

proposed guide and how the recommendations might best be applied.

II. Requests for Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the meetings and on the proposed guide to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of any comments are to be submitted except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. A copy of the proposed guide and received comments are

available for public examination in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

III. Transcripts

Transcripts of the meetings may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after each meeting at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcripts of the meetings will be available for public examination

at the Dockets Management Branch (address above).

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify the contact person referenced above by February 19, 1998.

IV. Electronic Access

Transcripts of the meetings will be available on the Internet using the WWW (<http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/default.htm>). The proposed guide is available at the same address.

Table 1.—Public Meetings

Meeting address	Date and local time	FDA contact person
WASHINGTON, DC: Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert Humphrey Bldg., rm. 800, 200 and Independence Ave., Washington, DC 20201.	May 19, 1998, Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Marilyn Veek, Food and Drug Administration, Office of International Affairs (HFG-1), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-0906
MIAMI: Miami Dade County Cooperative Extension Service Agriculture Center, 18710 SW. 288th St., Homestead, FL 33033.	May 21, 1998, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Estela Niella-Brown, Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 59-2256, Miami, FL 33159-2256, 305-526-2800, ext. 930.
SAN DIEGO: Malcolm X Branch Library Multipurpose Room, 5148 Market St., San Diego, CA 92114.	May 27, 1998, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Rosario Quintanilla Vior, Food and Drug Administration, 19900 MacArthur Blvd., suite 300, Irvine, CA 92612-2445, 714-798-7607.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Surveillance Updates and Trends; Notice of Workshops

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), (Office of Regulatory Affairs, Atlanta and Florida District Offices, and the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research) is announcing two Workshops entitled "Surveillance Updates and Trends," for persons involved in licensed and unlicensed blood banks, plasma centers, and transfusion services served by FDA's Southeast Regional Office. The purpose of these workshops is to provide industry with information regarding regulations, surveillance updates, and trends on error and accident reporting, recalls, and fatalities.

Date and Time: The workshops will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 1998, 8

a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Doraville, GA (Atlanta area), and on Thursday, June 25, 1998, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Altamonte Springs, FL (Orlando area).

Location: On June 23, 1998, the workshop will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 4001 Presidential Pkwy., Doraville, GA, 770-216-9500. On June 25, 1998, the workshop will be held at the Orlando North Hilton, 350 S. North Lake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL, 407-830-1985.

Contact: Barbara Ward-Groves, Food and Drug Administration, 60 Eighth St. NE., Atlanta GA 30309, 404-347-4001, ext. 5256, FAX 404-347-4349, or Sharon Schneider, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration (HFM-43), 1401 Rockville Pike, suite 200N, Rockville, MD 20852-1448, 301-827-3840, FAX 301-827-3843.

Registration: For the June 23, 1998, Atlanta area workshop, fax registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone, and fax number) to Vincent Williams, Registration Coordinator at 404-347-1913 or 404-347-4206 by May 15, 1998. For the June 25, 1998, Orlando area workshop, fax registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone, and fax number) to Ron Jackson, Registration Coordinator at 407-475-4768 by May 15, 1998. There is no registration fee for these

workshops. Space is limited; therefore, interested parties are encouraged to register early.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These workshops comply with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (Pub. L. 104-121) that requires outreach activities by Government agencies directed to small businesses. These workshops are intended to provide an exchange of information between FDA and the biologics industry on updates and trend information regarding surveillance functions. The topics to be discussed include the following: (1) The current regulation and proposed rule for error and accident reporting; (2) recall definitions, i.e., differences between FDA and firm-initiated recalls, and (3) the current regulation for reporting fatalities, to include information pertaining to the investigative followup. Trend information will identify the types of events occurring in the past few years in each of the above three areas.

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