

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of Biotechnology Activities; Recombinant DNA Research: Proposed Actions Under the NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules (NIH Guidelines)

ACTION: Notice of consideration of a proposed action under Section III–A–1 of the *NIH Guidelines*.

SUMMARY: The *NIH Guidelines* requires certain recombinant research to be reviewed by the NIH Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee and approved by the NIH Director (Section III–A–1). Such research involves the introduction of drug resistance into a microorganism if the introduction of that drug resistance trait can compromise the ability to treat disease caused by the microorganism in humans, animals or agriculture. In order to meet the threshold for consideration under Section III–A–1, the microorganism must be able to cause disease in humans, animals or agriculture.

A proposal to deliberately transfer a chloramphenicol resistance trait into an attenuated strain (CO92 lcr-) of *Yersinia pestis* has been submitted to the NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities (OBA) by the Institutional Biosafety Committee at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). Treatment guidelines recommend streptomycin as the first-line antibiotic for treatment of disease caused by wild type *Y. pestis*, and gentamicin is recommended when streptomycin is not available. Doxycycline and chloramphenicol are also effective and ciprofloxacin is recommended as prophylaxis and has been shown to treat disease in animal models. The LLNL investigators will be using *Y. pestis* CO92 lcr- strains that have already been made resistant to ciprofloxacin or doxycycline through exposure of these attenuated strains to these antibiotics. The proposed research involves the addition of chloramphenicol resistance into these strains, thereby creating lcr- *Y. pestis* strains that are resistant to multiple antibiotics used to treat disease caused by this organism.

A fundamental question with respect to this line of proposed research is whether this specific strain (lcr-) has the ability to cause disease in humans and therefore should be subject to Section III–A–1 of the *NIH Guidelines*. While there is evidence that the strain is attenuated, this does not necessarily

mean the strain is avirulent, and the RAC will review the evidence regarding the ability of this strain to cause disease. The recent death of a researcher at the University of Chicago while working with an attenuated strain of *Yersinia pestis* highlights that attenuated strains may be pathogenic in certain populations. If a determination is made that that lcr- strains do pose a potential public health risk, then these experiments will be considered at this meeting under Section III–A–1 of the *NIH Guidelines*. A recommendation will then be made as to whether this research should be allowed to proceed and, if so, under what containment conditions.

The RAC will review of this proposed work at its June 16–17, 2010 meeting, which will be held at the Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD and is open to the public. The public may also submit written comments.

DATES: The public is encouraged to submit written comments on this proposed action. Comments may be submitted to the OBA in paper or electronic form at the OBA mailing, fax, and e-mail addresses shown below under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All comments should be submitted by June 10, 2010. All written comments received in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the NIH OBA office, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 750, MSC 7985, Bethesda, MD 20892–7985, (Phone: 301–496–9838) weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact OBA by e-mail at oba@od.nih.gov, or telephone at 301–496–9838, if you have questions, or require additional information about this line of research. For additional information about the RAC meeting at which this line of research will be discussed, please visit the NIH OBA Web site at: <http://oba.od.nih.gov/oba/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Yersinia pestis* is the causative organism for plague and it regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a Select Agent pursuant to the Select Agent Regulations (42 CFR part 73). There are a number of attenuated strains of *Yersinia pestis* that do not contain certain virulence factors. The strain that will be used in the proposed research, *Yersinia pestis* CO92 lcr-, lacks the plasmid called pCD1 or the “low calcium response-lcr” plasmid since it confers calcium dependence for growth

at 37° C. Loss of the pCD1 plasmid is accompanied by a concomitant loss of virulence as indicated in studies using several animal models. This strain is excluded from the HHS list of Select Biological Agents and Toxins <http://www.selectagents.gov/Select%20Agents%20and%20Toxins%20Exclusions.html#hhsAgents>.

Additional background information may be obtained by contacting NIH OBA via e-mail at oba@od.nih.gov or by going to the OBA Web site at http://oba.od.nih.gov/rdna/news_events_oba.html#RAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772–76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 75 FR 2282 1–29, dated April 30, 2010) is amended to establish the Human Capital Management Office, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section C–B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

After the mission statement for the Office of Health and Safety (CAJP), insert the following:

Human Capital Management Office (CAJQ). (1) Develops goals and objectives and provides leadership, policy formation, oversight, and guidance in program human capital planning and development; (2) plans, directs, and manages CDC-wide training programs; (3) develops, designs, and implements a comprehensive strategic human resource leadership and career management program for all occupational series throughout CDC; (4) provides technical assistance in organizational development, career management, employee development, and training; (5) maximizes economies of scale through systematic planning

and evaluation of agency-wide training initiatives to assist CDC employees in achieving required competencies; (6) assists in the definition and analysis of training needs and develops and evaluates instructional products designed to meet those needs; (7) works with partners, internally and externally, to develop a strategic vision for the public health workforce; (8) collaborates with CDC partners to develop workforce goals for all of CDC/ATSDR; (9) provides guidance and oversight to the Excellence in Learning Council to coordinate, inform, and share strategic vision for all of CDC's Centers/Institute/Offices (CIOs); (10) conducts internal succession planning, forecasting services, and environmental scanning to ascertain both current and future public health workforce needs; (11) provides leadership, oversight, and guidance in the management and operations of programs; (12) collaborates as appropriate, with the CDC Office of the Director (OD), CIOs, domestic and international agencies and organizations and provides a focus for short- and long-term planning within the Human Capital Management Office (HCMO); (13) conducts organizational assessments of CDC/ATSDR to determine compliance with agency guidance, regulatory and statutory requirements of federal human capital programs and initiatives; (14) conducts organizational studies of human capital policies, initiative or procedures as directed by OPM, HHS, CDC or other pertinent federal agencies; and (15) administers, develops policy and provides oversight of agency individual learning accounts (ILAs) and individual development plans (IDPs), performance management and other human capital programs.

Office of the Director (CAJQ1). (1) Provides leadership and overall direction for HCMO; (2) develops goals and objectives, and provides leadership, policy formation, scientific oversight, and guidance in program planning and development; (3) plans, coordinates, and develops research plans for HCMO; (4) uses modeling and forecasting tools for workforce planning and decision making; (5) coordinates all program reviews; (6) reviews, prepares, coordinates, and develops proposed legislation, Congressional testimony, and briefing materials; (7) assists programs in establishing performance metrics and coordinates quarterly reviews with programs to ascertain status on meeting of the metrics; (8) coordinates budget formulation/negotiation related to program initiatives and goals management; (9)

identifies relevant scanning/benchmarking on workforce and career development processes, services and products; (10) provides leadership and guidance on new developments and national trends for public health workforce; (11) establishes policies governing major learning initiatives and new learning activities, and works collaboratively within CDC and other components in planning, developing and implementing policies related to training initiatives, including but not limited to, ILAs, IDPs, and loan repayment programs; (12) develops unified CDC-wide administrative systems and advocates and supports the commitment of resources to application development; (13) coordinates management information systems and analyses of data for improved utilization of resources; and (14) directs systems analysis and design, programming, and systems training as it relates to implementation of new and existing administrative, management, and executive information systems.

Planning and Policy Activity (CAJQ13). (1) Provides leadership, guidance, and consulting services for CDC on strategic workforce planning, performance management, and organizational development; (2) directs improvement in human capital programs with the objectives of increasing the operational effectiveness and efficiency of agency human capital initiatives, mission, goals and objectives; (3) serves as a bridge between human capital management and budgeting and financial management by using human capital performance metrics and information to support budget requests, and performance results for financial accountability; (4) assesses the impact of human capital initiatives; (5) promotes, supports, and advocates for strategic human capital management concerns and initiatives; (6) assesses the effectiveness of human capital policies and procedures focused on achieving organizational outcomes and ensuring strategic alignment; (7) provides policy and operational direction to workforce and career development programs across CDC; (8) promotes, supports, and advocates for quality education and training, workforce diversity, policy, and other initiatives needed to develop and maintain a vital public health workforce and a culture of excellence in learning; (9) provides a forum for information exchange among the workforce and career development officers, AHRC, CDC/OD, and other public health workforce development stakeholders; (10) develops and

implements administrative policies, procedures, and operations, as appropriate for CDC/ATSDR, and prepares special reports and studies for the CDC/OD; and (11) provides guidance and oversight on the development of policies, procedures and processes associated with agency awards.

Human Capital Planning Branch (CAJQB). (1) Participates with management in program planning, policy determination, evaluations, budget and decisions concerning the division; (2) works with AHRC, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, CDC Excellence in Learning Council, workforce and career development officers, and agency managers to carry out human capital management planning and development activities; (3) establishes, coordinates development and monitors implementation of the human capital accountability system framework for management of the human capital management plan; (4) ensures strategic alignment with OPM's Human Capital Assessment and Accountability Framework and HHS' associated procedures and deliverables; (5) identifies mission-critical occupations and their associated competencies to assess potential "gaps" in occupations and competencies that are essential to CDC achieving its strategic goals; (6) reports progress in meeting human capital management improvement objectives associated with the President's Management Agenda and other related government-wide human capital initiatives; (7) coordinates implementation of a succession plan for key leadership and technical positions with an emphasis on mission-critical occupations; (8) develops an agency-wide strategic hiring plan that includes recruitment and retention strategies to facilitate hiring members of under-represented groups and those with the requisite professional/scientific skills for closing occupational series and/or competency gaps in the workforce; and (9) provides information on Commissioned Corps pay, benefits, performance management, assignments, retirement, etc., to members of the Corps and CDC management, and coordinates the Commissioned Corps promotion and award programs.

Training and Career Development Branch (CAJQC). (1) Plans, directs, implements, supports, and coordinates the activities of the branch; (2) provides agency-wide leadership and guidance in all functional areas related to training and career development; (3) participates with management in program planning, policy determination, evaluations,

budget and decisions; (4) designs, develops, implements and evaluates a comprehensive strategic human resource leadership and career training and development program for all occupational series throughout CDC; (5) develops and implements training strategies and activities that contribute to the agency's mission, goals and objectives; (6) maintains employee training records; (7) maximizes economies of scale through systematic planning and evaluation of agency-wide training initiatives to assist CDC employees in achieving required competencies; (8) develops and validates occupational and functional competencies and develops related training plans; (9) develops and administers intern and professional development programs, the long-term training program, and the mentoring program; (10) administers and monitors the Training and Learning Management System for compliance with the Government Employees Training Act; (11) conducts training needs assessment of CDC employees nationwide and provides analysis and data to correlate individual training with corporate strategic plans; (12) develops and maintains assessment tools to identify core competency requirements for each occupational series throughout the agency; (13) provides consultation, guidance, and technical assistance to managers and employees in organizational development, career management, employee development, and training; (14) develops and delivers education and training programs to meet the identified needs of the public health workforce; (15) promotes, develops, and implements training needs assessment methodology to establish priorities for training interventions; (16) collaborates, as appropriate, with the CDC/OD, other CIOs, HHS, OPM and other domestic and international agencies and organizations; and (17) develops and implements policies related to employee training.

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Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5376-N-41]

Capital Advance Program Submission Requirements for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly and the Section 811 Supportive 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.

This collection facilitates the processing of all Sections 202 and 811 capital advance projects from firm commitment through final closing. Second, it allows for the collection of information under the mixed-finance section of this program so that those owners who wish to partner with for-profit limited partners can participate in the development and management of supportive housing. And lastly, it allows for the collection of information to satisfy the reporting requirements for owners who receive predevelopment grant funds.

DATES: *Comments Due Date: June 23, 2010.*

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: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leroy McKinney, Jr., Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Leroy McKinney, Jr. at Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov or telephone (202) 402-5564. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. McKinney.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies

concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

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

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0470.

Form Numbers: HUD-: 92013; 92013-Supp; 90169-CA, 91732-A-CA; 90169.A-CA; 92442-CA; 92442-A-CA; 2328; 92457; 51994; 2530; 92434-CA; 92435-CA; 2880; 935.2; 9832; 9839-A; 9839-B; 9839-C; 2453.1-CA; 90179-CA; 90172-A-CA; 90172-B-CA; 90167-CA; 92403-CA; 90164-CA; 92452-A; 92452-A-CA; 92450-CA; 2554; 92466.1-CA; 92466-CA; 90163-CA; 90163.1-CA; 90165-CA; 92443-CA; 92403.1; 90177-CA; 90170-CA; 92464; 92329; 90164-CA; 92264; 90166-CA; 90166-A-CA; 92433-CA; 93566-CA; 93432-CA; 90178-CA; 92485; 92476-A; 92476-A-CA; 92448; 92437; 93479; 93480; 93481; 92458; 90173-A-CA; 90173-B-CA; 90173-C-CA; 92330-A; 92330; 92331; 92580-CA; 90175-CA; 90171-CA; 90176-CA; 92466-CA; 93566-CA; 90175.1-CA; 93566.1-CA; 27054; 50080-CAH, SF-269; SF-1199; SF-LLL; and FM-1006.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: This collection facilitates the processing of all Sections 202 and 811 capital advance projects from firm commitment through final closing. Second, it allows for the collection of information under the mixed-finance section of this program so that those owners who wish to partner with for-profit limited partners can participate in the development and management of supportive housing. And lastly, it allows for the collection of information to satisfy the reporting requirements for owners who receive predevelopment grant funds.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, Monthly.