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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Public Health and Science

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: New Collection.

Title of Information Collection: Blood Availability and Safety Information System.

Form/OMB No.: OS-0990-New.

Use: To assure blood supplies in the United States are safe and adequate to meet the needs of man-made and natural disasters as well as seasonal shortages a statistically accurate monitoring program is proposed.

Frequency: Reporting daily.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Total Annual Responses: 36,500.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Total Annual Hours: 30,416.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections

referenced above, access the HHS Web site address at <http://www.hhs.gov/oirm/infocollect/pending/> or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to naomi.cook@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Budget, Technology, and Finance, Office of Information and Resource Management, Attention: Naomi Cook (0990-New), Room 531-H, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20201.

Dated: July 21, 2005.

Robert E. Polson,

Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP); Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR); Announcement of the Di(2-ethylhexyl)- phthalate Expert Panel Meeting and Availability of the Draft Expert Panel Report on Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate; Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Meeting announcement and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The CERHR announces the availability of the draft expert panel report for di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate (DEHP) on August 15, 2005, from the CERHR Web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or in printed text from the CERHR (see **ADDRESSES** below). The CERHR invites the submission of public comments on sections 1-4 of the draft expert panel report (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below). The expert panel will meet on October 10-12, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Old Town Select in Alexandria, Virginia to review and revise the draft expert panel report and reach conclusions regarding whether exposure to DEHP is a hazard to human development or reproduction. The expert panel will also identify data gaps and research needs. CERHR expert

panel meetings are open to the public with time scheduled for oral public comment. Attendance is limited only by the available meeting room space. Following the expert panel meeting and completion of the expert panel report, the CERHR will post the report on its Web site and solicit public comment on it through a **Federal Register** notice.

DATES: The expert panel meeting for DEHP will be held on October 10-12, 2005. Sections 1-4 of the draft expert panel report will be available for public comment on August 15, 2005. Written public comments on the draft report should be received by September 28, 2005. Individuals wishing to make oral public comments at the expert panel meeting are asked to contact Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director, by September 28, 2005, and if possible, also send a copy of the statement or talking points at that time. Persons needing special assistance in order to attend are asked to contact Dr. Shelby at least 7 business days prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The expert panel meeting for DEHP will be held at the Holiday Inn Old Town Select Alexandria, Virginia (telephone: 703-549-6080, facsimile: 703-684-6508). Comments on the draft expert panel report and other correspondence should be addressed to Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director, NIEHS, PO Box 12233, MD EC-32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (mail), (919) 541-3455 (phone), (919) 316-4511 (fax), or shelby@niehs.nih.gov (e-mail). Courier address: CERHR, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 103, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate (CAS RN: 117-81-7) is a high production volume chemical used as a plasticizer of polyvinyl chloride in the manufacture of a wide variety of consumer products, such as building products, car products, clothing, food packaging, children's products (but not in toys intended for mouthing) and in polyvinyl chloride medical devices. In 1999-2000, a NTP-CERHR expert panel evaluated DEHP and six other phthalates for reproductive and developmental toxicities. Since release of the NTP-CERHR expert panel report on DEHP in 2000, approximately 70 papers relevant to human exposure and reproductive and/or developmental toxicity of DEHP have been published. Because this is a chemical with wide human exposure and public and government interest, CERHR plans to convene an expert