

Project Title: Utah—Single-Parent Employment Demonstration (Amendments).

Description: Would amend the current Single Parent Employment Demonstration (SPED), requiring preschool children to be immunized and other children to attend school; considering as a single filing unit each family with a child in common, including all children in the household related to either parent; permitting parents removed from the grant due to non-cooperation or fraud to remain eligible for JOBS services, including support services; and allowing a "best estimate" of earnings in lieu of actual earnings so long as estimate is within \$100 of actual earnings. These amendments would initially be limited to the Kearns office and later expanded to other SPED sites.

Date Received: 2/7/96.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Bill Biggs, (801) 538-4337.

III. Listing of Approved Proposals Since April 1, 1995

Project Title: Iowa—Family Investment Plan (Amendments).

Contact Person: Ann Weibers, (515) 281-7714.

IV. Requests for Copies of a Proposal

Requests for copies of an AFDC or combined AFDC/Medicaid proposal should be directed to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the address listed above. Questions concerning the content of a proposal should be directed to the State contact listed for the proposal.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program, No. 93562; Assistance Payments—Research.)

Dated: May 6, 1996.

Howard Rolston,

Director, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation.

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 96N-0115]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an

opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on reporting and recordkeeping requirements for firms that process acidified foods and thermally processed low-acid foods in hermetically sealed containers.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by July 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charity B. Smith, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 16B-19, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c). To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques,

when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Food Canning Establishment Registration, Process Filing and Recordkeeping for Acidified Foods and Thermally Processed Low-Acid Foods in Hermetically Sealed Containers (21 CFR 108.25(c)(1) and (c)(2), (d), (e), (g); 108.35(c)(1), (c)(2), (d), (e), (f), (h); 113.60(c); 113.83; 113.87; 113.89; 113.100; 114.80(b); 114.89; 114.100(a) through (d)) (OMB Control Number 0910-0037—Extension).

Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act), FDA is authorized to prevent the interstate distribution of food products that may be injurious to health or that are otherwise adulterated, as defined in section 402 of the act (21 U.S.C. 342). Under the authority granted to FDA by section 404 of the act (21 U.S.C. 344), FDA regulations require registration of food processing establishments, filing of process or other data, and maintenance of processing and production records for acidified foods and thermally processed low-acid foods in hermetically sealed containers. These requirements are intended to ensure safe manufacturing, processing, and packing procedures and to permit FDA to verify that these procedures are being followed. Improperly processed low-acid foods present life-threatening hazards if contaminated with foodborne microorganisms, especially *Clostridium botulinum*. The spores of *Clostridium botulinum* must be destroyed or inhibited to avoid production of the deadly toxin that causes botulism. This is accomplished with good manufacturing procedures, which must include the use of adequate heat processes or other means of preservation.

To protect the public health, FDA regulations require that each firm that manufactures, processes, or packs acidified foods or thermally processed low-acid foods in hermetically sealed containers for introduction into interstate commerce register the establishment with the Food and Drug Administration using Form FDA 2541 (21 CFR 108.25(c)(1) and 108.35(c)(2)). In addition to registering the plant, each firm is required to provide data on the processes used to produce these foods, using Form FDA 2541a for all methods except aseptic processing, or Form FDA 2541c for aseptic processing of low-acid foods in hermetically sealed containers (21 CFR 108.25(c)(2), 108.35(c)(2)). Plant registration and process filing may be accomplished simultaneously. Process data must be filed prior to packing any new product, and operating processes

and procedures must be posted near the processing equipment or made available to the operator (§ 113.87(a)).

Regulations in parts 108, 113, and 114 (21 CFR parts 108, 113, and 114) require firms to maintain records showing adherence to the substantive requirements of the regulations. These records must be made available to FDA on request. Firms are also required to document corrective actions when process controls and procedures do not fall within specified limits (§§ 113.89,

114.89, and 114.100(c)); to report any instance of potential health-endangering spoilage, process deviation, or contamination with microorganisms where any lot of the food has entered distribution in commerce (§§ 108.25(d) and 108.35(d) and (e)); and to develop and keep on file plans for recalling products that may endanger the public health (§§ 108.25(e) and 108.35(f)). To permit lots to be traced after distribution, acidified foods and thermally processed low-acid foods in

hermetically sealed containers must be marked with an identifying code (§§ 113.60(c) (thermally processed foods), 114.80(b) (acidified foods)).

FDA estimates the burden of complying with the information collection provisions of the agency's regulations for acidified foods and thermally processed low-acid foods in hermetically sealed containers as follows:

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden

Form No.	CFR Section	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Total Annual Responses	Hours Per Response	Total Hours
Form FDA 2541 (Registration)	108.25(c)(1) and 108.35(c)(1)	300	1	300	.17	51
Form FDA 2541a (Process Filing)	108.25(c)(2) and 108.35(c)(2)	1,000	6.5	6,500	.333	2,165
Form FDA 2541c (Process Filing)	108.35(c)(2)	1,000	.50	500	.75	375
	113.60(c)	?	?	?	?	?
	114.80(b)	?	?	?	?	?

Where question marks appear in the burden estimates, FDA does not have current information available. Public comments will be greatly appreciated.

Estimated Annual Recordkeeping Burden

21 CFR Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Annual Frequency per Recordkeeping	Total Annual Records	Hours Per Recordkeeper	Total Hours
21 CFR Parts 108, 113, 114	5,388	1	5,388	250	1,347,000

There are no capital or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

The reporting burden for §§ 108.25(d) and 108.35(d) and (e) is insignificant because notification of spoilage, process deviation, or contamination of product in distribution occurs less than once a year. Most firms discover these problems before the product is distributed and, therefore, are not required to report the occurrence. To avoid double-counting, estimates for §§ 108.25(g) and 108.35(h) have not been included because they merely cross-reference recordkeeping requirements contained in parts 113 and 114.

Dated: May 1, 1996.

William K. Hubbard,
Associate Commissioner for Policy
Coordination.

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[Docket No. 96F-0139]

Bio-Cide International, Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Bio-Cide International, Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of acidified sodium chlorite solutions in processing water and ice which directly contact seafood such as finfish, shellfish, and crustaceans for the control of naturally occurring spoilage microorganisms to increase shelf life and to enhance seafood product freshness.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by June 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug

Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert L. Martin, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-217), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204-0001, 202-418-3074.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 6A4499) has been filed by Bio-Cide International, Inc., 2845 Broce Dr., Norman, OK 73072. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in part 173 Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption (21 CFR part 173) to provide for the safe use of acidified sodium chlorite solutions in processing water and ice which directly contact seafood such as finfish, shellfish, and crustaceans for the control of naturally occurring spoilage microorganisms to increase shelf life and to enhance