *Health Care Administration*: B.S. and M.S.

M. *Health Education*: Masters level only.

N. *Health Records*: R.H.I.T and R.H.I.A.

O. Injury Prevention Specialist

P. *Medical Social Work*: Masters level only.

Q. *Medical Technology*: B.S.

R. *Medicine*: Allopathic and Osteopathic

S. *Nurse*: B.S. \*

T. *Nurse*: M.S. \*

U. *Nurse*: R.N.A.

\* (Priority consideration will be given to registered Nurses employed by the Indian Health Service; in a program assisted under a contract entered into under the Indian Self-Determination Act; or in a program assisted under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act).

V. Optometry.

W. *Pharmacy*: B.S., Pharm D.

X. Physician Assistant.

Y. *Physical Therapy*: M.S. and D.P.T.

Z. *Podiatry*: D.P.M.

AA. *Public Health*: M.P.H. only (Applicants must be enrolled or accepted in a school of public health in specialty areas such as Dietetics and Community Development in health).

BB. *Public Health Nutrition*: Masters level only.

CC. *Respiratory Therapy*: Associate

DD. *Ultrasonography (Prerequisite: Diagnostic Radiology Technology)*

Interested individuals are reminded that the list of eligible health and allied health professions is effective for applicants for the 2003-2004 academic year. These priorities will remain in effect until superseded. Applicants for health and allied health professions not on the above priority list will be considered pending the availability of funds and dependent upon the availability of qualified applicants in the priority areas.

Dated: October 24, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

*Drug and Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS)*—(OMB No. 0930-0106, Revision)—The DASIS consists of three related data systems: The Inventory of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (I-SATS); the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS), and the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). The I-SATS includes all substance abuse treatment facilities known to SAMHSA. The N-SSATS is an annual survey of all substance abuse treatment facilities listed in the I-SATS. The TEDS is a compilation of client-level admission data and discharge data submitted by States on clients treated in facilities that receive State funds. Together, the three DASIS components provide information on the location, scope and characteristics of all known drug and alcohol treatment facilities in the United States, the number of persons in treatment, and the characteristics of clients receiving services at publicly-funded facilities. This information is needed to assess the nature and extent of these resources, to identify gaps in services, to provide a database for treatment referrals, and to assess demographic and substance-related trends in treatment.

The request for OMB approval includes only modest changes to the 2003 N-SSATS questionnaire, including the addition of buprenorphine to the pharmacotherapies list, the addition of beds for children of clients in treatment to the "other services" list, and the addition of a question to obtain outpatient treatment capacity to the outpatient treatment section. The

remaining sections of the N-SSATS questionnaire will remain unchanged except for minor modifications to wording.

Approval is also being requested for an additional component, the Mini-N-

SSATS. The Mini-N-SSATS is a procedure for collecting services data from newly identified facilities between main cycles of the survey and will be used to improve the listing of treatment facilities in the on-line treatment facility

Locator. The between-survey telephone calls to newly identified facilities allow facilities to be added to the Locator in a more timely manner.

Estimated annual burden for the DASIS activities is shown below:

Type of respondent and activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
<b>States:</b>				
TEDS Admission Data .....	52	4	6	1,248
TEDS Discharge Data .....	35	4	6	840
TEDS Discharge Crosswalks .....	5	1	10	50
I-SATS Update .....	56	67	0.08	300
State Subtotal .....	56			2,438
<b>Facilities</b>				
N-SSATS Questionnaire .....	19,000	1	.6	11,400
Pretest of N-SSATS revisions .....	50	1	1	50
Augmentation Screener .....	500	1	.08	40
Mini N-SSATS .....	700	1	.4	280
Facility Subtotal .....	20,250			11,770
<b>Total</b> .....	20,306			14,208

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Allison Herron Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 23, 2002.

**Richard Kopanda,**

*Executive Officer, SAMHSA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Issuance of Incidental Take Permits Associated With a Habitat Conservation Plan for the Kern Valley Floor, CA

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) advises the public that we intend to gather information necessary to prepare, in coordination with Kern County, a joint Environmental Impact Statement /Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the Kern County Valley Floor Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan). The Plan covers an area of 3,110 square miles (1,990,400 acres) of the Valley Floor in

Kern County, California. Kern County and others intend to request Endangered Species Act permits for 11 species federally listed as threatened or endangered and 17 unlisted species that may become listed during the term of the permits. The permits are needed to authorize take of listed species that could occur as a result of urban and oil field development, and associated facilities.

The Service provides this notice to: (1) Describe the proposed action and possible alternatives; (2) advise other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of our intent to prepare an EIS/EIR; (3) announce the initiation of a public scoping period; and (4) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be included in the EIS/EIR. While written comments are encouraged, we will accept both written and oral comments at the meetings. In addition, you may submit written comments by mail or facsimile transmission.

**DATES:** Public meetings will be held on the following dates: (1) November 19, 2002, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Taft, California; and (2) November 19, 2002, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bakersfield, California. Written comments should be received on or before December 2, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting locations are: (1) Taft-218 Taylor Street, Taft Veteran's Hall, Room #1; and (2) Bakersfield-2700 M Street, Kern County Public Services Building, First Floor Conference Room. Information, written comments, or questions related to the preparation of the EIS/EIR and the National

Environmental Policy Act process should be submitted to Vicki Campbell, Division Chief, Conservation Planning, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825; FAX (916) 414-6713.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sheila Larsen, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, or Vicki Campbell, Division Chief, Conservation Planning, at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office at (916) 414-6600.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Reasonable Accommodation

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meetings should contact Vicki Campbell at (916) 414-6600 as soon as possible. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the hearing. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

##### Background

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the Act as harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect listed animal species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1538). However, under limited circumstances, the Service may issue permits to authorize "incidental take" of