

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Children (3 hours)
 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Discussion of
 Current Definitions and their
 Interpretation (45 minutes)
 NHRPAC Committee
 9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Children's
 Workgroup (30 minutes)
 Alan Fleischman, M.D., Senior Vice
 President, NY Academy of
 Medicine, Clinical Professor of
 Pediatrics and Clinical Professor of
 Epidemiology & Social Medicine,
 Albert Einstein College, New York
 10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Break (15
 minutes)
 10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Committee
 Discussion (1 hour, 15 minutes)
 11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. The National
 Science Foundation and Human
 Subject Protections (15 minutes)
 Rita Colwell, Ph.D., Director, National
 Science Foundation
 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch—on your
 own (1 hour, 30 minutes)
 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Update: Social
 Science (1 hour, 30 minutes)
 Felice Levine, Ph.D., Executive
 Officer, American Sociological
 Association (30 minutes)
 Jeff Cohen, Ph.D., Director, Education,
 OHRP
 Discussion (1 hour)
 3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Break (15 minutes)
 3:15 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Public Comment (1
 hour)
 4:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Meeting Recap (45
 minutes)
 Review Recommendations:
 Financial Relationships
 Declaration of Helsinki
 Genetics
 Secondary Subjects
 Children
 Social Science
 Mary Faith Marshall, Ph.D.
 5:00 p.m. Thank You—Adjourn
 Dated: March 20, 2001.

Greg Koski,

*Director, Office for Human Research
 Protections.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[Program Announcement 01041]

Exposure to Tremolite Asbestos in Vermiculite Ore Site-Specific Health Activities; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Agency for Toxic Substances and
 Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces

the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001
 funds for a cooperative agreement
 program to conduct site-specific health
 activities related to human exposure to
 contaminated vermiculite ore at sites
 around the United States that received
 and/or processed ore from the mine in
 Libby, Montana.

This program addresses the "Healthy
 People 2010" focus area of
 Environmental Health. The purpose of
 the program is to assist public health
 agencies in conducting site-specific
 health activities related to human
 exposure to contaminated vermiculite
 ore at sites identified by the
 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 as receiving and/or processing ore.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to
 public health agencies of States or their
 bona fide agents or instrumentalities.
 State organizations, including State
 universities, must establish that they
 meet their respective State legislature's
 definition of a State entity or political
 subdivision to be considered an eligible
 applicant.

Note: Public Law 104-65 states that an
 organization described in section 501(c)(4) of
 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that
 engages in lobbying activities is not eligible
 to receive Federal funds constituting an
 award, grant, cooperative agreement,
 contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$1,000,000 is available
 in FY 2001 to fund approximately 10
 awards. It is expected that the average
 award will range from a maximum of
 \$10,000 for the conduct of health
 statistics reviews to a maximum of
 \$500,000 for epidemiologic
 investigations. It is expected that the
 awards will begin on or about either
 July 1, 2001 and will be made for a 12-
 month budget period within a project
 period of up to 3 years. Funding
 estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an
 approved project period will be made
 on the basis of satisfactory progress as
 evidenced by required reports and the
 availability of funds.

Use of Funds

Funds may be expended for
 reasonable program purposes, such as
 personnel, travel, supplies, and services.
 Funds for contractual services may be
 requested; however, the grantee, as the
 direct and primary recipient of PHS
 grant funds, must perform a substantive
 role in carrying out project activities
 and not merely serve as a conduit for an
 award to another party or provide funds

to an ineligible party. Funds may not be
 used to purchase equipment.

D. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the
 purpose of this program, the recipient
 will be responsible for activities under
 1. Recipient Activities, and ATSDR will
 be responsible for the activities listed
 under 2. ATSDR Activities.

1. Recipient Activities

a. For health statistics reviews:
 Analyze existing health outcome data of
 select asbestos-related diseases.
 Mortality data will be the most readily
 available data for asbestos-related
 diseases such as mesothelioma, lung
 cancer, and asbestosis, although cancer
 registry data should be utilized where
 available.

b. For epidemiologic investigations:
 Develop a protocol and conduct the
 recommended investigation. This
 protocol will undergo scientific peer
 review as required by ATSDR.

c. Provide proof by citing a State code
 or regulation or other State
 pronouncement under authority of law,
 that medical information obtained
 pursuant to the agreement will be
 protected from disclosure when the
 consent of the individual to release
 identifying information is not obtained.
 d. Develop a mechanism for ongoing
 interaction with, and education of
 affected community.

2. ATSDR Activities

a. For the health statistics review:
 Make available to states both technical
 assistance and a standard protocol to
 use to analyze existing health outcome
 data of select asbestos-related diseases.

b. For epidemiologic investigations:
 Provide consultation and assist in
 monitoring the data; participate if
 requested in the study analysis and
 collaborate, if requested, in interpreting
 the study findings.

c. Conduct technical and peer review.

E. Application Content

In a narrative form, the application
 should include a discussion of areas
 under the "Evaluation Criteria" section
 of this announcement as they relate to
 the proposed program. These criteria
 serve as the basis for evaluating the
 application; therefore, omissions or
 incomplete information may affect the
 rating of the application. This program
 does not require in-kind support or
 matching funds, however, the applicant
 should describe any in-kind support in
 the application.

The narrative should be no more than
 30 pages, double-spaced, printed on
 one-side, with 1" margins, and

unreduced fonts (font size 12 point) on 8½" by 11" paper. The pages must be clearly numbered, and a complete index to the application and its appendices must be included. The original and two copies of the application must be submitted unstapled and unbound.

F. Submission and Deadline

Application

Submit the original and two copies of PHS 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189). Forms are available at the following Internet address: www.cdc.gov/. . .

Forms, or in the application kit. The proposed timetable for receiving new applications and making awards is shown below:

Submission deadlines	Review dates	Award dates
May 1, 2001	June 1, 2001	July 1, 2001.
August 1, 2001	September 1, 2001	September 30, 2001.

On or before above dates, submit the application to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

Deadline: Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

(1) Received on or before the deadline date; or

(2) Sent on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the independent review group.

(Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late Applications: Applications which do not meet the criteria in (1) or (2) above are considered late applications, will not be considered, and will be returned to the applicant.

G. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria by an independent review group appointed by ATSDR.

1. Proposed Program (50 Percent)

The extent to which the application addresses (a) the approach, feasibility, adequacy, and rationale of the proposed project design; (b) the technical merit of the proposed project, including the degree to which the project can be expected to yield results that meet the program objective as described in the Background (attachment II) sections of this announcement and the technical merit of the methods and procedures (including quality assurance and quality control procedures) for the proposed project; (c) the proposed project timeline, including clearly established project objectives for which progress toward attainment can and will be measured; (d) the proposed community involvement strategy; (e) the proposed method to disseminate the results to State and local public health officials, community residents, and other

concerned individuals and organizations; and (f) the degree to which the applicant has met the CDC Policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research. This includes the proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation.

2. Program Personnel (30 Percent)

The extent to which the application has described (a) the qualifications, experience, and commitment of the principal investigator (or project director) and his/her ability to devote adequate time and effort to provide effective leadership; and (b) the competence of associates to accomplish the proposed activity, their commitment, and the time they will devote.

3. Applicant Capability and Coordination Efforts (20 Percent)

The extent to which the application has described (a) the capability of the applicant's administrative structure to foster successful scientific and administrative management of a study; (b) the capability of the applicant to demonstrate an appropriate plan for interaction with the community; (c) the suitability of facilities and (d) equipment available or to be purchased for the project.

4. Program Budget—(Not Scored)

The extent to which the budget is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with intended use of cooperative agreement/grant funds.

5. Human Subjects (Not Scored)

Does the application adequately address the requirements of Title 45 CFR Part 46 for the protection of human subjects?

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC and ATSDR with original plus two copies of—

1. Annual progress reports;

2. Financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and

3. final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I in the application kit.

AR-1 Human Subjects Requirements

AR-2 Requirements for Inclusion of

Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research

AR-7 Executive Order 12372 Review

AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act

Requirements

AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11 Healthy People 2010

AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions

AR-17 Peer and Technical Reviews of

Final Reports of Health Studies—ATSDR

AR-18 Cost Recovery—ATSDR

AR-19 Third Party Agreements—ATSDR

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 104 (i)(1)(E), (7), (14) and (15) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 [42 U.S.C. 9604 (i)(1)(E)(6),(7),(14), and (15)]. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.161.

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

A complete copy of the announcement may be downloaded from CDC's home page on the Internet at: <http://www.cdc.gov>. Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements." To receive

additional written information and to request an application kit, call 1-888-GRANTS4 (1-888-472-6874). You will be asked to leave your name and address and will be instructed to identify the Announcement number of interest.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from: Nelda Y. Godfrey, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 3000, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone number (770) 488-2722, E-mail address nag9@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact:

Sharon Campolucci, RN, MSN, Deputy Director, Division of Health Studies, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Executive Park, Building 4, Suite 2300, Atlanta, GA 30305, Telephone (404) 639-6200, E-mail Address ssc1@cdc.gov.

or

Maggie Warren, Funding Resource Specialist, Division of Health Studies, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Rd., NE., Mail Stop E-31, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone (404) 639-5114, E-mail Address mcs9@cdc.gov.

Dated: March 20, 2001.

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Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Final Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families published a Notice in the **Federal Register** on November 9, 2000, (65 FR 67377) notifying interested parties that a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment issued by ACF was available for review and comment. The document assessed the environmental

impacts of activities undertaken by Head Start and Early Head Start grantees when purchasing, renovating or constructing child care facilities with grant funds. This document was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the Revised General Administration Manual, HHS Part 30, Environmental Protection. ACF received no comments on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment. ACF reviewed the conclusion of the Environmental Assessment (EA), and agreed with its findings.

In the **Federal Register** on January 25, 2001, (66 FR 7768) ACF invited public comment on a preliminary determination that regulates governing the purchase, construction and renovation of Head Start and Early Head Start child care centers. They will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement will not be necessary. ACF received no comments on the preliminary determination pertinent to the findings of the Environmental Assessment. ACF is therefore issuing a Final Finding of No Significant Impact by finding that regulations governing the purchase, construction and renovation of Head Start and Early Head Start child care centers will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. ACF finds that the preparation of an environmental impact statement will not be necessary.

DATES: This finding is effective on March 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Klafehn, Acting Associate Commissioner, Head Start Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013; (202) 205-8572.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Head Start and Early Head Start are authorized under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9801 *et seq.*). It is a national program providing comprehensive developmental services to low-income preschool children, primarily from age three to the age of compulsory school attendance, and their families.

Early Head Start programs enroll children from birth to three years old and pregnant women. To help enrolled children achieve their full potential, Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide comprehensive health, nutritional, educational, social and educational services. ACF has proposed amendments to existing Head

Start regulations (45 CFR part 1309) to establish procedures for grantees to apply to use grant funds to cover the cost of constructing and making major renovations to Head Start and Early Head Start facilities and the steps necessary to protect the Federal interest in those facilities. The regulations at 45 CFR part 1309 currently establish procedures for grantees to request to use Head Start and Early Head Start grant funds to purchase facilities and to protect the Federal interest in those facilities. The authority for use of Head Start and Early Head Start grant funds to purchase, construct or undertake major renovations is found in Section 644 (f) and (g) of the Head Start Act.

ACF prepared and published for comment a Draft Environmental Assessment on November 9, 2000, (65 FR 67377). The alternatives assessed included the Proposed Action, which would include the full range of authorized activities including facility purchase, new construction and major renovation. The Alternative Action to the Proposed Action assessed a more restrictive alternative in which only minor construction and renovations would be conducted. The No Action Alternative under which only incidental alterations and renovations would be conducted was also assessed. The assessment considered the Proposed Action, Alternative Action and the No Action Alternative and the effects of each on water quality, air quality, noise, land use, transportation, waste management, human health and safety, soils, vegetation and wildlife, wetlands, cultural resources, socioeconomic factors, environmental justice, recreation, aesthetics, public services and utilities.

ACF has chosen to implement the Proposed Action. Environmental resources may be affected by implementing the Proposed Action and these impacts are analyzed in the Programmatic Environmental Assessment. Given the nationwide nature of this Assessment and the variety of possible environmental conditions, it was not deemed prudent to define the affected environment for all possible sites. Instead, the Assessment identifies circumstances, which may result in significant impacts, which must be avoided or mitigated when costs of purchasing, constructing or making major renovations to a Head Start facility are met with grant funds. In the course of implementing the Proposed Action, there will be some impacts to environmental resources. Most of these impacts, however, are expected to be minimal, largely due to mitigating measures during the site