

HIV/AIDS-related program policies including the preparation of testimony and related information to be presented to the Congress; (3) monitors and analyzes HIV/AIDS-related policy developments, both within and outside the Department, for their potential impact on HIV/AIDS activities, and advises the Associate Administrator on alternative courses of action for responding to such developments; (4) organizes, guides, and coordinates the Bureau's program planning and development activities, and prepares the Bureau's strategic planning agenda; (5) provides staff services and coordinates activities pertaining to policy and position papers to assure the fullest possible consideration of programmatic requirements in meeting established departmental, and HRSA goals; (6) maintains liaison with the Agency, Department, and other agencies; (7) participates in the development and coordination of program policies and implementation plans, including the development, clearance, and dissemination of regulations, criteria, guidelines, and operating procedures; (8) serves as the point of contact for the Agency, developing and coordinating working relationships and conducts specific joint activities among programs to assure optimum interaction on related HIV/AIDS activities and to minimize duplication and overlap; (9) conducts special inquiries and studies with emphasis on coordinating, managing and/or undertaking special projects which cut across Office or Division lines and responsibilities; (10) coordinates Bureau and HRSA comments on HIV/AIDS-related reports, position papers, and related issues; (11) coordinates responses to requests for information received from other OPDIVs of the Department and from outside the Department; (12) provides program policy interpretation and technical assistance to other governmental and private organizations and institutions; and (13) develops and coordinates performance measures.

3. In the HIV/AIDS Bureau, abolish the Office of Communications and Information Dissemination (RV8).

Delegation of Authority

All delegations and re delegations of authorities to officers and employees of the Health Resources and Services Administration which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this action will be continued in effect in them or their successors, pending further redelegation, provided they are consistent with this action.

This document is effective upon date of signature.

Dated: November 30, 2001.

Elizabeth M. Duke,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project

Notification of Intent To Use Schedule III, IV, or V Opioid Drugs for the Maintenance and Detoxification Treatment of Opioid Addiction Under 21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)

—(New)—The Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 ("DATA," Pub. L. 106-310 (21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2))) amended the Controlled Substances Act to permit practitioners (physicians) to seek and obtain waivers to prescribe certain approved narcotic treatment drugs for the treatment of opiate addiction. The legislation sets eligibility requirements and certification requirements as well as an interagency application process for physicians who seek waivers.

To implement these new provisions, SAMHSA has developed a notification form to permit it to determine whether

practitioners (i.e., individual physicians and physicians in group practices (as defined under section 1877(h)(4) of the Social Security Act, licensed to practice medicine) meet the qualifications for waivers set forth under the new law. The information entered on the form will assist SAMHSA in determining whether practitioners are eligible for a waiver. The Secretary will convey practitioner determination to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), which will assign an identification number to qualifying practitioners; this number will be included in the practitioner's registration under 21 U.S.C. 823(f). Practitioners will also use this notification form to renew their waivers at the time they renew their DEA practitioner registration—every three years.

Practitioners will use the form for three types of notification: (a) New, (b) emergency, and (c) renewal. Under "new" notifications, practitioners will make their initial waiver requests to SAMHSA. "Emergency" notifications will inform SAMHSA and the Attorney General of a practitioner's intent to prescribe immediately to facilitate the treatment of an individual (one) patient under 21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(E)(ii). "Renewal" notifications will be submitted to HHS to initiate review of an identification number already provided by DEA.

The form will collect data on the following items: Practitioner name; state medical license number and DEA registration number; address of primary location, telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; name and address of group practice; group practice employer identification number; names and DEA registration numbers of group practitioners; purpose of notification (new, emergency, or renewal); name of narcotic drugs or combinations for use under the notification; certification of qualifying criteria for treatment and management of opiate-dependent patients; certification of capacity to refer patients for appropriate counseling and other appropriate ancillary services; certification of maximum patient load.

At present, there are no narcotic drugs or combinations for use under notifications; however, SAMHSA believes that it is appropriate to develop a notification system to implement DATA in anticipation of narcotic treatment medications becoming available in the future. Respondents will be able to submit the form electronically, through a dedicated Web page that SAMHSA will establish for the purpose, as well as via U.S. mail.

The following table summarizes the estimated annual burden for the use of this form.

Purpose of submission	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden per response (hr.)	Total burden (hrs.)
Initial Application for Waiver	1,200	1	.083	100
Notification to Prescribe Immediately	33	1	.083	3
Application for Renewal	1,200	1	.083	100
Total	1,200			203

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: November 29, 2001.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On July 11, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 36295), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Fort Pierce, FL, for a permit (PRT-038605) to take for scientific research 6 captive held, 2 captive born, as well as 1 Pre-Act, West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) for scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on October 30, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On July 25, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 38739), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Michael Walker for a permit (PRT-045478) to import one polar bear taken from the Northern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and

Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On July 25, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 38739), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John D. Harris for a permit (PRT-045396) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On July 25, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 38739), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Michael E. Walker for a permit (PRT-045478) to import one polar bear taken from the Northern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 24, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone (703) 358-2104 or fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

Anna Barry,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Harney and Malheur Counties, OR; Andrews Resource Area, Steens Mountain; Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Burns District, Andrews Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to (1) prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Andrews Resource Area (ARA) and (2) prepare a management plan for the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA), designated October 30, 2000. These actions will be addressed in a single Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The ARA is located in Harney and Malheur Counties, Oregon. The CMPA lies solely within Harney County, largely within the ARA, and to a lesser extent, within the Three Rivers Resource Area (RA), Burns District.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an RMP, with an associated EIS, for the ARA/CMPA. This planning activity encompasses approximately 1,723,564 acres of public land, including 425,550 acres in the CMPA. The area to be addressed involves the ARA, the CMPA, and a small segment of the Burns District's Three Rivers RA, which is included in the CMPA. Depending on the alternative selected and approved, a portion of the Three Rivers RMP may be amended by this planning effort.

The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (Act), and BLM management policies. The analysis and resulting decisions will also meet the requirements of the Wilderness Act and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as applicable. The BLM will work closely with the Steens Mountain Advisory