development and maintenance of performance measurements and reporting under the plan. The Division coordinates these activities with other offices with implementation responsibilities and functions related to the Government Performance and Results Act. The Division manages the establishment of schedules and procedures to ensure the availability of supporting information. The Division also develops functional requirements for departmental policy support systems in the legislative and strategic planning areas; coordinates the planning of evaluation and social research agenda across the Department and coordinates the regulatory review process within the OASPE. Finally, the Division coordinates and conducts policy analysis in subjects and areas not covered by, or cutting across, the programmatic offices of the OASPE. In collaboration with the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, conducts policy reviews related to the Department's Continuous Improvement Program.

2. The Division of Data Policy serves as the HHS focal point for data policy analysis, planning and development, as well as for coordination of data and statistical policy within HHS. The Division provides an Executive Secretary, as well as leadership and staff support, to the HHS Data Council, the principal internal forum and advisory body to the Secretary on data policy issues, including data strategy, data standards, and privacy issues. The Division also provides direction and oversight and serves as the HHS Executive Director to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, the statutory pubic advisory body to the Secretary on health data and statistics, and serves as the focal point within HHS for all matters relating to the Committee. The Division also provides staff support to the ASPE and OS leadership on a variety of Departmentwide data policy issues and initiatives, including statistical policy, privacy, data standards, and data planning issues, as well as data issues in support of performance measurement and performance partnership grants, and directs a portfolio of developmental projects in those areas. The Division also maintains liaison with other agencies and organizations on a variety of data and statistical policy issues.

3. The Division of State and Local Initiatives assists State, local and Tribal governments, as well as community-based programs, in developing, implementing and evaluating innovative approaches to improving programs and systems which cut across the programmatic offices of the ASPE. The Division coordinates with the Department's OPDIVS and STAFFDIVS to provide technical assistance. The Division also coordinates with other Federal Departments and agencies to identify opportunities to improve linkages, develop collaborative efforts, and/or to establish partnerships to improve the overall effectiveness of federally funded programs. The Division provides analytic support as well as policy guidance to Departmental OPDIVS and STAFFDIVS to improve services delivered by community-based organizations as well as State and local governments for crosscutting program areas. The Division collaborates with State and local governments, in cooperation with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, to develop mutually acceptable goals, objectives, and performance measures for achieving effective outcomes measures.

4. The Division of Modeling, Computer and Technical Systems is responsible for providing statistical, scientific programming, modeling, computer systems and other technical staff services to policy analyses, research and evaluation activities of the OASPE. It coordinates on departmental issues concerning income and poverty with the Bureau of the Census and annually revises and publishes the Poverty Income Guidelines. Finally, it provides technical assistance and advice to other policy offices within the Department on certain statistical and specialized scientific policy analyses, and administers a policy information center for identifying and retrieving evaluative and policy research studies.

Dated: May 8, 1996.

John J. Callahan,

Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget.

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Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Notice of Health Care Policy and Research; Special Emphasis Panel Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of June 1996:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date and Time: June 5, 1996, 11:30 a.m.

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open June 5, 1996, 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications proposing conferences on issues relevant to health services research.

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on June 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the committee will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should contact Linda Blankenbaker, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594–1438.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: May 6, 1996.

Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 95N–0013]

Benton County Ag Center, Inc.; Withdrawal of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Proposing To Withdraw Approval of Medicated Feed Applications

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is withdrawing a notice of opportunity for hearing (NOOH) on a proposal to withdraw approval of 11 medicated feed applications (MFA's) held by Benton County Ag Center, Inc. CVM has determined that the firm is in compliance with current good manufacturing practice (CGMP) regulations for medicated animal feeds and has instituted a system to maintain its compliance status.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen A. Kandra, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV–246), Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301–594–1765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the Federal Register of April 26, 1995 (60 FR 20497), CVM provided an opportunity for hearing on a proposal to withdraw approval of 11 MFA's held by Benton County Ag Center, Inc., for the manufacture of animal feeds bearing or containing new animal drugs. CVM took this action based on the firm's apparent failure to comply with agency CGMP requirements for medicated animal feeds as evidenced by inspections conducted on December 22, 1992, and May 3, 4, 10, and 11, 1994.

In a letter that FDA received on May 23, 1995, in response to the notice, Benton County Ag Center, Inc., stated it had made the necessary corrections to bring its operations into compliance with CGMP requirements since the last inspection. The letter requested that FDA reinspect the feed mill to verify its compliance status, and to withdraw the NOOH.

On July 17 through 19, 1995, the Iowa Department of Agriculture, under contract with FDA pursuant to section 702(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 372(a)), reinspected the feed mill and found that the firm had corrected the previously noted CGMP deficiencies that had formed the basis for the NOOH. Additionally, FDA believes that the firm has taken measures to ensure that it will remain in compliance with CGMP's. Accordingly, CVM is withdrawing the April 26, 1995, NOOH on the proposal to withdraw approval of the firm's MFA's.

This notice is issued under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 512 (21 U.S.C. 360b)) and under authority delegated to the Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine (21 CFR 5.84).

Dated: April 2, 1996.

Michael J. Blackwell,

Deputy Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine.

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[Docket No. 91F–0424]

Witco Corp.; Withdrawal of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a food additive petition (FAP 1B4282) proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of imidazolium compounds, 2-(C_{17} and C_{17} unsaturated alkyl)-1-[2-(C_{18} and C_{18} unsaturated amido)ethyl]-4,5-dihydro-1-methyl, methyl sulfates as a debonding agent in paper products intended to contact food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the Federal Register of November 29, 1991 (56 FR 61022), FDA announced that a food additive petition (1B4282) had been filed on behalf of Sherex Chemical Co., Inc., P.O. Box 6464, Dublin, OH 43017 (currently Witco Corp., Frantz Rd., P.O. Box 646, Dublin, OH 43017). The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of imidazolium compounds, 2-(C_{17} and C_{17}unsaturated alkyl)-1-[2-(C_{18} and C_{18} unsaturated amido)ethyl]-4,5-dihydro-1-methyl, methyl sulfates as a wet strength agent in paper products intended to contact food. Subsequently, upon a request from the petitioner, FDA published an amended notice in the Federal Register of April 15, 1992 (57 FR 13104), stating that the additive is intended for use as a debonding agent rather than as a wet strength agent as indicated in the previous filing notice. Witco Corp. has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

Dated: April 30, 1996.

Alan M. Rulis,

Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA R–0107]

Submitted for Collection of Public Comment: Submission for OMB Review

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals for the collection of information. 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.

1. *Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid—Determining Liability of Third Parties; *Form No.:* HCFA–R–0107; *Use:* The information collected from Medicaid applicants and recipients as well as from State and local agencies is necessary to determine the legal liability of third parties to pay for medical services in lieu of Medicaid payment; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Federal Government and State, local, or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* Varies; *Total Annual Responses:* Varies; *Total Annual Hours:* 171,165.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collection referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Attention: Linda Mansfield, Room C2–26–17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Date: May 8, 1996.

Kathleen B. Larson,

Director, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Health Care Financing